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## **Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to hold public hearings on Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp Amendment 14**

**Tampa, Florida – April 30, 2007** - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has scheduled a series of public hearings to solicit public comment on a draft joint amendment to the reef fish and shrimp fishery management plans. Joint Reef Fish Amendment 27/Shrimp 14 proposes actions that deal with adjustments to the total allowable catch (TAC) for red snapper, minimum size limits, bag limits, recreational season dates, and reductions of juvenile red snapper discard mortality in both the directed fishery and the shrimp fishery.

The latest stock assessment shows that red snapper continue to be overfished and the stock is undergoing overfishing. Shrimp trawl bycatch, combined with bycatch of red snapper from the directed commercial and recreational fisheries jeopardizes the success of the recovery plan. The proposed amendments may change current management practices to help achieve an appropriate level and rate of rebuilding of the red snapper fishery. Public hearings give the public an opportunity to provide input on the types of management changes the Council is considering.

Staff will hold a total of 13 public hearings, from Brownsville, Texas, to Ft. Myers, Florida, to receive comments on the draft document. Public input will be considered by the Council before voting on the final document in June.

Interested parties are encouraged to participate in the public hearings. Copies of the document are now available and can be obtained by calling the Council at 813-348-1630, or by e-mailing the Council at [gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org](mailto:gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org). Documents will also be available online at [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org). Written comments will be accepted and should be received on or before May 31, 2007.

All public hearings begin at 6:00 p.m. and will conclude no later than 10:00 p.m. Hearing dates and locations are as follows:

### **May 14, 2007**

#### **[Holiday Inn Brownsville](#)**

3777 N. Expressway  
Brownsville, Texas  
956-547-1500

#### **Chauvin Parish Recreational Center**

215 Angel Street  
Chauvin, Louisiana  
985-594-2020

### **May 15, 2007**

#### **[Plantation Suites](#)**

1909 Highway 361  
Port Aransas, Texas  
361-749-3866

### **May 17, 2007**

#### **[San Luis](#)**

5222 Seawall Boulevard  
Galveston, Texas  
409-411-1500

#### **[Four Points Sheraton New Orleans Airport](#)**

6401 Veterans Memorial Blvd.  
Metairie, LA  
504-885-5700

#### **[LSU Agricultural Center](#)**

1105 W. Port Street  
Abbeville, Louisiana  
337-898-4335

### **May 16, 2007**

Palacios Recreational Center  
2401 Peryman Avenue  
Palacios, Texas  
361-972-2387

### **May 21, 2007**

#### **[Embassy Suites Hotel](#)**

570 Scenic Gulf Drive  
Destin, Florida  
850-337-7000

Clarion Hotel  
12635 S. Cleveland Avenue (US 41)  
Ft. Myers, Florida  
239-936-0931

**May 22, 2007**

Foley Community Center  
407 E. Laurel Avenue  
Foley, AL 36535  
251-943-1545

[Quorum Hotel](#)

700 North Westshore Blvd.  
Tampa, Florida  
813-289-8200

**May 23, 2007**

[Riverview Plaza Hotel](#)

64 S. Water Street  
Mobile, Alabama  
251-438-4000

**May 24, 2007**

Donald Snyder Sr. Community Center  
2520 Pass Road  
Biloxi, Mississippi  
228-435-6281

Hearings are open to the public and are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office within five business days of the meeting date.

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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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