



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of its Law Enforcement Advisory Panel in conjunction with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's Law Enforcement Committee. The meeting will be held at the Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, One Grand Boulevard, in Point Clear, Alabama, Wednesday, October 17, 2012, from 8:30 am until noon.

The Advisory Panel and Committee will meet jointly to review the Council's action schedule and the status of regulatory actions that have been submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service for implementation. The group will also consider changes to recommendations for the timing of federal fishery closures and potential impacts of exempted fishing permits approved for such events as fishing tournaments and issued during closed seasons. Finally, the group will consider approval of recently completed Strategic and Operations Plans, and review the states' Joint Enforcement Agreements.

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel is made up of principal law enforcement officers from each of the five Gulf states, as well as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Law Enforcement, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA General Counsel for Law Enforcement.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630. 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 Committee 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 least five working days prior to the meeting.

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.

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