



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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**Meeting Notice**  
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## Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene its Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee

The Gulf Council's Standing and Special Reef Fish scientific and Statistical Committee will meet January 9 – 12, 2012. The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council Office – 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, Florida beginning at 1 p.m. Monday and concluding by noon Thursday.

The Committee will review updated red snapper catch data and other information from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and it will recommend a level of Acceptable Biological Catch beginning in 2012. The Committee will also review an update stock assessment on gray triggerfish and will recommend a level of Acceptable Biological Catch for that stock. In addition, the Committee will be asked for volunteers from within its membership to participate in the red snapper benchmark assessment scheduled to begin in the summer of 2012.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will also discuss the formation of a sub-group to suggest recommendations for revisions to the Acceptable Biological Catch control rule in the Generic Annual Catch Limit and Accountability Measures Amendment. Finally, the Committee will conduct an additional review and analysis by NOAA Fisheries Service on the effect of minimum size limits on greater amberjack yield-per-recruit and spawning potential ratio. Yield-per-recruit is the average expected yield in weight from a single recruit, and is dependent upon the interaction of fishing mortality, natural mortality, and growth rate. A recruit is a fish that is large enough to be caught in the fishery. Spawning potential ratio is a measure of the amount of spawning stock biomass relative to the amount of spawning stock biomass that would exist if there were no fishing.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630. Materials can also be downloaded from the Council's ftp site – [ftp.gulfcouncil.org](ftp://ftp.gulfcouncil.org). The ftp server can also be accessed from the Gulf Council's home page – [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) - under "Quick Links".

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (M-SFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Committee will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda, as well as any issues that may arise after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) M-SFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional fishery management councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council prepares fishery management plans designed to manage fishery resources in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico.

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