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Gulf Council to Convene its Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) via Conference Call

Tampa, Florida – March 14, 2006 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ecosystem SSC April 5, 2006, via conference call.

The purpose of the conference call is for the Ecosystem SSC to begin planning an ecosystem modeling workshop to be held later this year. The objectives of the conference call are to identify multispecies/ecosystem modeling projects that may be used to address some of the key policy issues facing the Council. The Committee will also identify ecosystem modeling experts who may be contracted to assist the SSC and to perform some of the pre-analysis prior to the workshop.

The Ecosystem SSC, a committee of economists, biologists, sociologists, and natural resource attorneys knowledgeable about the technical aspects of fisheries in the Gulf, is appointed by the Council, and provides advice and opinions on various issues facing the Council.

The conference call will begin at 10 a.m. EST and will conclude no later than 11 a.m. EST. Listening stations are available at the following locations:

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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 Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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