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Gulf Council Postpones Public Hearings on Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will rescheduled a series of public hearings on Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan. Dates and locations will be announced in the near future.

Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources (Mackerel) contains alternatives for actions to set Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for Gulf group king mackerel, Gulf group Spanish mackerel, and Gulf group cobia. It also contains measures to remove cero, little tunny, dolphin, and bluefish from the fishery management plan, revise the framework procedure, and separate cobia into Atlantic and Gulf migratory groups.

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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