



# GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **Shrimp Advisory Panel will Convene to Discuss the Texas Shrimp Closure and Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14 and Shrimp Amendment 15**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of the Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The Shrimp AP will receive reports from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on the status and health of the shrimp stocks, as well as a report on the biological and economic aspects of the 2006 Cooperative Shrimp Closure with the state of Texas. The panel may make recommendations for a cooperative closure with Texas for 2007. The management objectives of the Texas closure regulation (as specified in the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan) are to increase the yield of brown shrimp and eliminate the waste of the resource caused by discarding undersized shrimp caught during a period of rapid growth.

The AP will also review possible actions for the shrimp fishery as part of Reef Fish 27/Shrimp 14 and additional potential actions to limit access and control effort in the shrimp fishery as part of a potential Shrimp Amendment 15. Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14 proposes actions that deal with adjustments to the total allowable catch (TAC) for red snapper, size limits, bag limits, recreational season dates, and limitations on effort and bycatch for the shrimp fishery. Amendment 15 would potentially reduce effort and bycatch, as well as consider further measures to limit access to the shrimp fishery.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or E-mailing a request to [gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org). Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Shrimp AP 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 by the Shrimp AP 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 APs intent to take action to address the emergency.

Meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza at the Council five 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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