

Revised Staggered Terms for Gulf Council Advisory Panels

The Gulf Council, in April, decided to establish three-year terms for advisory panel (AP) membership with no term limits. The Council also established a staggered system for appointments whereby a third of the total membership will be reconsidered by the Council each year. In August, the Council determined that Ad Hoc APs would be reviewed annually at the January Council meeting and evaluated as to whether the Ad Hoc AP would continue for another year and if the AP membership is to be re-advertised for appointments.

In order to accomplish staggered terms for the advisory panels it was necessary to assign, on a one-time basis, one, two, and three-year terms to the various advisory panels. Thereafter, the appointments will be made every three years. With this new process, the Council will make appointments to one-third of the AP seats on an annual basis rather than making appointments to all the advisory panel seats every two years. Given that people can serve on multiple panels it was deemed too confusing to stagger membership terms within each panel so the panels as a whole were used to establish staggered terms.

Below is a list of the Council Advisory Panels, along with the number of years each panel will serve **initially** and the future reconsideration schedule.

1 Year Appointment (Review years: 2016, 2019 . . .) **No. of Members**

Data Collection	19
Coral	6
Spiny Lobster	<u>6</u>
Total	31

2 Year Appointment (Review years: 2017, 2020 . . .)

Coastal Migratory Pelagics	18
Red Drum	<u>17</u>
Total	35

3 Year Appointment (Review years: 2018, 2021 . . .)

Shrimp	13
Reef Fish	<u>23</u>
Total	36

<u>Ad Hoc Advisory Panels Reviewed Annually</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>	<u>Date Created</u>
Ad Hoc Private Recreational (To be created)	?	TBD
Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate	16	October 2012
Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-Hire	19	March 2015
Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ	17	August 2013
Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat	<u>14</u>	March 2015
Total	66	