



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

June 21 – 25th, 2021

Monday, June 21st – Full Council Closed Session

8:30 AM – 11:30 AM EDT: Closed Session Full Council (Tab T) – Dr. Frazer

- Finalize Selection of Reef Fish and Shrimp Advisory Panel Members
- Selection of Standing and Special Scientific and Statistical Committee Members

----- Lunch 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT -----

Monday, June 21st – Committee Sessions

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Ms. Bosarge

- Update on Effort Data Collection for 2021
- Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery
- Update on P-Sea Windplot Pilot Program

----- Break 2:30 PM – 2:45 PM EDT -----

2:45 PM – 4:00 PM EDT: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – Mr. Dyskow

- Review and Approval of Final Funded 2021 Budget
- Overview and Discussion of Potential Projects for Council Funding
- Discussion of SSC's Best Practices and Voting Procedures

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT: Migratory Species Committee (Tab M) – Dr. Stunz

- Highly Migratory Species Amendment 13: Three-Year Review of the Individual Bluefin Quota Program that Addresses the Directed Fisheries for Bluefin Tuna, and the Incidental Catch of Bluefin by the Pelagic Longline Fishery

– Recess –

Tuesday, June 22th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers

- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings Update
- Draft Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure and South Atlantic Recommendations

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM EDT -----

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM EDT: Mackerel Committee *continued* (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers

- Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations
- Draft Amendment 34: Atlantic King Mackerel Catch Levels and Management Measures

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM EDT -----

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EDT: Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee (Tab P) – Mr. Banks

- Draft Options: Generic Essential Fish Habitat Amendment

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM EDT -----

3:15 PM – 4:30 PM EDT: Habitat Protection and Restoration *continued* (Tab P) – Mr. Banks

- Discussion Session on President Biden's E.O. 14008: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad
 - Presentation: America the Beautiful to Conserve 30% of our Nation's Lands and Waters by 2030
 - Public Comments and Draft Letter on Section 216 (c): Conserving our Nation's Lands and Waters

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM EDT: Red Drum Committee (Tab J) – Gen. Spraggins

- Presentation on Process to Modify Red Drum Management Out to 9 nm

– Recess –

Wednesday, June 23th – Committee Sessions, *Continued*

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Review of Reef Fish Landings
- Final Action: Reef Fish Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Annual Catch Levels and Targets

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM EDT -----

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Presentation on Greater Amberjack Historical Landings and Potential Management Actions

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM EDT -----

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Overview and Discussion of Individual Fishing Quota Programs Review

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM EDT -----

3:15 PM – 5:00 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Ms. Guyas

- Reef Fish Amendments 36B and 36C: Modifications to Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Programs

– Recess –

Immediately following Reef Fish Committee Virtual and In-person GMFMC and NOAA Question and Answer Session – Dr. Frazer / Dr. Porch / Mr. Strelcheck

Thursday, June 24th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Mr. Anson

- Update on Southeast For-hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program
- Presentation: Draft Options for Electronic Reporting due to Equipment Failure

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM EDT -----

10:15 AM – 12:00 PM EDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – Mr. Diaz

- Summary Report from the Joint Council Section 102 Workgroup
- SSC Recommendations on Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule
- Manna Fish Farms, Gulf of Mexico Update
- Bycatch Reduction Methodology

----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM EDT -----

Thursday, June 24th – Council Session

- I. **1:30 PM – 1:35 PM:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions –
Dr. Frazer
- II. **1:35 PM – 1:40 PM:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's. 3 & 4**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- III. **1:40 PM – 2:00 PM:** Presentations
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab A, No. 7**) – *ASAC Malley*
 - Commercial Fish Rules App Overview (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Ms. Muehlstein*

----- Break 2:00 PM – 2:15 PM EDT -----

- IV. **2:15 PM – 5:30 PM:** Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv} – *Dr. Frazer*
 - A. Final Action: Reef Fish Amendment 53: Red Grouper Allocations and Annual Catch Levels and Targets
 - B. Comments on E.O. 14008 Sec 216c: Conserving Our Nations Lands and Waters
 - C. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Friday, June 25th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:30 AM – 9:00 AM:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Ms. Bosarge*
- B. **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Mr. Dyskow*
- C. **9:30 AM – 9:45 AM:** Migratory Species (**Tab M**) – *Dr. Stunz*
- D. **9:45 AM – 10:15 AM:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Riechers*
- E. **10:15 AM – 10:45 AM:** Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Mr. Banks*

----- Break 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM EDT -----

- F. **11:00 AM – 11:30 AM:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Mr. Anson*
- G. **11:30 AM – 12:15 PM:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Mr. Diaz*

----- Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:30 PM EDT -----

- H. **1:30 PM – 2:45 PM:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Ms. Guyas*
- I. **2:45 PM – 3:00 PM:** Red Drum (**Tab J**) – *Gen. Spraggins*

----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM EDT -----

- J. **3:15 PM – 3:30 PM:** Closed Session (**Tab T**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- K. **3:30 PM – 4:00 PM:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Dr. Frazer*
 - South Atlantic Council Liaison – *Mr. Brewer*
 - Florida Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Cpt. Pearce*
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM: Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Dr. Frazer*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

August 23rd – 26th

[Hilton Palacio del Rio Hotel](#)

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ⁱ The established times for addressing items on the Council agendas may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. Public comment may begin earlier than 2:15 pm EDT on June 24, 2021 but will not conclude before that time.

ⁱⁱ Persons wishing to give public testimony **virtually** must sign up on the Council website on the day of public testimony. Registration closes one hour before public testimony begins. Persons wishing to give public testimony **in-person** must register at the registration kiosk in the meeting room before the beginning of the public comment period. During public comment, the Council will hear testimony related to final actions of the Council and pertinent agenda items. Time constraints may limit individual speaking time as determined by the presiding officer.

iii Any oral or written statement shall include a brief description of the background and interests of the person testifying and the source and date of any specific information. Persons wishing to submit written testimony or information can do so by emailing it to gulfcouncil@gulfcouncil.org. All written comments will be posted on the Council's website for viewing by Council members and the public.

To help ensure that Council members have sufficient time to consider your written testimony, please submit your comments at least three business days prior to the start of the Council meeting.

iv Oral or written communications provided to the Council are public documents. These communications will be made available to the public in their entirety and maintained by the Council as part of its permanent record. Further, knowingly and willfully submitting false information to the Council is a violation of Federal law.