



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

*Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico*

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## **Red Snapper For-Hire Advisory Panel**

### **December 2-3, 2014 Scope of Work**

Double Tree Hotel,  
4500 W. Cypress Street, Tampa, FL 33607

#### 1. **Elections**

AP members are expected to select a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Red Snapper For-Hire Advisory Panel. The elected Chair will be expected to run the meeting.

#### 2. **Charge to the AP**

AP members should review the charge adopted by the Council. If necessary, AP members should refer to the charge and ensure that meeting discussions are consistent with the charge. **The charge to the Red Snapper For-Hire AP is to make recommendations to the Council relative to the design and implementation of flexible measures for the management of red snapper for the for hire sector.**

#### 3. **Overview of the For-Hire Component**

Staff will present information relative to different elements of the for-hire component, i.e., headboats and charter for-hire vessels. Staff will summarize relevant information including but not limited to, the number of valid or renewable federal for-hire permits, their geographical distribution across the Gulf, and vessels passenger capacity. Distributions of red snapper landings by region will also be presented. AP members should refer to the information presented to inform their discussions during this meeting.

#### 4. **For-Hire Data Collection**

Staff will present current data collection procedures for the federal for-hire component. AP members are expected to discuss the methods presented and suggest potential improvements to the data collection efforts.

#### 5. **Management Techniques in Fisheries**

Staff will provide an overview of management techniques typically used in recreational fisheries. Management approaches discussed would include traditional regulatory approaches such effort and output control as well as incentive-based mechanisms such as limited access privilege programs. AP members are expected to discuss management approaches presented and begin to evaluate their applicability to the for-hire sector.

6. **The Headboat Collaborative**

Staff and a member of the collaborative will highlight the key features of the headboat collaborative and present summary data for the program. AP members should consider and discuss aspects of the program that may be applicable to the for-hire component as a whole.

7. **Short and Long Term Potential Management Measures**

AP members are expected to articulate a concise vision for the for-hire component. AP members should formulate specific goals and objectives to be achieved by the management of the for-hire component, e.g., longer fishing seasons, flexible and sustainable management of red snapper within the for-hire component. Staff will present suggested short and long term management measures and discuss pros and cons of the suggested measures. AP members are expected to discuss the suggested management measures and offer additional suggestions. During this meeting, it is not expected that AP members will settle all design features of any specific management instrument or measure. Rather, AP members should focus on recommending to the Council a suite of short and long term management measures consistent with the goals and objectives selected by the AP.

8. **Recommendations to the Council**

Based on the presentations and discussions during this meeting, AP members should provide to the Council recommendations on red snapper management for the newly established for-hire component.

9. **Other Business**

AP members may propose items to be added to the agenda for discussion. Items proposed must be consistent with the Council's charge to the AP.

10. **Next Steps**

AP members may indicate additional information they would like to receive in the future. AP members may suggest next steps to the Council, e.g., follow-up meetings to further discuss some of the topics considered during this meeting.