



GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice

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GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WILL CONVENE A MEETING OF THE AD HOC GROUPER INDIVIDUAL FISHING QUOTA ADVISORY PANEL (AHGIFQAP)

Tampa, Florida – February 2, 2006 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Grouper Individual Fishing Quota Advisory Panel (AHGIFQAP) to begin assembling some broad general recommendations to the Council regarding the scope and general configuration of a Dedicated Access Privilege System (DAP) for the commercial grouper fishery.

The AHGIFQAP will convene February 22 - 23, 2006 at the Embassy Suites Hotel Tampa Airport/Westshore, 555 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 22, 2006, and conclude no later than 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2006. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630.

The AHGIFQAP is comprised of commercial grouper fishermen and others knowledgeable about DAP systems to assist in the development of such a program. This will mark the first meeting of the group, which was appointed by the Council during its November, 2005 regular meeting.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AHGIFQAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (M-SFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AHGIFQAP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council at least five working days prior to the meeting.

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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