



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Appointments to the Gulf Council Announced

The Commerce Department has announced the appointment of new and returning members to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The new and reappointed council members will begin their three-year terms August 11, 2013.

The council was established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prepare fishery management plans for marine fish stocks in the Gulf of Mexico. Council members represent diverse groups, including commercial and recreational fishing industries, environmental interests, and academia, and carry out the Act's requirements to end overfishing, rebuild fish stocks, and manage them sustainably.

"On behalf of the Gulf Council, I would like to congratulate Chairman Boyd on his reappointment, and Leann Bosarge and Roy Williams on their new appointments. We look forward to working with each of them as we continue to work toward managing for the sustainable future of our fisheries," said Doug Gregory, Executive Director of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council.

Each year members are appointed to the Council by the Secretary of Commerce. The Secretary selects members from nominations submitted by the governors of the five Gulf states.

The Gulf Council includes members from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas. The appointees for 2013 fill obligatory seats for Texas and Mississippi and one at-large seat.

Obligatory seats:

Douglass "Doug" W. Boyd (Texas)*

Leann N. Bosarge (Mississippi)

At-large seat:

Roy O. Williams (Florida)

Council members are appointed to both obligatory (state-specific) and at-large (regional) seats. Terms are for three-years and members can be reappointed to serve three consecutive terms.

* indicates reappointment

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.