



# 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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## The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Convenes its Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel

The Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel will convene a meeting at the Hampton Inn & Suites Houston-Clear Lake NSAS, 506 West Bay Area Boulevard, Webster, Texas, at 9:00 a.m. Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The panel will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m., and will discuss the following:

- Long Term Recovery Plan after the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
- National Ocean Policy Task Force
- West Galveston Bay Wetland Restoration Projects
- Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
- National Resource Damage Assessment Process
- Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Sediment Management Plan
- Essential Fish Habitat Five-Year Review Report

The group is part of a three-unit Habitat Protection AP of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the AP is to assist the Council in its attempt to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Advisory panels serve as a first alert system and calls to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed, as well as other activities that may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and supporting ecosystems. The panels may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

Although other 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 panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630. The 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 Tina O'Hern at the Council at least 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 Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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