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GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WILL CONVENE A CONFERENCE CALL MEETING FOR ITS SOCIOECONOMIC PANEL WORKGROUP

Tampa, Florida – October 12, 2006 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a conference call for members of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) workgroup to discuss methods and data needed to evaluate grouper allocations between the recreational and commercial sectors.

The SEP workgroup is made up of SEP members who are economists familiar with models and data available on which to base a new allocation scheme. The workgroup conference call is scheduled for November 2, 2006 at 11:00 a.m. EDT. Listening stations are available at the following locations:

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
2203 N. Lois Avenue - Suite 1100
Tampa, FL 33607

National Marine Fisheries Service
263 13th Avenue South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SEP 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 SEP 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 Tina Trezza 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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