



# 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**  
**February 14, 2011**

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## **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Recruiting for its Scientific and Statistical Committees, Stock Assessment Panels, and Socioeconomic Panel**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is soliciting applications for seats currently available on its Standing and Special Scientific and Statistical Committees. The Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) make up the Gulf Council's primary technical advisory body. The Committees are charged in the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act with developing, evaluating, and peer reviewing all technical aspects of council documents, and they are expected to provide a broad suite of technical recommendations related to all facets of the Council's management program, including addressing biological, social, economic, and environmental aspects. The SSCs also play a role in stock assessment development and review; in the Southeast region this responsibility is handled through the Southeast Data Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process.

The Standing SSC typically meets three or four times per year with meeting length averaging three days. Pre-meeting preparation and post-meeting wrap up should be expected to require an additional time commitment equal to the meeting period, and an additional day is required for travel.

Scientific & Statistical Committees are made up of economists, biologists, sociologists and natural resource attorneys who are knowledgeable about the technical aspects of fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Terms are for two years, at which time members can reapply.

Applications are now being solicited for the following Committees:

- Standing SSC
- Special Coral SSC
- Ecosystem SSC
- Special Mackerel SSC
- Ad Hoc Marine Reserves SSC
- Special Red Drum SSC
- Special Reef Fish SSC
- Special Shrimp SSC
- Special Spiny Lobster SSC
- Special Stone Crab SSC
- SMZ Monitoring Team

The Council is also recruiting for the following:

- Finfish Stock Assessment Panel
- Shrimp Stock Assessment Panel
- Socioeconomic Panel

Stock Assessment Panels are pools of biologists who are trained in the specialized field of population dynamics, and who assess the available biological data and advise the Council on the status of stocks and level of acceptable biological catch. When stock assessments are conducted under the SEDAR process, scientists are selected from the stock assessment panels to participate in the assessment or assessment review meetings, but individual scientists do not attend each meeting.

The Socioeconomic Panel is comprised of economists and sociologists who are trained to evaluate the economic and social costs associated with various management measures and advise the Council of the economic and social costs associated with these measures.

Anyone interested in serving should submit a letter and resume to:

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Materials may also be faxed to: 813-348-1711; or emailed to [phyllis.miranda@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:phyllis.miranda@gulfcouncil.org).  
**Resumes and letters should be received no later than close of business April 5, 2011.**  
Committee members will be selected during the next meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, scheduled for April 11 – 14, 2011 in Orange Beach, Alabama.

More information about the Scientific and Statistical Committees can be found by visiting [http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news\\_resources/ssc\\_membership\\_information.php](http://www.gulfcouncil.org/news_resources/ssc_membership_information.php).

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