



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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## **Reminder – Gulf Council to Hold Public Hearings on Amendments 19 & 20 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a series of public hearings around the Gulf of Mexico beginning Tuesday, August 5 through Thursday, August 15, 2013. The purpose of the meetings is to solicit public comment on Amendments 19 & 20 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan. All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. and will conclude no later than 9 p.m.

Amendment 19 to the CMP Fishery Management Plan addresses sale and permit provisions for Gulf of Mexico Spanish and king mackerel. Amendment 20 addresses season length, transit provisions, allocation, and framework procedures for coastal migratory pelagics.

The Council is expected to take final action on these amendments during its October 2013 meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana.

The public hearing schedule for these amendment is as follows:

**Monday, August 5, 2013\***

Courtyard Marriott  
11471 Cinema Drive  
D'Iberville, MS

**Tuesday, August 6 2013**

Holiday Inn Select  
2001 N. Cove Boulevard  
Panama City, FL

**Thursday, August 8, 2013\***

Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza  
Hotel  
64 South Water Street  
Mobile, AL

**Monday, August 12, 2013\***

Hilton Garden Inn  
6717 South Padre Island Drive  
Corpus Christi, TX

**Monday, August 12, 2013\***

Hilton St. Petersburg Carillon Parkway  
950 Lake Carillon Drive  
St. Petersburg, FL

**Tuesday, August 13, 2013\***

Hampton Inn & Suites  
2320 Gulf Freeway South  
League City, TX

**Thursday, August 15, 2013**

Harvey Government Center  
1200 Truman Avenue  
Key West, FL

**Thursday, August 15 2013**

Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Lab  
195 Ludwig Lane  
Grand Isle, LA

***NOTE - \* Denotes the meeting will cover both Amendments 19 & 20 as well as Recreational Regional Management of Red Snapper.***

**Can't attend any of the meetings?** Comments on CMP Amendments 19 & 20 will also be accepted online at <http://bit.ly/11BZxrF> for Amendment 19 and <http://bit.ly/1bnQKvk> for Amendment 20.

Copies of the public hearing documents can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org).

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council Office at least 5 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.