



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

Doubletree by Hilton Austin
Phoenix South Ballroom
Austin, TX
April 4-7, 2016

Monday April 4, 2016 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 9:00 am: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) –
Leann Bosarge, *Chair*

- Review of 2014 No-cost extension, 2015 & 2016 Budgets, and 2016 Proposed Activities

9:00 am – 10:00 am: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Greg Stunz, *Chair*

- Review Electronic Reporting Program Flowchart
- Update: Commercial Electronic Reporting Pilot Program
- Final Action – South Atlantic Amendment: Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements

10:00 am – 10:15 am: Break-----

10:15 am – 12:15 pm: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Leann Bosarge, *Chair*

- Biological Review of the Texas Closure
- Review of the Updated Stock Assessments for Brown, White and Pink Shrimp
- Summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting
- Options Paper for Shrimp Amendment 17B
- Shrimp SSC Summary Report

– Recess –

1:45 pm – 3:45 pm: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Pamella Dana, *Chair*

- Final Action for CMP Amendment 26 – Changes in Allocations, Stock Boundaries and Sale Provisions for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel
- Summary of Public Hearing Comments and Written Public Comments
- Summary of Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Comments

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm: Break-----

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm: Law Enforcement Committee (Tab L) – Doug Boyd, *Chair*

- Law Enforcement Technical Committee Summary
- Selection of Recipient for Officer of the Year Award

Tuesday, April 5, 2016 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 12:15 pm & 1:45 pm – 5:00 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B) – Johnny Greene, *Chair*

- Update on 2015 Recreational Red Snapper Landings and Recreational Season Projections for 2016
- Final Action – Framework Action to Modify Red Grouper Annual Catch Limits
- Options Paper for Amendment 46 – Modify Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan
- Draft Amendment 41 – Red Snapper Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels
- Summary Report from Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-Hire Advisory Panel
- Draft Amendment 42 – Federal Reef Fish Headboat Management
- Public Hearing Draft Amendment 43 – Hogfish Stock Definition, Status Determination Criteria, Annual Catch Limits, and Size Limit
- Draft Amendment 45 – Extend or Eliminate the Red Snapper Sector Separation Sunset Provision
- Preliminary Options and Discussion – Mechanism to Allow Recreational Red Snapper Season to Re-open if ACL is Not Exceeded

– Recess –

NMFS Question and Answer Session Immediately following Committee – Crabtree

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – Committee Sessions Continued

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Reef Fish Management Committee Continued (Tab B) – Johnny Greene, *Chair*

- Final Action – Framework Action to Modify Commercial Gear Requirements and Recreational/Commercial Fishing Year for Yellowtail Snapper
- Other Business

9:30 am – 10:15 am: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – Kevin Anson, *Chair*

- Review and Updates on SEDAR Schedule Progress and Deliverables
- SEDAR Steering Committee Update

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Break -----

Wednesday, April 6, 2016 – Council Session

- I. **10:30 am – 10:35 am** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Anson
- II. **10:35 am – 10:40 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes
(**Tab A, No. 3 & 4**) – Anson
- III. **10:40 am – 10:50 am:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Crabtree/Anson
- IV. Presentations

10:50 am – 12:15 pm:

- Review of Proposed Rule Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology:
 - Rule (**Tab A, No. 7a**) & Presentation (**Tab A, No. 7b**) – Branstetter
 - Review of Draft Comment Letter (**Tab A, No. 7c**) – Simmons
- Science Update: How the Oil Spill Impacted the Fish Species We Care About (**Tab A, No. 8**) – Hale & Graham
- Overview of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (**Tab A, No. 9**) – Seagraves
- NMFS-SERO – Landing Summaries (**Tab A, No. 10**) – NMFS

– Recess –

- V. **1:45 pm – 5:00 pm:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – Anson

Agenda Testimony

- Final Action for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 26 – Changes in Allocations, Stock Boundaries and Sale Provisions for Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Migratory Groups of King Mackerel
- Final Action – Framework Action to Modify Red Grouper Annual Catch Limits
- Final Action – Framework Action to Modify Commercial Gear Requirements and Recreational/Commercial Fishing Year for Yellowtail Snapper
- Final Action – South Atlantic Amendment: Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements

Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, April 7, 2016 – Council Session

VI. Committee Reports

A. **8:30 am – 8:45 am:** Admin Policy/Budget (**Tab G**) – Bosarge

B. **8:45 am – 9:00 am:** Law Enforcement (**Tab L**) - Boyd

C. **9:00 am – 9:30 am:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – Stunz

D. **9:30 am – 10:00 am:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – Bosarge

E. **10:00 am – 10:30 am** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – Dana

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break -----

F. **10:45 am – 11:00 am:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – Anson

G. **11:00 am – 12:00 pm:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Greene

– Recess –

H. **1:30 pm – 2:45 pm:** Reef Fish Continued (**Tab B**) – Greene

I. **2:45 pm – 3:00 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Anson

VII. **3:00 pm – 3:30 pm:** Other Business – Anson

– Adjourn –

ⁱ The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas, except for those setting times for public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must turn in a registration card before the beginning of the public comment period. During public comment the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

ⁱⁱⁱ Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public. **To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments at least three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.**

^{iv} Oral or written communications provided to the Council are public documents. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and maintained by the Council as part of its permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal law.

^v Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.

Next Meeting
June 20-24, 2016
Hilton
Clearwater Beach, FL