

Council Agenda
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Courtyard Marriott
Coastal Ballroom
Gulfport, Mississippi
April 17-18, 2013

Wednesday, April 17, 2013

- I. Call to Order and Introductions – Boyd
1:30 pm – 1:35 pm
- II. Adoption of Agenda ¹ (**Tab A, No. 4**) – Boyd
1:35 pm – 1:40 pm
- III. Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No. 5**) – Boyd
1:40 pm – 1:45 pm
- IV. Public Comment ^{2, 3, 4, 5} – Boyd
 - a. Agenda Testimony
 - (1) Framework Action to Fund Electronic Logbook Program for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico
 - (2) Permit Transfer and Renewal Requirements for Gulf of Mexico Charter/Headboat Permits (passenger capacity)
 - b. Open Testimony on any other Fishery Issues or Concerns
1:45 pm – 5:30 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 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.

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- V. Review of and Vote on Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) (if any) **(Tab L)** – Crabtree/Boyd
8:30 am – 8:45 am
- VI. Committee Reports
- a. Advisory Panel Selection **(Tab F)** – Perret
8:45 am – 9:00 am
 - b. Scientific and Statistical Committee Selection **(Tab G)** – Simpson
9:00 am – 9:15 am
 - c. Budget/Personnel **(Tab H)** – Riechers
9:15 am – 9:30 am
 - d. Joint Artificial Reef/Habitat Protection **(Tab K)** – Anson/Greene
9:30 am – 9:45 a.m.
 - e. Shrimp **(Tab D)** – Riley
9:45 am – 10:00 am
 - f. Red Drum **(Tab I)** – Pearce
10:00 am – 10:15 am
 - g. Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem **(Tab J)** – Riechers
10:15 am – 10:30 am
 - h. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee Report **(Tab M)** – March 2013 Meeting – Fischer
10:30 am – 11:30 am

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- VII. Committee Reports *(continued)*
- i. Mackerel **(Tab C)** – Fischer
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm
 - j. Data Collection **(Tab E)** – Pearce
1:30 pm – 2:00 pm
 - k. Reef Fish **(Tab B)** – Shipp
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
- VIII. Other Business **(Tab N)** – Boyd
4:00 pm – 4:15 pm
- SEDAR Schedule
- IX. Review of Action Schedule **(Tab A, No. 6)** – Boyd
4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

June 17 – 21, 2013
Crowne Plaza
Pensacola, Florida