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Meeting Notice

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IFQ Implementation Workshop scheduled for June 7, 2006

Tampa, Florida – May 23, 2006 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council), during its June 5-8, 2006 meeting will participate in an IFQ Implementation Workshop. NOAA Fisheries Service will hold the public workshop Wednesday, June 7, 2006, in order to provide a general demonstration of the on-line capabilities to implement the Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) System. This presentation, which begins at 6:30 p.m., is solely for the purpose of soliciting input from the Council and potential users of the system in an effort to make the tool user friendly, concise, and responsive to Reef Fish Amendment 26.

Reef Fish Amendment 26 establishes an individual fishing quota system for the commercial red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. Under the plan, individual quotas will be assigned based on historical landings. It is hoped that working under such a system will increase product quality by improving fishing and handling methods, as well as reduce bycatch by allowing fishermen greater flexibility in operations.

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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