

**COUNCIL AGENDA
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
RENAISSANCE MOBILE RIVERVIEW PLAZA HOTEL
BON SECOUR BALLROOM
MOBILE, ALABAMA
FEBRUARY 1-2, 2012**

Wednesday February 1, 2012

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Gill
3:00 pm – 3:05 pm
- II. Adoption of Agenda ¹ (**Tab A, No. 4**) – Gill
3:05 pm – 3:10 pm
- III. Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No. 6**) – Gill
3:10 pm – 3:15 pm
- IV. Public Comment ^{2, 3, 4, 5} - Gill
 - a. Agenda Testimony
 - (1) Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 34 – Crew Size and Income Requirement
 - (2) Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 35 – Greater Amberjack
 - (3) Final Action on Regulatory Amendment for Red Snapper Fall Closed Season Revision and 2012 Annual Catch Limit (ACL)
 - (4) Final Action on Spiny Lobster Amendment 11
 - (5) Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP)
 - b. Open Testimony on any other Fishery Issues or Concern
3:15 pm – 6:15 pm

- Recess -

¹ The established times for addressing items on the Council and committee 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. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the date established by these agendas.

² 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 first hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items; and then allow for open public testimony regarding any fishery issue or concern. During public comment, time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer. If your sentiments are reflected in comments made by others, please avoid duplication and allow the next speaker to address the Council.

³ Persons wishing Council members to have copies of written testimony or information should provide 30 copies to staff before public comment begins for distribution to members. All written information shall include a statement of the source and date of such information. Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying.

⁴ Oral or written communications provided to the Council, its members or its staff that relate to matters within the Council’s purview are public in nature. 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.

⁵ 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.

Thursday February 2, 2012

- V. Approval of Restoration Committee Membership and Development of Their Charge (**Tab A, No. 3**) - Gill
8:00 am – 8:30 am

- VI. Fisheries 101 (**Tab K**) – Bortone
8:30 am – 8:45 am

- VII. Flower Garden Banks Sanctuary Lionfish Presentation (**Tab L**) – Johnston
8:45 am – 9:15 am

- VIII. Committee Reports
 - a. Shrimp (**Tab D**) – Perret
9:15 am – 9:30 am
 - b. Mackerel (**Tab C**) – Fischer
9:30 am – 10:00 am
 - c. Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Shipp
10:00 am – 12:00 noon &
1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
 - d. Joint Mackerel/Reef Fish/Red Drum (**Tab G**) – Shipp/Fischer/Pearce
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm
 - e. Data Collection (**Tab E**) – Pearce
2:45 pm – 3:15 pm
 - f. Artificial Reef (**Tab H**) – Anson
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm
 - g. Scientific & Statistical Committee Selection (**Tab I & Tab J**) – Simpson
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm
 - h. Spiny Lobster (**Tab F**) – Teehan
3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

- IX. Other Business (**Tab L**) – Gill
4:15 pm – 4:45 pm

– Adjourn –

Following Meeting:

Omni Bayfront Hotel
900 North Shoreline Boulevard
Corpus Christi, Texas