



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice
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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene a Meeting of the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee. The Ad Hoc Joint Steering Committee will meet Wednesday, February 29, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council office - 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100 in Tampa, Florida.

The Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee was formed by motions passed by both the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Councils, to explore approaches to move goliath grouper beyond the moratorium and collect information to support an informative assessment that will determine stock status and possible recovery.

Items on the agenda include:

- Overview presentation of previous stock assessments
- Discuss what data will be needed and how these data should be collected
- Revise Terms of Reference
- Establish a process for a workshop
- Nominate panelists for a workshop
- Determine what products are expected from workshop activities
- Discuss future activities

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630 or materials can be downloaded from the Council's ftp site - [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org).

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Steering Committee will be restricted to those issues identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Councils' intent to take action to address the emergency.

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