



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

Managing Fishery Resources in the U.S. Federal Waters of the Gulf of Mexico

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

Astor Crowne Plaza
Ballroom C-D
New Orleans, Louisiana
August 15-18, 2016

Monday, August 15, 2016 – Committee Sessions

8:30 am – 10:30 am: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Leann Bosarge, *Chair*

- Final 2014 No-cost Extension Expenditures
- Review of 2016 Expenditures and Revised Budgets for 2017-2019
- Review and Approval of the Updated Regional Operating Agreement with NMFS
- Discussion of SSC Members also being a State Designee
- Discussion of Council Committee Assignments
- Review of Administrative Handbook Revisions

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Break-----

10:45 am – 12:00 pm: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Greg Stunz, *Chair*

- Presentation on NFWF For-Hire Pilot Program
- Modifications to the Generic Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements; including review of minimum data elements
- Cost Analysis of Commercial Electronic Reporting Program
- Atlantic States Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Meeting Summary

– Recess –

1:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Joint Coral/Habitat Protection Committees (Tab N) – Dale Diaz, *Chair*

- Draft of 5-year Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review
- Summary of the Joint Shrimp AP/Coral SSC/AP Meeting
- Letter regarding the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Discussion on fishing regulations for the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary

3:45 pm – 4:00 pm: Break-----

4:00 pm – 5:30 pm: *Full Council Closed Session*

- Appointments for the Ad Hoc Private Recreational AP

– Recess –

Tuesday, August 16, 2016 – Committee Sessions Continued

8:30 am – 12:00 pm & 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm: Reef Fish Management Committee (Tab B) – Johnny Greene, *Chair*

- Draft Amendment 36A – Commercial IFQ Program Modifications
- Review of Headboat Collaborative Project
- Draft Amendment 46 – Modify Gray Triggerfish Rebuilding Plan
- Draft Amendment 42 – Reef Fish Recreational Management for Headboat Survey Vessels
- Draft Amendment 41 – Red Snapper Management for Federally Permitted Charter Vessels

– Recess –

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 – Committee Sessions Continued

8:30 am – 9:30 am: Reef Fish Management Committee Continued (Tab B) – Johnny Greene, *Chair*

- Options Paper - Amendment 44 – MSST for Reef Fish Stocks
- Discussion – Carryover of Unharvested Red Snapper Allocations
- Review of Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC Report

9:30 am – 11:00 am: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Pamella Dana, *Chair*

- Options Paper: CMP Amendment 29: Allocation Sharing and Accountability Measures for Gulf King Mackerel

11:00 am – 11:15 am: Break-----

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 – Council Session

- I. **11:15 am – 11:20 am:** Call to Order, Announcements, Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award, and Introductions – Anson
- II. **11:20 am – 11:25 am:** Induction of Council Members – Crabtree
- III. **11:25 am – 11:30 am:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (Tab A, No. 3 & 4) – Anson
- IV. **11:30 am – 12:00 pm:** Review of Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (Tab S) – Crabtree/Anson

– Recess –

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 – Council Session Continued

- V. **1:30 pm – 2:00 pm:** Presentations
- Summary of Artificial Reef Summit – Stunz/Froeschke
 - Joint Law Enforcement Presentation (**Tab A, No. 7**) – Hebert
 - NMFS-SERO – Landing Summaries (**Tab A, No. 8**) – Gerhart

2:00 pm – 2:15 pm: Break-----

- VI. **2:15 pm – 5:00 pm:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – Anson
- A. Agenda Testimony
- Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- B. Open Testimony on any Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, August 18, 2016 – Council Session Continued

- VII. Committee Reports
- A. **8:30 am – 9:15 am:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab D**) – Bosarge
- B. **9:15 am – 10:00 am:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – Stunz
- C. **10:00 am – 11:00 am:** Joint Coral/Habitat Protection (**Tab N**) – Diaz
- D. **11:00 am – 11:30 am:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – Dana

– Recess –

- E. **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – Greene

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm: Break -----

- VIII. **3:15 pm – 3:30 pm:** Vote on Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications, if any (**Tab S**) – Anson
- IX. **3:30 pm – 3:45 pm:** Supporting Agencies Update – Anson
- South Atlantic Council Liaison
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

- Department of State

X. **3:45 pm – 4:00 pm:** Other Business – Anson

XI. **4:00 pm – 4:15 pm:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Donaldson/Constant

– Adjourn –

ⁱ The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas, except for those setting times for public comment, may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room before the beginning of the public comment period. During public comment the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

ⁱⁱⁱ Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public. **To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments at least three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.**

^{iv} Oral or written communications provided to the Council are public documents. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and maintained by the Council as part of its permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal law.

^v Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.

Next Meeting

October 17-21, 2016
IP Casino Resort
Biloxi, MS