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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Red Snapper Advisory Panel to Review Draft Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14

Tampa, Florida – April 20, 2007 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP) in Metairie, Louisiana on May 15, 2007 to review and comment on the Gulf Council's Draft Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14.

The AP will review the document, which contains potential management measures to modify the rebuilding plan for red snapper in order to end overfishing and recover this overfished stock. These measures would further reduce the directed red snapper harvest, as well as bycatch from both the directed fishery and the shrimp fishery. The AP will also prepare comments on the document, to be considered by the Council prior to final action.

The meeting will be held at the Four Points by Sheraton, 6401 Veterans Memorial Boulevard, Metairie, Louisiana, and will convene at 8:30 a.m., concluding no later than 4:00 p.m. A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813.348.1630 (toll-free 888.833.1844).

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.

The meeting is open to the public and physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina Trezza, 813-348-1630, at least five working days prior to the meeting.

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