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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of its Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel March 29-30, 2010 at the Gulf Council Office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida. The meeting will convene at 1:00 p.m. local time, Monday March 29, and conclude by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 30. Every attempt will be made to broadcast the meeting over the Internet.

The Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel will meet to discuss the development of general criteria for electronic reporting systems to improve accuracy and timeliness of data collected in Gulf of Mexico fisheries.

On day one, the Panel will review electronic reporting systems, potential management benefits, consider challenges to implementation, and other requirements for the development of electronic reporting systems. The Panel will also discuss quality standards for self-reported data with a review of existing Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program and Marine Recreational Information Program data standards.

On day two, overviews of existing and pilot electronic reporting systems will be presented to the Panel. The Panel will review and discuss existing systems in place for commercial and recreational fisheries. Also on the table is a discussion regarding minimum criteria and standards for electronic reporting systems for Gulf of Mexico commercial and for-hire fisheries.

Finally, the Panel will discuss issues related to data management and acquisition, including: what data are needed to improve management; frequency of reported data; integration with existing data systems; and mechanisms for electronic reporting.

Any recommendations made by the Ad Hoc Data Collection Advisory Panel will be presented to the Council during its April 12-15, 2010 meeting in Galveston, Texas.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials may be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630, or by visiting the Council's FTP site - <http://ftp.gulfcouncil.org>

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Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel 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 Magnuson Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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