



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Convene its Ad Hoc Private Recreational Data Collection Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Ad Hoc Private Recreational Data Collection Advisory Panel May 17, 2012, from 8:30 am – 4:00 pm at the Gulf Council Office – 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The Panel will meet to discuss mechanisms to improve private recreational fisheries data collection in Gulf of Mexico fisheries. The Panel will also help identify methods for improving private recreational angler data collection, potentially using additional data collection programs that would supplement data currently collected through the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP). Programs considered must improve the accuracy and timeliness of catch, effort, and discard data for the private boat recreational sector in the Gulf of Mexico. Programs that allow private recreational angler participation in the data collection process are preferred. The Advisory Panel will review existing programs and provide recommendations for possible implementation. The meeting will conclude with draft recommendations to be presented to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council during its June meeting in Tampa, Florida.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630. These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council office at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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