



# GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Meeting Notice

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## **Gulf Council to convene its Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) via conference call to discuss preparations for an Ecosystem Modeling Workshop**

**Tampa, Florida – April 5, 2006** - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ecosystem SSC May 30, 2006, via conference call, to determine which issues and models will be evaluated in an ecosystem modeling workshop to be held later this year. That workshop will assess the use of ecosystem modeling to address some of the key policy issues facing the Council.

The ecosystem approach to fishery management considers the cumulative impacts of different sectors and differs from the current approaches, which typically focus on a single species, sector, activity, or concern. The ecosystems approach will not replace current management, which is species oriented, but will supplement and enhance it.

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. EDT and will conclude no later than noon EDT. Listening stations are available at the following locations:

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Copies of meeting materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630.

Meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be made at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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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