



# GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL WILL CONVENE ITS STANDING SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE (SSC)

**Tampa, Florida – October 16, 2006** - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of its Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to address the Marine Recreational Fishing Statistic Survey (MRFSS) with emphasis on its reliability and uses. This review will include recommendations of the National Research Council (NRC) study of the MRFSS, its use in state administered programs, NOAA response to the NRC recommendations, and NOAA planned redesign of some of the survey methodology.

The SSC will also address issues and SSC operation procedures related to the use of the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) process. The administrator of the SEDAR program will brief the SSC on the operational procedures of the program, and respond to questions regarding the process.

The Standing SSC is made up of economists, biologists, sociologists, and natural resource attorneys who are knowledgeable about the technical aspects of fisheries in the Gulf.

The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida, on November 8, 2006, beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding no later than 4:00 p.m. 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 SSC 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 SSC 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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