



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to Convene a Workshop to Explore Sector Separation

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has scheduled a workshop on sector separation for November 8 – 10, 2010, in Tampa, Florida. The workshop will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 5303 West Kennedy Boulevard, and will serve as a platform to exchange information and discuss issues relative to sector separation and allocation, such as the legal framework for making allocation decisions; constituent perceptions; and potential benefits and challenges of sector separation.

Currently, Gulf of Mexico fisheries are divided into two sectors for management purposes; a commercial sector and a recreational sector. For-hire charter and head boat operations, along with the private recreational anglers, are all part of the recreational sector. Sector separation could allow the splitting of the recreational sector into two or more sectors. For example, instead of a single recreational sector, that sector could be divided into a private recreational sector and a for-hire sector. Further separation could occur by also dividing the for-hire sector into a charter boat sector and a head boat sector.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come up for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. During the workshop, actions will be restricted to those issues specifically those identified in the agenda 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 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 Exclusive Economic Zone of the U.S. Gulf of Mexico

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