



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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**Public Hearing Notice**  
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## **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Announces Public Hearings for a Generic Amendment to Address Federal Seafood Dealer Permits**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled public hearings around the Gulf coast to discuss a proposed generic amendment that considers changes to the current requirements for seafood dealer permits and potential changes to frequency and method of reporting. The intent of the proposed changes is to ensure landings of managed fish stocks are recorded accurately and in a timely manner so annual catch limits are not exceeded.

The meetings schedule is as follows:

### **Monday, August 6, 2012**

Hilton Tampa Airport  
2225 N. Lois Avenue  
Tampa, Florida 33607  
(813) 877-6688

### **Monday, August 6, 2012**

Lady Anderson/Captain Anderson Marina  
5550 N. Lagoon Drive  
Panama City Beach, FL 32408  
(850) 234-3435

### **Tuesday, August 7, 2012**

Courtyard Marriott  
3955 N. Expressway 77/83  
Brownsville, Texas 78520  
(956) 350-4600

### **Tuesday, August 7, 2012**

Courtyard Marriott  
1000 W. I-65 Service Road South  
Mobile, Alabama 36609  
(251) 344-5200

### **Wednesday, August 8, 2012**

Harvey Government Center  
1200 Truman Avenue  
Key West, Florida 33040  
(305) 295-5000

### **Wednesday, August 8, 2012**

Courtyard Marriott D'Iberville  
11471 Cinema Drive  
D'Iberville, Mississippi 39540  
(228) 392-1200

### **Wednesday, August 8, 2012**

Omni Corpus Christi  
900 N. Shoreline Boulevard  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401  
(361) 887-1600

### **Thursday, August 9, 2012**

Hilton Galveston  
5400 Seawall Boulevard  
Galveston Island, Texas 77551  
(409) 744-5000

### **Thursday, August 9, 2012**

Courtyard Marriott  
142 Library Drive  
Houma, Louisiana 70360  
(985) 223-8996

### **Virtual Public Hearing Presentation**

To view the presentation visit  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7wLwR4yr8GI>

All meetings will begin at 6pm and conclude at the end of public testimony, but no later than 9pm. Comments can be submitted in person or online by visiting the Council web site at:  
[http://gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/comment\\_forms/Dealer%20Reporting.php](http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/comment_forms/Dealer%20Reporting.php).

NOAA Fisheries Service issues Federal dealer permits on an annual basis to those individuals or organizations that wish to become a seafood dealer. A seafood dealer is the person who first receives fish by way of purchase, barter, or trade.

The Gulf Council is considering changes to the current permit and reporting requirements for those individuals or organizations that purchase species managed by the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils.

Copies of the public hearing 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).

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.

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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