



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice
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Gulf Council to Convene its Shrimp and Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate Advisory Panels

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of the Shrimp and Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate Advisory Panels. The meetings are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 5 through 4:30 p.m. Thursday, March 6, 2014, and will be held at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront Hotel, located at 333 - 1st Street, St. Petersburg, Florida.

Items up for discussion include:

Shrimp Advisory Panel, Wednesday, March 5, 2014, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Approval of minutes from May 23, 2013 meeting
3. Plan of work
4. Review of new stock assessments for brown, white, and pink shrimp
5. Biological review of the Texas closure
6. Review draft options for shrimp Amendment 15 status determination criteria for penaeid shrimp and adjustments to the shrimp FMP framework procedure
7. Discussion of ACL adjustment and accountability measures for royal red shrimp
8. Kemp's Ridley stock assessment results and discussion
9. Update on the status of the new shrimp ELP monitoring program
10. Other business

Joint Shrimp and Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate Advisory Panels, Thursday, March 6, 2014, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

1. Consideration of new chair election for Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate AP
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Approval of minutes from February 28, 2013 Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate AP Meeting
4. Plan of work: Council charge- discussion of issues, impacts, and concerns associated with artificial reef siting criteria
 - a. Shrimp effort
 - b. Artificial reefs sites (past and present)
 - c. Bottom type
 - d. Depth
 - e. Other criteria
5. Rigs to reefs
6. Habitat limitations of age 2 red snapper and their association with petroleum platforms
7. Other business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice 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 final action to address the emergency.

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About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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