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GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WILL CONVENE MEETINGS OF THE AD HOC SHRIMP EFFORT WORKING GROUP (AHSEWG)

Tampa, Florida – April 4, 2006 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene meetings of the Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Working Group (AHSEWG) to begin evaluating shrimp effort in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico. The working group, appointed by the Council during its March 2006, regular meeting, is charged with providing the Council with alternatives for determining the appropriate level of effort in the shrimp fishery in the EEZ. The group also will discuss the level of effort necessary to achieve optimum yield in the shrimp fishery and what level of effort would derive the maximum benefits of that fishery.

The AHSEWG includes fishery biologists, economists and others knowledgeable about shrimp effort in the Gulf of Mexico. The group will convene April 27 – 28, 2006 and May 23 – 24, 2006 at the NMFS Galveston Laboratory, Building 216, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, Texas. Both meetings will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the first day and conclude no later than 3:00 p.m. on the second day. For more information, or for copies of meeting agenda, please call 813-348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AHSEWG 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 AHSEWG 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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