

Council Agenda
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Mobile Marriott
Garden Ballroom
Mobile, Alabama
February 7-8, 2013

Thursday, February 7, 2013

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Boyd
10:30 am – 10:35 am
- II. Adoption of Agenda ¹ **(Tab A, No. 4)** – Boyd
10:35 pm – 10:40 am
- III. Approval of Minutes **(Tab A, No. 5)** – Boyd
10:45 am – 10:50 am
- IV. Other Business **(Tab L)** – Boyd
10:50 am – 11:30 am
 - Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) Update – Ponce
 - Summary of HMS Advisory Panel Meeting – Froeschke
 - HMS Amendment Comments – Abele
 - Updates to Examinations and Certificates of Compliance – Perkins
 - South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting Summary, Dec. 2012 – Boyd
 - Gulf of Mexico Large Ecosystem Meeting Summary – Bortone
 - Episodic Events Workshop Summary – Bortone
 - Gulf of Mexico Alliance PIT Meeting Summary – Bortone
 - Kemps Ridley Stock Assessment Workshop Summary – Perret
 - Update on Reorganization of Federal Fishing Regulations – Crabtree
- Recess –
- V. Review of Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) (if any) **(Tab J)** – Crabtree/Boyd
1:00 pm – 1:15 pm

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.

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- VI. Public Comment ^{2, 3, 4, 5} – Boyd
- a. Agenda Testimony
 - (1) Framework Action to Set 2013 Red Snapper Quotas
 - (2) 2011 Cooperative Texas Shrimp Closure
 - (3) Framework Action for Vermilion and Yellowtail Snapper ACL and Venting Tool Requirement
 - (4) Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) (if any)
 - b. Open Testimony on any other Fishery Issues or Concerns
- 1:15 pm – 5:00 pm

Friday, February 8, 2012

- VII. Review and deem changes to the Proposed Rule for the Fishery Management Plan for Regulating Offshore Marine Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab F**) – Beck
8:30 am – 9:30 am
- VIII. Vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (if any) (**Tab K**) – Crabtree/Boyd
9:30 am – 9:45 am
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Data Collection (Tab E) – Pearce
9:45 am – 10:15 am
 - b. Shrimp (Tab D) – Riley
10:15 am – 10:30 am
 - c. Ad Hoc Restoration (Tab G) – Simpson
10:30 am – 10:45 am
 - d. Reef Fish – January (Tab SP) – Shipp
Comments on the 2013 Red Snapper Quotas and Bag Limits (Tab SP 7) – Ponce
10:45 am – 12:00 noon
 - e. Reef Fish *continued* – February Meeting (Tab B) – Shipp/Fischer/Pearce
1:30 pm – 3:30 pm
- X. Review of Action Schedule (**Tab A, No. 6**) – Boyd
3:30 pm – 3:45 pm

<p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting April 15 – 18, 2013 Marriott Courtyard Gulfport, Mississippi</p>
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– Adjourn –

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 concerns. 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 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.** Materials submitted to Council members or staff for distribution prior to or during a Council meeting will be treated as all other written comments and will be posted to the website.

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.