



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Gulf Council to Hold Public Hearings on Reef Fish Amendment 40 – Sector Separation

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a series of public hearings around the Gulf of Mexico beginning Monday, August 4, 2014 through Tuesday, August 19, 2014. The purpose of the meetings is to get public input on Reef Fish Amendment 40 - Sector Separation. All meetings will begin at 6:00 pm. local time and will conclude no later than 9 p.m.

Amendment 40 examines dividing of the recreational red snapper quota into a private angling sector and federal for-hire sector.

Public Hearing Schedule

All hearings will begin at 6 pm local time and will conclude after public input has ended, but no later than 9 pm.

Monday, August 4, 2014 Sirata Beach Hotel 5300 Gulf Boulevard St. Pete Beach, FL	Thursday, August 7, 2014 Renaissance Mobile Riverview Plaza 64 South Water Street Mobile, AL
Monday, August 4, 2014 Hilton Galveston Island Hotel 5400 Seawall Boulevard Galveston Island, TX	Tuesday, August 12, 2014 Holiday Inn Select 2001 MLK Boulevard Panama City, FL
Tuesday, August 5, 2014 Plantation Suites & Conference Center 1909 State Highway 361 Port Aransas, TX	Monday, August 18, 2014 Hyatt Place Baton Rouge 6080 Bluebonnet Boulevard Baton Rouge, LA
Wednesday, August 6, 2014 Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 3111 Loop Road Orange Beach, AL	Tuesday, August 19, 2014 Courtyard by Marriott Gulfport Beachfront 1600 E. Beach Boulevard Gulfport, MS

Can't attend any of the meetings? A video presentation will be posted [here](#) later this week. Comments on Reef Fish Amendment 40 will also be accepted online at <http://tinyurl.com/lghppld>.

Copies of the public hearing documents can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or by visiting 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.

Submit comments and stay updated on fishery issues:

Check it out! Go to www.gulfcouncil.org and click on the thermometer in the middle of the page. From there you can read up on all the pending actions, watch the video presentations, read comments, and submit your own. All comments submitted through the online form are automatically posted on our web site for Council review. Other comments are manually posted every couple of days.

There is also a thermometer for each issue that lets you know where the Council is in the process for that particular amendment, whether it's the scoping phase, final action, or implementation.