

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**STANDING AND SPECIAL REEF FISH**  
**SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**  
**ASTOR CROWNE PLAZA**  
**NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm CST**  
**Wednesday, March 23, 2011: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm CST**  
**Thursday, March 24, 2011: 8:30 am – 5:00 pm CST**  
**Friday, March 25, 2011: 8:30 am – noon CST**

**Tuesday, March 22, 2011 – Standing and Special Mackerel SSC**

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Blanchet
- II. Approval of December 11-12, 2008 minutes – Blanchet
- III. Review of ABC Control Rule - Atran
- IV. Set ABC based on ABC Control rule for Coastal Migratory Pelagics
  - a. Gulf group king mackerel
  - b. Gulf group Spanish mackerel
  - c. Cobia

**Wednesday-Friday, March 23-25, 2011 – Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC**

- V. Approval of January 18-21, 2011 summary minutes – Blanchet
- VI. Review of biological summaries for species to be assigned ABCs - Atran
- VII. Greater Amberjack Update Assessment
  - a. Review of assessment – Cummings/S. Powers
  - b. Recommendation of ABC – Blanchet
- VIII. Terms of Reference Review and Approval – Atran/Blanchet
  - a. Gray triggerfish standard assessment
  - b. Vermilion snapper standard assessment
- IX. OFL/ABC recommendations for stocks in the Generic ACL/AM Amendment
  - a. Stocks currently without ABCs
    - i. Scamp
    - ii. Mid-water snapper complex (blackfin, silk, Queen, wenchman)
    - iii. Deep-water grouper complex (Warsaw, snowy, misty, speckled hind)
    - iv. Yellowtail snapper\*
    - v. Hogfish\*\*
    - vi. Shallow-water snapper complex excluding mutton snapper (cubera, dog, mahogany, schoolmaster)\*\*
    - vii. Sand perches (sand perch, dwarf sand perch)\*\*
    - viii. Golden tilefish
    - ix. Yellowedge grouper

- b. Stocks with ABCs to be re-evaluated
  - i. Tilefish complex (blueline, anchor, blackline, goldface)
  - ii. Amberjacks complex (Almaco jack, banded rudderfish, lesser amberjack)
  - iii. Lane snapper

- \* An FWC assessment is scheduled for 2011
- \*\* ABC was set in July 2010, but without a quorum

- X. Reconsideration of red grouper ABC
- XI. Criteria for Removing Species From FMP (EX = expert opinion needed)
  - a. Less than xxx pounds average landings over time period
  - b. Not a significant target species/species grouping (EX)
  - c. Not known as overfished or overfishing occurring
  - d. Not likely to become overfished or have overfishing occur (EX)
  - e. Not a significant ecosystem link (EX)
  - f. Presently an IFQ species
  - g. Percentage of catch from state waters
- XII. Comments on Revisions to SEDAR Process – Blanchet/Atran
- XIII. Recommendations for Changes to Scheduled SEDAR Assessments
- XIV. Schedule for SSC meetings for the remainder of 2011 - Atran
- XV. Other Business – Blanchet
  - a. Representation for the 2011 National SSC meeting – Blanchet  
October 4-6, 2011 – Williamsburg, VA

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