



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Gulf Council to Convene a Meeting of its Reef Fish Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a meeting of its Reef Fish Advisory Panel September 16 - 17, 2015 at the Gulf Council office - 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, Florida. The meeting will begin Wednesday, September 16, at 8:30 am and will conclude no later than noon Thursday, September 17.

After selecting a Chair and Vice Chair, the Advisory Panel will review and provide recommendations on a Public Hearing Draft of Amendment 39 - Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper, and review a recent stock assessment on gray triggerfish.

The panel will also review and discuss a Public Hearing Draft on a Joint Amendment to Require Electronic Reporting for Charter Vessels and Headboats. Other items on the agenda include discussion on:

- Options Paper on a Framework Action to set the gag recreational season and gag and black grouper minimum size limits
- Draft Framework Action to modify gear restrictions for yellowtail snapper
- Draft Options Paper on an amendment defining west Florida's shelf hogfish stock and setting the annual catch limits (ACL) and status determination criteria
- Draft Options Paper to modify mutton snapper ACLs and establish commercial and recreational management measures
- Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
- South Florida Management Issues
- Southeast Data and Review Schedule

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be downloaded from the Council's file server - <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi> (login is gulfguest/gulfguest). Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "Reef Fish AP meeting 09-2015".

To watch the meeting live, please register at: http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/Webinars.php.