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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Socioeconomic Panel

Tampa, Florida – April 10, 2007 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) to discuss grouper allocation, Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14, an update on the recently implemented Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) system, and recommendations of the Ad Hoc Grouper IFQ Advisory Panel. The SEP will also elect its chair and vice chair.

The panel will convene May 3 – 4, 2007 at the Grand Bay Miami Hotel, 2669 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 3, 2007, concluding no later than 1:00 p.m. Friday, May 4, 2007. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630.

The SEP is made up of Sociologists and Economists who review the findings of the Stock Assessment Panels (SAPs) and advise the Council of the social and economic impacts of those findings.

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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