



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 21st – 24th, 2022

Crowne Plaza @ Bell Towers Shops
Fort Myers, Florida & Virtual

Tuesday, June 21st – Committee Sessions

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: Habitat Protection and Restoration (Tab P) – Mr. Gill

- Essential Fish Habitat Generic Amendment
- Results of the Aquaculture Opportunity Area Atlas for the Gulf of Mexico
- Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in the Gulf of Mexico

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

10:15 AM – 10:45 AM EDT: Habitat Protection and Restoration *continued* (Tab P) – Mr. Gill

- Update on *Ocean Era* and *Manna Fish Farms* Projects in the Gulf of Mexico
- America the Beautiful 30 x 30 CCC Area-based Management Subcommittee Update

10:45 AM – 11:30 AM EDT: Coral (Tab N) – Dr. Frazer

- Results from Coral RFP: Gulf of Mexico Mesophotic and Deepwater Coral Assessment
- Joint Coral AP and Coral SSC Recommendations and Proposed Next Steps

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

1:00 PM – 3:15 PM EDT: Mackerel Committee (Tab C) – Mr. Riechers

- Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings
- **Final Action:** Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits
- Research Set Aside Presentations
 - Efforts from the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils
- Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Sector Allocation

----- Break 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM EDT -----

3:30 PM – 4:45 PM EDT: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Ms. Bosarge

- Update on Testing and Development of Options Proposed as replacements for the Historical cELB Devices for the Gulf Shrimp Fishery

- Finfish Commercial Logbook Reporting: Considerations Related to the Potential Applicability of this System to Shrimp Effort Collection
- Updated Draft Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery
- SSC Recommendations

----- Break 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM EDT -----

Full Council Closed Session

5:00 PM – 5:15 PM EDT: Full Council Closed Session – *Mr. Diaz*

- Finalize Selection of Coral, Data Collection, and Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel Members

– Recess –

Wednesday, June 22nd – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – *Dr. Frazer*

- Review of Reef Fish and Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Landings and Status of Revised Recreational Red Snapper Calibration Ratios
- Draft Options Amendment 54: Modifications to the Greater Amberjack Catch Limits and Sector Allocations, and other Rebuilding Plan Modifications

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

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

- Draft Emergency Rule to Modify Recreational and Commercial Greater Amberjack Fishing Seasons
- Draft Options: Modification of Catch Limits for Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper

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

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – *Dr. Frazer*

- Presentation and Discussion of Gulf of Mexico Gag Grouper Interim Rule

----- Break 3:30 PM – 3:45 PM EDT -----

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM EDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – *Dr. Frazer*

- IFQ Focus Group Update
- Review of SEFSC Analysis of Historical Red Grouper Stock Assessments using Alternative Marine Recreational Information Program Landings Data
- Discussion of Goliath Grouper Closure and Federal Catch Limits
- Presentation: Return 'Em Right

4:45 PM – 5:15 PM EDT: SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – *Mr. Diaz*

- Summary Report of May 9, 2022 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting

– Recess –

Thursday, June 23rd – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:00 AM – 9:30 AM EDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- **Final Action:** Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels
- Update on Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program

----- Break 9:30 AM – 9:45 AM EDT -----

9:45 AM – 11:15 AM EDT: Data Collection Committee (Tab F) – Ms. Boggs

- Presentation on Framework Action to Modify For-hire Trip Declaration Requirements
- Draft Options Joint Amendment to Require Electronic Reporting for Commercial Logbooks
- Overview and Demonstration of new SERO-Permits System

----- Break 11:15 AM – 11:30 AM EDT -----

Thursday, June 23rd – Council Session

- I. **11:30 AM – 11:35 AM EDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Diaz*
- II. **11:35 AM – 11:50 AM EDT:** Presentation of the 2021 Law Enforcement Team of the Year Award – *Gen. Spraggins / Mr. Diaz*
- III. **11:50 AM – 12:00 PM EDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, Nos. 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Diaz*

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

IV. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM EDT:** Presentations:

- NOAA Fisheries' Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy – *Ms. Blough and Dr. Stoffle*
 - Presentation(**Tab A, No. 7a**)
 - Strategy (**Tab A, No. 7b**)
 - GMFMC Draft Comment Letter (**Tab A, No. 7c**) – *Dr. Simmons*
 - Update on CCC informal-working group: Equity and Environmental Justice in Fisheries Management (**Tab A, No. 7d**) – *Dr. Lasseter*
- Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) on Wind Energy Development in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab A, No. 8**) – *Ms. Matthews*

- ICCAT Presentation (**Tab A, No. 9**) – *Dr. Stunz*

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

- V. **2:45 PM – 5:15 PM EDT:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – *Mr. Diaz*
- A. **Final Action:** Framework Action: Modification to Location Reporting Requirements for For-Hire Vessels
- B. **Final Action:** Final Draft Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits
- C. Aquaculture Opportunity Areas in the Gulf of Mexico Notice of Intent
- D. Open Testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Friday, June 24th – Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. **8:00 AM – 8:15 AM EDT:** Coral (**Tab N**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- B. **8:15 AM – 9:15 AM EDT:** Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab Q**) – *Mr. Banks*
- C. **9:15 AM – 9:30 AM EDT:** Mackerel (**Tab C**) – *Mr. Riechers*
- D. **9:30 AM – 10:00 AM EDT:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Ms. Bosarge*

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

- E. **10:15 AM – 12:00 PM EDT:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*

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

- F. **1:30 PM – 2:00 PM EDT:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Frazer*
- G. **2:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Ms. Boggs*
- H. **2:30 PM – 2:45 PM EDT:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- I. **2:45 PM – 2:50 PM EDT:** Closed Session Report (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Diaz*

----- Break 2:50 PM – 3:00 PM EDT -----

- J. **3:00 PM – 4:00 PM EDT:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Diaz*
- South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Mr. Brewer*
 - Florida Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Capt. Pearce*
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) (**Tab R, No's. 3a&b**) – *DSAC Gregory*
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
 - U.S. Coast Guard – *LCDR Motoi*
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM EDT: Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Diaz*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting

August 22-25, 2022

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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 2:45 pm EDT on June 23, 2022 but will not conclude before that time.
- ii** Persons wishing to give public testimony **virtually** must sign up on the Council website beginning on the first day of the Council meeting. Registration closes one hour before public testimony begins. 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. **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.**
- 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.
- 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.
- v** Anyone wishing to use electronic visual aids during public testimony must provide staff with a copy of the material at least one hour before comment begins to allow for a virus scan of said material.