



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Host Workshop on Sector Separation

When: November 8, 2010 - 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.
November 9, 2010 - 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
November 10, 2010 - 8:30 a.m. to Noon

Where: Crowne Plaza Hotel
5303 W. Kennedy Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33609

What: The workshop will serve as an educational platform to exchange information and discuss issues relative to sector separation including: the legal considerations for making allocation decisions; constituent perspectives; and potential benefits and challenges of dividing the recreational sector into two sectors - a for-hire sector and a private recreational sector.

Public Participation

This is a public workshop, not a public hearing. NO decisions will be made during the workshop. While there will be an opportunity for comments and questions, the purpose of the workshop is for attendees to exchange information and ideas regarding sector separation.

If the Council deems it appropriate to move forward with an amendment to consider sector separation, it will solicit and provide numerous opportunities for public input on the issue. The Council decision-making process is an open and deliberative process. The Council encourages public discourse, considers varied perspectives and pertinent scientific data to make sound decisions.

This workshop will be broadcast live over the internet on Gulf Council TV. Visit www.gulfcouncil.org to watch.



Day 1



Noon – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.



4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

5 :00 - 5:30 p.m.

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration

Welcome and Introductions

Plenary Session #1: Natural Resources Allocation

BREAK

Breakout Session #1: Exploring Perspectives Associated with Sector Separation

Breakout Session #1 Report

Open Comment/Questions (Speakers are asked to keep remarks to 2 minutes)

Reception (TBD)

Day 3



7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

9:30 – 10:00 a.m.

10:00 – 10:15 a.m.

10:15 –11:15 a.m.

11:15 – 12:00 p.m.

Breakfast snacks

Breakout Session #2 Report

Wrap Up

Break

Where Do We Go From Here

Comments / Feedback

Note: A list of presenters will be provided prior to the workshop. The amount of time allocated to agenda items may be adjusted as necessary.

Day 2



7:30 - 8:30 a.m.

8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

10:45 – 12:00 p.m.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

2:30 - 2:45 p.m.

2:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Breakfast Snacks

Panel Session #1: Managing Sectors Separately: Lessons from the Field

BREAK

Plenary Session #2: Legal Considerations for Making Allocation Decisions under Magnuson-Stevens Act

LUNCH

Panel Session #2: Information on Allocation Methods & Decision Support Tools

BREAK

Breakout Session #2: Sector Separation vs. Status Quo



What is Sector Separation?

Gulf of Mexico fisheries are divided into two sectors for management purposes; a commercial sector and a recreational sector. For-hire charter and head boat operations, along with private recreational anglers, are part of the recreational sector. Sector separation would involve the splitting of the recreational sector into two sectors.

To preregister for the workshop, send an email with your name and contact information to: Gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org, or call the Council Office at 888-833-1844.

