



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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

The Gulf Council's Reef Fish Advisory Panel will meet October 13 - 14, 2011. The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council Office – 2203 N. Lois Avenue, suite 1100, Tampa, Florida beginning at 1 p.m. Thursday and concluding by noon Friday.

The Advisory Panel will review actions by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, which meets earlier in the week. The Panel will also receive presentations on how acceptable biological catch is set and how stock assessments are done. Additionally, the Panel will review presentations on update assessments for vermilion snapper and gray triggerfish, and will make recommendations on management of those stocks.

The AP will also:

- Review draft Reef Fish Amendment 35 for greater amberjack
- Discuss the five-year review of the red snapper individual fishing quota program
- Discuss data collection programs for the recreational red snapper fishery

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630. Materials can also be downloaded from the Council's ftp site – [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org). The ftp server can also be accessed from the Gulf Council's home page – www.gulfcouncil.org - under "Quick Links".

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (M-SFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda, as well as any issues that may arise after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) M-SFCMA, 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 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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