



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice
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Gulf Council to Convene Data Collection Technical Committee

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a meeting of its Data Collection Technical Committee for Monday, June 6, 2016, from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council Office - 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The committee will receive an overview of the electronic reporting program for federally permitted headboats and a presentation describing decision points in a potential program for federally permitted for-hire vessels. The committee will then discuss options to implement electronic reporting of fisheries data in the Gulf of Mexico for-hire sector. Finally, the committee will provide feedback on the decision points raised in the presentations and provide recommendations to the Council based on the strengths, limitations, and value of the various electronic reporting program options under consideration.

The objectives of an electronic reporting program are to improve timeliness and data quality of fisheries data collected from the federal for-hire sector that will be used to support fisheries science and management.

Meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server - <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>. The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "Data Collection Technical Committee".

This meeting will be webcast over the internet via GoToWebinar. To register for the webinar, click here - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8693954263962249732>.

About the 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.