



# 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 Recruiting Applicants for Panels and Committees**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is currently recruiting applicants for the following panels and committees:

- Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Advisory Panel
- Special Coral Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
- Special Mackerel SSC
- Coral Advisory Panel
- SEDAR Workshop Pool

Membership provides individuals with an opportunity to become more directly involved in the management decision-making process. Anyone interested in serving should submit a letter of interest to the Council office indicating the committee and/or panel of interest. Please include a current resumé or description of qualifications.

Letters of interest should be mailed to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607; faxed to: 813-348-1711; or e-mailed to: [AP-SSC.Applicant@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:AP-SSC.Applicant@gulfcouncil.org) by June 7, 2013.

The SEDAR Advisory Panel is comprised of stakeholders interested in contributing to fisheries stock assessments. Members include recreational and commercial fishermen, seafood dealers and processors, non-governmental organizations, and concerned citizens. Individual members are then selected to participate in the data and/or assessment workshops through contributions of pertinent data and/or quantitative analyses.

SSCs are comprised of economists, biologists, sociologists, and natural resource attorneys who are knowledgeable about the technical aspects of fisheries in the Gulf. SSCs are charged in the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) with developing, evaluating, and peer reviewing technical aspects of council documents.

Advisory Panel members provide information and guidance to the Council on the development of federal fishery management plans. Panels are comprised of individuals who are engaged in the harvest of federally managed species, or who are knowledgeable and interested in the conservation and management of the fishery. Members include recreational and commercial fishermen, seafood dealers and processors, nongovernmental organizations, scientists, and concerned citizens.

The SEDAR Workshop Pool is comprised of scientists interested in contributing to fisheries stock assessments. Individual members are then selected to participate in the data and/or assessment workshops through contributions of pertinent data and/or quantitative analyses.

Appointments are for two years and will be made during the June 17 - 21, 2013 Council meeting in Pensacola, Florida. Advisory Panel positions are unpaid, but travel expenses are reimbursed. SSC members who are not state or federal employees will receive a stipend for attendance at meetings of the SSC, SEDAR, or to give presentations to the Council on behalf of the SSC, as authorized by the Council.

Depending upon the level of activity for a given fishery management plan, each panel or committee may meet from zero to 4 times per year.

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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