



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

*Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico*

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## Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene Webinars of Gag Update Assessment Work Group

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled two webinars of the Gag Update Assessment work group to re-run the 2009 gag update assessment to address an incorrect size distribution estimate of undersized caught-and-released fish from the recreational fishery. The re-run will also address a discrepancy between the estimated dead discards from the commercial gag fishery based on logbook reports and recent estimates of dead discards based on observer data. Re-running the update assessment with adjustments to these inputs may result in a revision to the catch limits needed to rebuild the stock. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will review the results of the assessment re-run in January 2011. The Council will review the results along with the SSC recommendations during its meeting in February 2011.

The webinars are scheduled for December 6, 2010 and December 9, 2010. Both will begin at 9 am and conclude no later than 1 pm. During the first webinar, the work group and National Marine Fisheries Service assessment biologists will determine what changes to the assessment inputs are needed. During the second webinar, the work group will review the results of the assessment re-run.

Information on how to register for the webinar will be posted on the Gulf Council website – [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) - one week prior to the meetings. Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or can be downloaded from the Council's ftp site at [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org)

Although other issues not on the agenda may come up for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

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

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 federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

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