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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council convenes its Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper Advisory Panel

Tampa, Florida – October 17, 2007 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its newly formed Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP) Tuesday, November 13 and Wednesday, 14, 2007.

The panel will evaluate and recommend innovative management strategies for the private and for-hire recreational red snapper fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico, and will also evaluate and recommend innovative approaches to minimizing bycatch and bycatch mortality in those fisheries. Some management strategies that may be considered include random distribution systems (such as lotteries), community-based approaches, incentive-based approaches, effort control, and any other novel approaches deemed relevant by the AP.

Approaches to minimize bycatch and bycatch mortality may include methods to improve the survival of released fish, methods to avoid the capture of undersized or out-of-season fish, and methods to account for otherwise unavoidable regulatory discards.

The AP may also discuss related issues, such as regional management, monitoring methods, accountability measures, goals and objectives for recreational red snapper fisheries management, or other issues associated with management of the recreational red snapper fishery.

The meeting will be held at the InterContinental Hotel, 4860 W. Kennedy Boulevard in Tampa and will convene at 1:00 pm Tuesday, November 13, 2007, concluding no later than 3:00 pm Wednesday, November 14, 2007.

For a copy of the agenda please call 888-833-1844, or E-mail the Council at gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. 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.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AP, in accordance with the M-SFCMA, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda.