



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf Council to Convene its Coral Working Group

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a working group of its Coral Advisory Panel December 4-5, 2014, at the Gulf Council office in Tampa, Florida. The meeting will begin at 9:00 am Thursday and conclude by 5 pm Friday.

The group's charge is to determine the criteria and other specifics for potential deep-water coral sites.

During this meeting, the Coral working group will review its charge and discuss the individual sites identified in September.

Meeting materials will be posted on and available for download from the Council FTP site at <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi> - username and password are both gulfguest. After logging in, navigate to the "Coral Workshop Meeting - 2014 - 10" folder.

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Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional Fishery Management Councils established by the Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans, which are designed to manage fishery resources within the 200-mile limit of the Gulf of Mexico.

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