



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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**Meeting Notice**  
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## Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management to Convene its Reef Fish Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Reef Fish Advisory Panel August 6 and 7, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida. The Reef Fish Advisory Panel will convene at 8:30 a.m. August 6, 2012, and conclude no later than 5:00 p.m. August 7, 2012.

The Advisory Panel will review several amendments under development, which include:

- Generic Amendment for Dealer Permits & Electronic Reporting
- Reef Fish Amendment 28 to modify post-season accountability measures for shallow-water grouper and revise the framework procedure for establishing regulatory actions
- Reef Fish Amendment 37 to revise the gray triggerfish rebuilding plan
- Framework action to provide a recreational split season for gag in 2013 and to modify or eliminate February - March fixed closed season for recreational shallow-water grouper
- Scoping document for a possible amendment to designate petroleum platforms and artificial reefs as essential fish habitat

The Panel will also reconsider its previous recommendations on vermilion snapper annual catch limits in light of revised analysis and new acceptable biological catch recommendations from the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee.

Finally, the Advisory Panel will review updated information on fish venting and recompression, and may consider recommendations for changes to the regulations that require possession and use of venting tools when fishing for reef fish.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630. Documents can also be downloaded from the Council's FTP site - [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://gulfcouncil.org).

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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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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