



# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

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## **Gulf Council to Hold a Meeting of its Shrimp Working Group**

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a meeting of its Shrimp Working Group Wednesday, March 2, 2016, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Gulf Council office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The group will discuss appropriate methodology and data needs for evaluating aggregate Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) and Optimum Yield (OY) for all shrimp species. MSY is the largest long-term average catch or yield that can be taken from a stock or stock complex under prevailing ecological and environmental conditions. OY is the amount of fish harvested that will provide the greatest overall benefit to the nation.

A copy of the agenda and related materials can be downloaded from the Council's file server - <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi> (login is gulfguest/gulfguest). Click on the "Library Folder" and navigate to "Shrimp MSY OY Working Group." Materials can also be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630.

This meeting will be webcast over the internet via GoToWebinar. Visit [http://gulfcouncil.org/council\\_meetings/Webinars.php](http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/Webinars.php) to register.

### **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.

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