



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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Gulf Council to Convene Advisory Panels in July

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene two of its newly formed advisory panels in July. The two panels, the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Five-Year Review Advisory Panel and the Ad Hoc Reef Fish IFQ Advisory Panel, are scheduled meet for the first time July 12, and July 14, 2011.

July 12 – 13, 2011 (1 p.m. – 5 p.m.)
Ad Hoc Commercial Red Snapper IFQ Five-Year Review Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel will meet to discuss issues related to the five-year review of the existing commercial red snapper individual fishing quota program and consider potential improvements to the program.

July 14, 2011 (8:30 am to 4:30 pm)
Ad Hoc Reef Fish Commercial IFQ Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel will meet to discuss issues related to the design, implementation, evaluation, and monitoring of commercial reef fish individual fishing quota programs in the Gulf of Mexico.

Both meetings will be held at the Council office – 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida. Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or can be downloaded from the Council's ftp site at [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org).

The Council will convene its **Ad Hoc Reef Fish LAPP Advisory Panel** later this year to discuss a days-at-sea pilot program for the charter for-hire sector.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel 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 Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically 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 Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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 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 federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

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