



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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Meeting Notice  
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## Gulf Council Seeking Input on Proposed Amendment - Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a public hearing webinar Thursday, December 17, 2015, beginning at 6:00 pm EST, ending no later than 9:00 pm EST.

Accurate fisheries information about catch, effort, and discards is necessary to ensure the annual harvest achieves the greatest economic, social, and biological benefits. Additionally, improving data reporting could reduce the likelihood that annual catch limits are exceeded and accountability measures are triggered.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is considering changing the method, frequency, and required data reported by for-hire operators to improve charter vessel and headboat fishery data used for management, monitoring, and compliance of federally permitted for-hire vessels in the Gulf of Mexico.

During the public hearing, Council staff will brief the public on the proposed amendment before opening the meeting for questions and comments.

Related materials can be found on the Council Website -  
[http://gulfcouncil.org/fishery\\_management\\_plans/scoping-thru-implementation.php](http://gulfcouncil.org/fishery_management_plans/scoping-thru-implementation.php).

To register for the meeting please visit  
visit: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6492235001962146818>.

### **About the 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.

### **Submit comments and stay updated on fishery issues:**

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