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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Management Advisory Panel (AP)

Tampa, Florida – December 11, 2006 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Shrimp Effort Management Advisory Panel (AP) to receive brief presentations on current levels of effort and the levels of effort that could optimize yield from the shrimp fishery.

The panel will receive similar briefings on the current level of shrimp trawl bycatch of juvenile red snapper and the maximum level of allowable bycatch that will maintain the current targets for rebuilding the red snapper stock in the Gulf of Mexico.

The AP is charged with developing management recommendations for the shrimp fishery to manage effort to reduce red snapper bycatch mortality in the shrimp fishery by 50% from the 2001-2003 base line in 2007, as well as developing additional management measures to reach the red snapper bycatch mortality reduction goals for the shrimp fishery established in the red snapper rebuilding plan.

The AP voting members consist of commercial shrimp fishermen, dealers, processors, and association representatives. Nonvoting members include a National Marine Fisheries Service scientist, two representatives of environmental non-government organizations, a NOAA enforcement representative, and a representative of the Sea Grant Cooperative Extension Service.

The group will convene at the Hilton Houston Hobby Airport, 8181 Airport Boulevard in Houston, Texas. The meeting will run from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday, January 8, 2007 and continue Tuesday, January 9, 2007 from 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. For more information, or for copies of meeting agenda, please call 813-348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the 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 of the 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 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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