



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Meet in Biloxi, Mississippi

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will meet August 25 - 28, 2014, at the Beau Rivage 875 Beach Boulevard, Biloxi, Mississippi.

Committee meetings will convene Monday at 1:00 pm, concluding Wednesday at noon. Some of the Committee highlights include:

The **Red Drum Management Committee**, which will review a scoping document for Recreational Red Drum Management.

The **Reef Fish Management Committee** will meet to:

- Discuss Gag Overfishing Limit and Acceptable Biological Catch;
- Review Public Comments and take Final Action on the Red Snapper Accountability Measures Framework Action;
- Review the Socioeconomic SSC Summary Report;
- Discuss Amendment 40 - Recreational Red Snapper Sector Separation and Review Public Comments;
- Review a Draft Greater Amberjack ACL/ACT Framework Action;
- Review a Draft Red Grouper Bag Limit & Accountability Measures Framework Action;
- Discuss IFQ Updates;
- Hear a summary of the South Florida Regional Management Meeting;
- Receive Summaries of the 2014 State Red Snapper Recreational Sampling Programs;
- Discuss ABC Control Rule Revisions;
- Review the Reef Fish SSC Summary;
- Review the Reef Fish AP Summary; and
- Review the Red Snapper AP Summary.

Other committees meeting include:

- **Shrimp Management Committee** to discuss Shrimp Amendment 16.
- **Data Collection Committee** to receive an update on the Electronic Logbook Pilot Program.

Tuesday evening beginning at 6:00 pm in the Council meeting room, NOAA Fisheries will hold a Town Hall discussion on recreational policy.

The full Council will convene Wednesday at 1:30 pm to receive the following presentations:

- National Recreational Policy
- Red Snapper Federal Violations
- IFQ Undercover Operation

- New Cooperative Research Effort
- Update on the RESTORE Act Science Program.

The Council will again hold an ***Evening Public Comment Session Wednesday, from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm.***

The full Council will resume Thursday at 8:30 am to deliberate and take action on committee recommendations made earlier in the week. Before adjourning, the Council will hold the election of the Chair and Vice Chair. The meeting will conclude by 4:15 pm Thursday.

For a copy of the detailed agendas, or to watch the meeting live, please visit http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/index.php or call 888-833-1844. Briefing materials can be downloaded from the Council FTP site at <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi> - username and password are both gulfguest.

About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.

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