



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 Standing and Special Scientific and Statistical Committees to Meet in August

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene its Standing, Special Reef Fish, and Special Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committees beginning at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 6, 2014 - noon, Friday, August 8, 2014. The meetings will be held at the Council office - 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, in Tampa, Florida.

The Standing SSC will convene Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. to discuss alternative Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule analyses, and to review an options paper to define status determination criteria and optimum yield for all finfish stocks.

Immediately following the Standing SSC meeting, the Standing SSC will meet with the Special Reef Fish SSC until 5:00 p.m. Items up for discussion include:

- Gag Overfishing Limits and Acceptable Biological Catch
- Terms of Reference for the FWC Black Grouper Update Assessment and the SEDAR Red Snapper Update Assessment
- SEDAR Red Grouper Benchmark Data Workshop Participant Need
- SEDAR Schedule

The Standing and Special Shrimp SSC are scheduled to meet Thursday, from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. This committee will:

- Review a two-year provision addition for Action 1.1 and Action 1.2 in Shrimp Amendment 15
- Shrimp Amendment 17 Data Needs and Analyses
- Selection of SSC representative for the August 2014, Council meeting

For a copy of the agenda visit:

http://gulfcouncil.org/council_meetings/agenda/Standing%20Reef%20Fish%20and%20Shrimp%20SSC%20Agenda%20August%202014.pdf or register to watch the meeting live at

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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.

About Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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