

# Gulf Fishery News

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## Gulf Council Staff Visits the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo

This year Gulf Council staff is visiting a special event in each of the five Gulf states. In July, we had the distinct honor of attending the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, the history of which dates back to 1929.



Photo Credit: Emily Muehlstein

The rodeo provides, among other things, an opportunity for the Dauphin Island Sea Lab to collect valuable data on a number of species. The University of Alabama also benefits - the rodeo makes an annual contribution to its Department of Marine Sciences.

"We were very pleased with the turnout and grateful for the opportunity to reach out to so many people," said Doug Gregory, Executive Director of the Gulf Council.

Gregory and other staff were at the event handing out posters and regulations and were on hand to answer questions about Federal fisheries management. Council Chair Kevin Anson also stopped by to help welcome the crowd.

The event is the largest of its kind attracting over 3,000 anglers and 75,000 spectators.



Photo Credit: Doug Gregory  
Council Chairman Kevin Anson talks  
with a rodeo patron.

"The Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo is the largest fishing tournament in the world - and its success stems, in part, from their conservation efforts, and their ability to adapt to management changes that occur over the years," said Kevin Anson, Gulf Council Chair.

The rodeo awarded more than \$30,000 in cash prizes, with a total awards package worth up to one million dollars, including prize giveaways of a boat, motor, and trailer packages.

A list of rodeo winners can be found on the ADSR web site at [http://www.adsfr.com/about\\_rodeo.html](http://www.adsfr.com/about_rodeo.html).

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## Did you know?

The Gulf Council encourages and accepts public testimony at every stage of the fishery management plan process. Comment opportunities go beyond scoping workshops and public hearings. The Council also takes open public comment during each Council meeting and accepts written comments throughout the process. Written comments can be emailed to: [gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org), or mailed to:

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## Questions?

Call Charlene or Emily at 813-348-1630

## Gulf Council Says Farewell to Council Members

During its June Council meeting, the Council bid farewell to two iconic members. A number of people who came to the meeting to give public testimony prefaced their comments with nothing but praise for Corky Perret and Harlon Pearce, for their many contributions to fishery management.

Corky Perret is leaving the Council after a 36 year stint as a voting member. Perret has spent a lifetime devoted to marine resources and fisheries management. His lifelong interest in fisheries likely began when he caught his first fish at the age of five.

Perret has spent a lifetime devoted to marine resources and has represented the Gulf States for more than 50 years. He is recognized throughout the Gulf as a leader in the areas of shrimp, finfish, and oyster management. Perret uses a diverse approach to fisheries management that includes resource enhancement, habitat restoration and stabilization, and conservation of coastal wetlands.

Working with Federal agencies and the State's Congressional delegation, Perret was instrumental in securing restoration funds for Louisiana after hurricane Andrew in 1992, and for Mississippi after hurricane Katrina in 2005.

"Corky's extensive knowledge of Gulf fisheries and his ability to talk to fishermen about management issues have been an asset to the Council," said Kevin Anson, Council Chair.

An industry leader for more than 40 years, Harlon Pearce is ending a nine-year run on the Council. He, too, has spent a lifetime in fisheries, but for Pearce it has been in the seafood industry. He began his career in 1965 as General Manager of Don's Seafood, and he has owned and managed Harlon's Louisiana Fish for more than 20 years.



During his time on the Council, Pearce has been influential in unifying interests among the Gulf of Mexico's commercial and recreational fisheries, and his advocacy goes beyond the Council meeting room.

Pearce meets with congressional leaders each year to discuss legislation affecting the seafood industry, and has even helped to arrange field trips congressional staffers so that they can better understand industry needs.

"As in his professional life, Harlon has always participated in the Council process with determination and drive. He has been a strong voice advocating advances in data collection and a key figure in Council discussions on the topic," said Anson.

Pearce and Perret are also founding members of the Gulf Seafood Institute (GSI) which advocates on behalf of the seafood community and works toward building a consensus on fishery issues. Pearce is the current Chairman of GSI.

Both Perret and Pearce plan to remain involved in fisheries issues.



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## Gulf Council Appoints Members to Scientific Committees

In June, the Gulf Council made appointments to its Standing and Special Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs). The Standing SSC is the Council's primary technical advisory body. SSCs are charged with developing, evaluating, and peer reviewing all technical aspects of council documents. Members will serve a three-year term. Congratulations to the following:

### Standing SSC

Lee Anderson  
Luiz Barbieri  
Harry Blanchet  
Benjamin Blount  
Mary Christman  
Bob Gill  
Daivd Griffith  
Jack Isaacs  
John Isley  
Walter Keithly  
Lisa Landry  
Kai Lorenzen  
Paul Mickle  
Will Patterson  
Joe Powers  
Sean Powers  
Ken Roberts  
Steven Scyphers  
Bob Shipp  
James Tolan



### Special Mackerel SSC

Jason Adriance  
Melissa Recks

### Special Reef Fish SSC

Jason Adriance  
James Drymon  
Robert Ellis  
Jennifer Herbig  
John Mareska

### Special Coral SSC

Sandra Brooke  
Walter Jaap  
Judith Lang  
Richard Ruzicka  
Paul Sammarco  
George Schmahl

### Special Spiny Lobster SSC

Ryan Gandy  
John Hunt  
Sherry Larkin

### Special Socioeconomic SSC

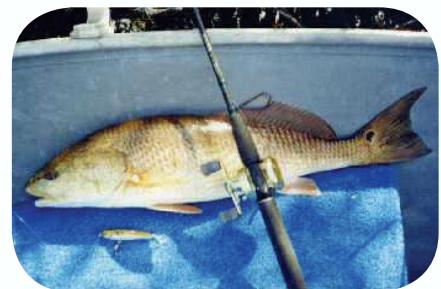
Matthew Freeman  
Steve Jacob  
Sherry Larkin  
Gabiella Stocks

### Special Shrimp SSC

Richard Burris  
Ryan Gandy  
Leslie Hartman  
Jeffrey Marx  
James Nance

### Special Red Drum SSC

Jason Adriance  
Robert Leaf  
Susan Lowerre-Barbieri  
Emily Satterfield





## Council Appoints Members to Advisory Panels

During its April meeting, the Gulf Council appointed members to most of its numerous advisory panels. The Red Snapper AP and the Reef Fish AP were combined into one Reef Fish Advisory Panel. Members were appointed to that panel during its June meeting. Panel membership was restructured and terms are now staggered.

Congratulations to the following:

### Reef Fish AP

Ralph Allen  
Pam Anderson  
Patrick Bennett  
Jane Black  
Jim Clements  
Jason DeLaCruz  
Francis Eicke  
James Eliason  
George Eller  
Martin Fisher  
Troy Frady  
Buddy Guindon  
Scott Hickman  
George Huye  
Chris Jenkins  
David Krebs  
Mike Nugent  
Mike Thierry  
Tom Turke  
Ed Walker  
James Whitfield  
Troy Williamson  
Jim Zurbrick

### Red Drum AP

Francis Donaldson  
Mike Foto  
Benjamin Graham  
Scott Green  
Read Hendon  
Robert Leaf  
Jeff Miller  
Burt Moritz  
Lance Nacio  
Ben Raines  
Frank Rawlings  
Emily Satterfield  
Sonny Schindler  
Derek Schoobridge  
Dustin Trocheset  
Troy Williamson

### Mackerel AP

Martin Fisher  
Gary Jarvis  
Chris Jenkins  
David Krebs  
Tom Marvel  
Jeffrey Mathews  
Robert Murphy  
George Niles  
Mike Nugent  
Edward Presley  
Gene Proulx  
Kelty Readenour  
Gary Smith (FL)  
William Stein  
Ed Walker  
Mike Whitfield  
Robert Woithe

### Data Collection AP

Shane Cantrell  
Mike Colby  
Jason DeLaCruz  
Francis Eicke  
Mike Eller  
Troy Frady  
James Green  
Chad Hanson  
Frank Helies  
Barry Ingram  
Gary Jarvis  
Robert Leaf  
Paul Mickle  
Todd Phillips  
Sonny Schindler  
James Gary Smith  
Nicole Smith  
Ray Weldon  
Jerry Westmoreland

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## October Council Meeting

The next Council meeting is scheduled for the week of October 5 - 9, 2015, at the Hilton Galveston Island in Galveston, Texas. Please make your reservation under the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council room block to receive the special discounted room rate.

Note that all written comments will be posted on the Council's web site for viewing by Council members and the public.

To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony for a specific Council meeting, please submit your comments at least seven business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.

Comments can be submitted online by clicking the thermometer on the Council's homepage - [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org). Find your topic of interest and click on the "Submit Your Comments here" link.

Materials submitted to Council members or staff for distribution prior to or during a Council meeting will be treated as all other written comments and will be posted to the web site.

Oral or written communications provided to the Council, its members, or its staff that relate to matters within the Council's purview are public in nature. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and will be maintained by the Council as part of the permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal Law.

A draft agenda will be posted on the Gulf Council web site at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

## Advisory Panel Appointments *(continued from page 4)*

### **Shrimp AP**

Steve Bosarge  
Kimberly Chauvin  
Julius Collins  
Glen Delaney  
Julie Falgout  
Gary Graham  
Frank Helies  
Dennis Henderson  
Harris Lasseigne  
Alan Matherne  
Lance Nacio  
Thomas Schultz  
John Williams

### **Spiny Lobster AP**

Robert Gaitanis  
Joshua Nicklaus  
George Niles  
Daniel Padron  
Simon Stafford  
Kelly William

### **Coral AP**

J.P. Brooker  
Shelly Krueger  
Steve Ross  
Portia Sapp  
John Talbott  
Joseph Weatherby

### **Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate**

Bob Gill  
James Ballard  
Mark Belter  
David Dale  
Glenn Delaney  
Jon Dodrill  
Thaddeus Dubois  
Ted Falgout  
William Gala  
Alan Matherne  
Mike McDonough  
Douglas Peter  
Todd Phillips  
Ben Raines  
James Sanders  
Sonny Schindler  
Troy Williamson

### **Ad Hoc Red Snapper CFH**

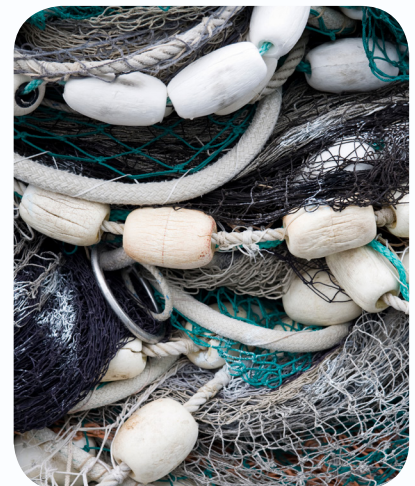
Gary Bryant  
Shane Cantrell  
Caryl Carpenter  
Mike Eller  
Troy Frady  
James Green  
Charles Guilford  
Gary Jarvis  
Mark Kelly  
Robbie Langlinais  
Tom Marvel  
Mike Nugent  
Rene Rice  
Scott Robson  
Sonny Schindler  
Tom Steber  
Mike Thierry  
Ed Walker  
Troy Williamson

### **Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ**

Billy Archer  
Jeff Barger  
Jane Black  
Jim Clements  
Dean Cox  
Jason DeLaCruz  
Mike Eller  
Bob Gill  
Buddy Guindon  
Scott Hickman  
Gary Jarvis  
David Krebs  
James Swindle  
Wayne Werner  
Mike Whitfield  
Troy Williamson  
Jim Zurbrick

### **Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat**

Pam Anderson  
Randy Boggs  
Cliff Cox  
James Green  
Chad Haggert  
Mark Hubbard  
Greg Mercurio  
Kelly Owens  
Charles Paprocki  
Eric Schmidt  
Tom Steber  
Frank Theirry  
Dustin Trocheset  
John Williams



## Quick Guide to Submitting Online Comments

The Gulf Council wants your input on the many issues under consideration. You can give your input by attending scoping workshops and public hearings held around the Gulf of Mexico. It's impossible for the Council to hold workshops or hearings in every coastal community, so if you can't make a meeting because it's too far away or because of other commitments, you can watch online presentations and submit comments electronically for each amendment.

Check it out! Go to [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and click on the thermometer in the middle of the page. From there you can read up on all the pending actions, watch the video presentations, read comments, and submit your own. All comments submitted through the online form are automatically posted on our web site for Council review. Other comments are manually posted every couple of days.

There is also a thermometer for each issue that lets you know where the Council is in the process for that particular amendment, whether its the scoping phase, final action, or implementation.

Let us hear from you!

### MANAGEMENT PLANS

Click on the thermometer to:

- review pending fishery management plans and amendments
- review available amendment guides
- review public comments
- submit public comments



Photo: Walter Stone

## Send us Your Fishing Photos

We want to see your favorite fishing photos! Whether from a spearfishing adventure, a charter trip, or a commercial effort, we'd like to see your photos and possibly use them on our web site or in our publications.

Send us your photos and help us build a photo library! To submit your photos, send an e-mail with "Photo Library" in the subject line to [gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org). Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number, along with a description and proper photo credit, then simply attach the image and send.

Photo descriptions may be edited for grammar, clarity, and/or length. Photos must be in jpeg format and cannot exceed 1.5 MB (200 ppi).

NOTE: By submitting photos, you understand that your photo may be used on our web site, in our newsletter, or in other publications. Photo credit will be given.



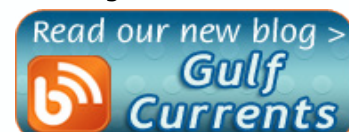
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***Gulf Currents*** will keep you in the loop and prepare you to participate effectively in the fishery management process by educating you about current events, possible management considerations, regulatory changes, the fisheries management process, and more.

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# Gulf Council to Meet in New Orleans, Louisiana

## *Here's a quick look at the agenda:*

Committees & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>  
Hilton Riverside-Chart Ballroom  
New Orleans, Louisiana  
August 10-13, 2015

### Monday, August 10, 2015 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – noon: Joint Administrative Policy/Budget/Personnel

- Discuss Combining Administrative Policy and Budget/Personnel Committees
- Discuss Historical Performance of Council Scoping Meetings
- Review of AP Staggered Terms
- Discuss Procedures for AP Appointments and Fishing Violations
- Review of SOPPs Revisions
- Review of MSA Reauthorization Bills
- Discuss Recent NOAA EFH 5-Year Review Budget Enhancement

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm: Mackerel Management Committee

- Joint Draft Options Paper for CMP Amendment 26: Modifications to Allocations, Stock Boundaries, and Sale Provisions for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel
- Options Paper for CMP Amendment 28: Separating Permits for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm: Shrimp Management Committee

- Draft Options Paper for Shrimp Amendment 17- Addressing the Expiration of the Shrimp Permit Moratorium
- Other Business – Update on Changes in TED Regulations in Louisiana

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Data Collection Committee

- Review of Public Hearing Draft - Joint Electronic Charter Vessel Reporting Amendment

### Tuesday, August 11, 2015 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 5:00 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee

- Review Public Hearing Draft Amendment 39 - Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper
- Updated Options Paper - Framework Action to Set Gag Recreational Season and Gag & Black Grouper Minimum Size Limits
- Final Action - Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation
- Final Action - Framework Action to Allow NMFS to Withhold a Portion of the Commercial Red Snapper Quota in 2016
- Draft Framework Action - Modify Gear Restrictions for Yellowtail Snapper
- Options Paper - Amendment 42 - Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management
- Options Paper - Amendment 41 - Federal Charter-for-Hire Red Snapper Management
- Discussion - Ad Hoc Private Recreational Advisory Panel

### Wednesday, August 12, 2015 – Council Session

8:30 am – 8:45 am: Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions

8:45 am – 9:15 am: Induction of New Council Members

9:15 am – 9:30 am: Adoption of Agenda & Approval of Minutes

9:30 am – 10:00 am: Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFPs) if any

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Summary of the CCC Meeting

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Review of White Paper Evaluating Potential Artificial Reef Siting Criteria in the Gulf of Mexico

Committee Reports 10:30 am – 11:00 am:

- Joint Administrative Policy/Budget/Personnel

1:00 pm – 5:30 pm: Public Comment ii, iii, iv, v  
Agenda Testimony

- Final Action Reef Fish Amendment 28 – Red Snapper Allocation
- Final Action on Red Snapper Commercial Quota Retention for 2016
- Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

### Thursday, August 13, 2015 – Council Session

8:30 am - 2:00 pm Committee Reports continued

- Mackerel
- Shrimp
- Reef Fish
- Data Collection

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) if any

2:15 pm – 2:45 pm: Other Business

2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

<sup>i</sup> The established times for addressing agenda items, except for those setting times for public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to agenda items.

<sup>ii</sup> Persons wishing to give public testimony must turn in a registration card before the beginning of public comment. During public comment the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

<sup>iii</sup> Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to [gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org). All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public. To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.

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<sup>v</sup> Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.

## NOAA Study Finds Bait and Tackle Retailers Generate \$2.3 Billion for U.S. Economy

*From the NOAA Fisheries Newsroom*



Independent marine recreational bait and tackle retail stores provide a big boost to the U.S. economy, a NOAA study has found.

According to the study, the first economic survey of its kind, in 2013, the most recent year for which data is available, these retailers contribute approximately \$2.3 billion across the broader U.S. economy, including \$796 million in income. In addition, the industry supports nearly 16,000 jobs across the nation. NOAA Fisheries released these figures today at the 2015 International Convention of Allied Sportfishing Trades in Orlando, Florida.

"This study clearly shows the strong contribution of the bait and tackle industry to the economic health of our coastal communities and to the broader U.S. economy," said Doug Lipton, NOAA Fisheries senior scientist for economics. "And it gives us a good baseline for measuring the economic impacts of these businesses as we move forward."

Because the study focused only on independent businesses and not large retail chain stores, it captured only a portion of the entire U.S. bait and tackle industry's contribution to the economy. However, the businesses surveyed generated an estimated \$854 million in total sales of saltwater fishing bait and tackle. For those businesses specializing only in bait and tackle, the average retailer sold about \$426,000 in saltwater bait, tackle and related equipment in 2013.

"Even though this study only captured a slice of an even bigger pie, this first-time economic assessment of the industry will help managers and regulators better understand the effect that changing conditions have on recreational fisheries and coastal communities," Lipton said.

"These data will also help quantify the effects of future natural disasters such as storms, hurricanes, or tsunamis."

NOAA Fisheries surveyed 3,500 independent, primarily small, businesses for this study. Of the 944 responders, 35 percent classified themselves as bait and tackle stores that exclusively sell bait, tackle, and recreational fishing equipment. The remaining 65 percent of responding stores included sporting goods retailers, marinas, general retailers, convenience stores and hardware stores.

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*Photos by Kathy Hoak*





## Recipe Rewind

A slight variation on a classic - Oyster's Rockefeller

### Rockin' Oysters Rockefeller

Ingredients for 16 servings:

48 fresh, unopened oysters  
1 1/2 cups beer  
2 cloves garlic  
seasoned salt to taste  
7 black peppercorns  
1/2 cup butter  
1 onion, chopped  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
1 bag fresh spinach, chopped  
8 ounces Monterey Jack cheese, shredded  
8 ounces fontina cheese, shredded  
8 ounces mozzarella cheese, shredded  
1/2 cup milk  
2 teaspoons salt, or to taste  
1 teaspoon ground black pepper  
2 tablespoons fine bread crumbs



### Directions

1. Clean oysters, and place in a large stockpot. Pour in beer and enough water to cover oysters; add 2 cloves garlic, seasoned salt, and peppercorns. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat, drain, and cool.
2. Once oysters are cooled, break off and discard the top shell. Arrange the oysters on a baking sheet. Preheat oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C.)
3. Melt butter in a saucepan over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic in butter until soft. Reduce heat to low, and stir in spinach, Monterey Jack, fontina, and mozzarella. Cook until cheese melts, stirring frequently. Stir in the milk, and season with salt and pepper. Spoon sauce over each oyster, just filling the shell. Sprinkle with bread crumbs.
4. Bake until golden and bubbly, approximately 8 to 10 minutes.



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The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Council is responsible for the development and modification of fishery management plans (FMPs) that are designed to manage fishery resources in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico from state boundaries to the 200-mile limit.

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