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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 – December 19, 2007 - The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper Advisory Panel (AP) January 9 – 11, 2008.

The Advisory Panel will consider developing goals and objectives for management of the recreational red snapper fishery, and continue to evaluate and recommend innovative management strategies for the private and for-hire recreational red snapper fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico. The panel will also evaluate and recommend innovative approaches to minimizing bycatch and bycatch mortality in those fisheries.

The panel will focus on specific issues within recreational red snapper fishery management, including data collection, education and enforcement, artificial reefs and marine reserves, bycatch reduction, and limited access privilege programs (LAPPs) such as individual fishing quotas (IFQs) and angling management organizations (AMOs).

In addressing these issues, the AP may use break-out groups of selected panel members during a portion of the meeting in order to focus attention on these specific topics and develop discussion points for the entire AP to debate later in the meeting or at future meetings.

The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel, 700 N. Westshore Boulevard in Tampa, Florida, and will convene at 1:00 pm Wednesday, January 9, 2008, concluding no later than noon Friday, January 11, 2008.

For a copy of the agenda please call 888-833-1844, or E-mail the Council at gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. Handout materials for the meeting may be downloaded from the Council's FTP site. Simply visit <ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org> and select the folder titled Ad Hoc Recreational Red Snapper AP meeting - Jan 2008.

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.

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