



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) Thursday, May 23, 2013, from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The first order of business for the panel is to elect a chair and vice chair. The AP will then receive an overview of the current shrimp electronic logbook (ELB) program and discuss cost-sharing opportunities based on the current program. Southeast Fisheries Science Center staff will provide the panel with a summary and demonstration of new shrimp ELB program units, program implementation, and calibration.

The panel will also:

- Review and provide recommendations on the Framework Action to Establish Funding Responsibilities for the ELB Program;
- Hear a biological review of the 2012 Texas closure;
- Hear a report on the status of the brown, pink, and white shrimp stocks; and
- Gear an update on the 2012 offshore shrimp effort estimates.

Under "Other Business" the panel will discuss siting and locations of decommissioned oil and gas platforms as part of the Rigs-to-Reef Program.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630.

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.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aides should be directed to Kathy Pereira at least five 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.