



# 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 Announces a Series of Scoping Meetings**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled scoping meetings around the Gulf coast to discuss a proposed generic amendment addressing dealer permits and electronic logbook reporting, as well as two amendments to the Mackerel Fishery Management Plan.

The meetings schedule is as follows:

**Monday, March 19, 2012**  
Hilton Galveston  
5400 Seawall Boulevard  
Galveston Island, Texas  
(409) 744-5000

**Monday, March 26, 2012**  
Harvey Government Center  
1200 Truman Avenue  
Key West, Florida  
(305) 295-5000

**Tuesday, March 20, 2012**  
Four Points by Sheraton  
940 Beach Boulevard  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
(228) 546-3100

**Wednesday, March 28, 2012**  
Hyatt Place  
2600 Champion Ring Road  
Fort Myers, Florida  
(239) 418-1844

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012**  
Plantation Suites  
1909 Highway 361  
Port Aransas, Texas  
(361) 749-3866

**Monday, April 2, 2012**  
Crowne Plaza New Orleans Airport  
2829 Williams Boulevard  
Kenner, Louisiana  
(504) 467-5611

**Wednesday, March 21, 2012**  
Courtyard Marriott  
1000 West I-65 Service Road South  
Mobile, Alabama  
(251) 344-5200

**Tuesday, April 3, 2012**  
Wildlife & Fisheries Lab  
195 Ludwig Lane  
Grand Isle, Louisiana  
(985) 787-2163

**Thursday, March 22, 2012**  
Courtyard Marriott  
100 Grand Boulevard  
Destin, Florida  
(850) 650-7411

All meetings will begin at 6pm and conclude at the end of public testimony, but no later than 9pm.

The proposed generic amendment considers changes to the current requirements for dealer permits and the potential for electronic reporting requirements.

Mackerel Amendment 19 considers limits or prohibition on the sale of king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia that are caught under a bag limit. It also looks at changes to regulations regarding maintaining and renewing commercial fishing permits and adding a commercial permit requirement to sell cobia. Mackerel Amendment 20 considers potential changes to the existing commercial boundaries and zones and associated quotas and trip limits, along with a possible allowance for transit through closed fishing zones. Some of these proposed changes were recommended by participants in the fishery to simplify current regulations and make the fishery more efficient.

Copies of the scoping materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630. Materials will also be posted on the Council website at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

This meeting is 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.

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 Exclusive Economic Zone of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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