



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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## Gulf Council to Meet in Key West, Florida

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will meet June 8 - 12, 2015, at the Marriott Beachside in Key West, Florida.

Committee meetings will convene Monday at 8:30 am, concluding at noon Wednesday.

Some of the Committee highlights include:

The **Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee** will review and discuss a draft letter on proposed revisions to National Standard 1 and a white paper on the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

The **Mackerel Management Committee** will take final action on Draft Framework Amendment 3, which proposes management modifications to the Gulf King Mackerel Gillnet fishery. The Committee will also:

- Review a Joint Draft Options Paper for CMP Amendment 26 - Modifications to Allocations, Stock Boundaries, and Sale Provisions for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel
- Discuss CMP Amendment 28 - Separating Permits for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel
- Receive Scoping Workshop Summaries on Proposed CMP Amendments 26 and 28

The **Data Collection Committee** will meet later in the day to review a Joint Options Paper for Electronic Charter Vessel Reporting and to discuss the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Fishing Effort Transition Plan.

From 2:30 - 5:30 the Council will meet in a closed session to make appointments to its Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSCs) and its Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP).

Tuesday the **Reef Fish Management Committee** meets to discuss a number of issues:

- SSC Review of Alternative Red Snapper Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Proxies
- SSC Review of the Effect of Recalibrated Recreational Removals and Recreational Selectivity on Estimates of Overfishing Limit (OFL), Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC), and MSY for Gulf Red Snapper
- Options Paper - Framework Action to set Gag Annual Catch Limit (ACL) and Recreational Season
- SSC Recommendations for Hogfish and Mutton Snapper OFL and ABC
- Options Paper - Joint Generic South Florida Management
- Updated Draft Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation
- Draft Framework Action to allow NMFS to withhold a portion of the Commercial Red Snapper Quota in 2016
- Revised Alternatives for Amendment 39 - Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper
- Scoping Summaries for Amendment 36 - Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Modifications
- Grouper/Tilefish IFQ 5-Year Review

Wednesday will begin with the **Reef Fish Committee** receiving reports of the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-Hire AP and the Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat AP, followed by the **Shrimp Management**

**Committee** which will take final action on Shrimp Amendment 15 and review a draft options paper for Shrimp Amendment 17 - Addressing the Expiration of the Shrimp Permit Moratorium.

Finally, the **Joint Coral and Habitat Management Committee** will review the Coral SSC and AP Summary Report.

Wednesday afternoon the full Council will convene to review and vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (if any), and to receive presentations on the following:

- Review Changes from Proposed to Final Rule Implementation of the Gulf Aquaculture FMP
- Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Issues
- Spawning Potential Ratio
- Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) 101

Public comment is scheduled from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. Testimony will be taken on:

- Final Action - CMP Framework Amendment 3 - Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel Gillnet Fishery Management Modifications
- Final Action - Shrimp Amendment 15 - Status Determination Criteria for Penaeid Shrimp and Adjustments to the Shrimp Framework Procedure
- Revised Reef Fish Amendment 28 - Red Snapper Allocation
- Open Public Comment

Thursday, the Gulf Council will meet jointly with the South Atlantic Council from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at the Doubletree Grand Key Resort. Issues up for review and discussion include:

- Joint Charter Vessel Reporting Amendment
- Joint CMP Amendment 28
- Joint South Florida Amendment
- Hogfish Issues

The Gulf Council will reconvene at the Marriott Beachside Hotel Friday at 8:30 am to deliberate and take action on committee recommendations made earlier in the week. The Council is expected to adjourn by 4:00 pm Friday.

For a copy of the detailed agendas, or to watch the meeting live, please visit [http://gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/index.php](http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/index.php) or call 888-833-1844. Briefing materials can be downloaded from the Council FTP site at <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi> - username and password are both gulfguest, or found on the Council website at [http://gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/Briefing%20Materials/BB-06-2015/June2015Index.php](http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/Briefing%20Materials/BB-06-2015/June2015Index.php).



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## Business Letter Format

The block format is the simplest format; all of the writing is flush against the left margin.

### **Your Address 1**

**Included in Letterhead Template**

### **Date 2**

Enter the date on which the letter was written in the format Month Day Year i.e. May 6, 2012.

Skip 3 lines between the date and the inside address.

### **Inside Address 3**

The address of the person you are writing to along with the name of the recipient, their title and company name. If you are not sure who the letter should be addressed to either leave it blank, but try to put in a title, i.e. "Director of Human Resources". Skip a line between the date and the salutation.

### **Subject Line (optional) 4**

Optional but makes it easier for the recipient to find out what the letter is about. Skip a line between the subject line and the body.

### **Salutation 5**

Dear Ms./Mrs./Mr. Last Name:, Dear Director of Department Name: or To Whom It May Concern: if recipient's name is unknown. Note that there is a colon after the salutation. Skip a line between the salutation and the subject line or body.

### **Body 6**

The body is where you write the content of the letter; the paragraphs should be single spaced with a skipped line between each paragraph. Skip a line between the end of the body and the closing.

### **Closing 7**

Lets the reader know that you are finished with your letter; usually ends with Sincerely, Sincerely yours, Thank you, Very truly yours, and so on. Note that there is a comma after the end of the closing and only the first word in the closing is capitalized. Skip 3-4 lines between the closing and the printed name, so that there is room for the signature.

### **Signature 8**

Your signature will go in this section, usually signed in black or blue ink with a pen.

**Printed Name 9**

The printed version of your name, and if desired you can put your title or position on the line underneath it. Skip a line between the printed name and the enclosure.



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## **Reference Initials 10**

If someone other than you typed the letter you will include your initials in capital letters followed by the typist's initials in lower case in the following format; DG/cr.

## **Enclosure 11**

If the letter contains a document other than the letter itself your letter will include the word "Enclosure" or "Enc." If there is more than one you would type, "Enclosures (#)" with the # being the number of other documents enclosed, not including the letter itself.

## **Copies 12**

A list of the people who are receiving a copy of the letter.