



# 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 Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System Advisory Panel**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of its Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System Advisory Panel January 13, 2011, in Tampa, FL.

The advisory panel will convene to discuss operation, design, and usage of vessel monitoring systems. It will also discuss the resulting data from these systems.

Also on the agenda is a panel discussion on the potential role of vessel monitoring systems in enhanced seafood traceability in the Gulf of Mexico fisheries. This will include status and review of existing seafood traceability programs and potential mechanisms to enhance seafood safety in the future.

The advisory panel will also consider technical issues with vessel monitoring systems and potential solutions to use them more effectively and increase user-friendliness, including enhanced communication for reporting fishing activities.

Finally, the advisory panel will consider future roles of potential applications of vessel monitoring software in Gulf of Mexico fisheries. The meeting will conclude with draft recommendations, which will be presented to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council at its February meeting in Gulfport, Mississippi.

The advisory panel meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5303 West Kennedy Boulevard, in Tampa, Florida, and is scheduled to begin at 8:30 am, concluding no later than 4:00 pm. Copies of the agenda and other related materials may be obtained by calling 813-348-1630.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Trish Kennedy at the Council office at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the advisory panel, in accordance with the M-SFCMA, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda.

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 Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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