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Gulf Council to Convene its Standing SSC and Special Reef Fish SSC

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has scheduled a meeting of the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Special Reef Fish SSC for January 9 – 10, 2008 at the Hilton Hobby, 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, Texas. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, January 9, and conclude at approximately 12:00 p.m. Thursday, January 10.

The joint Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC will review a Generic Amendment for Offshore Aquaculture that contains provisions for allowing and regulating potential offshore aquaculture operations in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Gulf of Mexico.

The SSCs will also review proposed Amendment 30B to the Reef Fish fishery management plan. That amendment contains provisions for potential additional regulations for gag grouper and possible regulation reductions on red grouper.

Finally, the SSCs may also discuss potential adjustments to the deep-water grouper and tilefish total allowable catch levels.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813-348-1630, or E-mailing a request to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSC 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. Action of the SSC 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 intent to take action to address the emergency.

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

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils that were established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council prepares fishery management plans that are designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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