



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Gulf Council to convene its Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel August 10, 2010 in Tampa, Florida. The panel will meet to discuss the development of general criteria for electronic reporting systems to improve accuracy and timeliness of data collected in Gulf of Mexico fisheries. The panel will also review previous Council motions regarding electronic reporting for dealers and the for-hire fleet, as well as the resources needed for full implementation.

The advisory panel will discuss perspectives on goals, objectives, and expectations for recreational data collection programs. Presentations will be made to review current data collection programs and evaluate the potential for use in Gulf fisheries.

Finally, the panel will review and discuss recommendations for recreational data collection systems for private anglers, including the need to balance timeliness and accuracy with cost and feasibility.

The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council Office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will conclude no later than 4:30p.m. with draft recommendations for development and possible implementation of electronic data collection systems for private anglers.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Copies of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630.

This meeting is open to the public and is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern five working days prior to the meeting.

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 of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

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