



Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council

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

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

January 27- 30th, 2025

Renaissance New Orleans Pere Marquette
New Orleans, Louisiana & Virtual

Monday, January 27th – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 9:15 AM CST: Administrative/Budget (Tab G) – General Spraggins

- Review and Discuss Proposed 2025 Activities and Budget
- Update on 2020-2024 Administrative Award No Cost Extension Request
- Update on Inflation Reduction Act Funding
- Review Advisory Panel appointments for Data Collection, Spiny Lobster, and Coral

9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CST: Habitat Protection & Restoration (Tab P) – Mr. McDermott

- Presentation: Update on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Generic Amendment 5
- Presentation: Update on the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement of Proposed Aquaculture Opportunity areas in the Gulf of Mexico and Draft Comment Letter

----- Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM CST -----

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM CST: Shrimp (Tab D) – Mr. Schieble

- Draft Shrimp Framework Action: Modification of the Vessel Position Data Collection Program for the Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Fishery and Shrimp AP Recommendations
- Remaining Items from Summary of the December 16, 2024, Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting

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

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM CST: Mackerel (Tab C) – Mr. Geeslin

- Presentation: Gulf Stakeholder CMP Engagement Meetings Summary Draft
- Discussion: Spanish Mackerel Framework Action and Next Steps
- Discussion: King Mackerel Document and Next Steps
 - Presentation: King Mackerel Data Request Report
 - King Mackerel Framework Action
 - Background: SEDAR 99 Draft Schedule

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

3:45 PM – 5:30 PM CST: Outreach and Education (Tab O) – Dr. Overton

- 2024 Communications Improvement Plan Progress and 2024 Analytics
- Domestic Shrimp and Seafood Education
- Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Outreach Update: Red Tide FEI
- Management Areas and Boundary Outreach
- Public Comment Improvements
- 2025 Communications Improvement Plan
- Remaining Items from the O&E Technical Committee Summary

– Recess –

Tuesday, January 28th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM CST: Litigation Update – Ms. Levy

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Draft: Reef Fish Amendment 58B: Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures

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

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

- Draft Framework: Other Shallow-water Grouper Catch Limits
- Presentation: Modifications to Lane Snapper Minimum Size and Recreational Bag Limits

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

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

- Reef Fish Amendment 59: Requirements for Participation in Individual Fishing Quota Programs

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

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Summary: December 2024 Gulf SSC Webinar
- Summary of Remaining Reef Fish Advisory Panel Discussions and Recommendations

– Recess –

Wednesday, January 29th – Committee Sessions, Continued

8:30 AM – 10:00 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Dr. Frazer

- Summary Reports from Working Group 1 & 2 for the Recreational Initiative
 - Summary of Public Engagement Sessions

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

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab F) – Dr. Frazer

- Presentation: Recreational Red Snapper Accountability Measures

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM CST: Law Enforcement (Tab L) – General Spraggins

- Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) Meeting Summary from January 2025 Meeting

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

Wednesday, January 29th – Council Session

- I. 1:30 PM – 1:32 PM CST: Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions –
Mr. Dugas
- II. 1:32 PM – 1:34 PM CST: Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (Tab A,
No's 3 & 4) – *Mr. Dugas*
- III. 1:34 PM – 2:00 PM CST: Presentations:
 - Stock Assessments 101: Spawning Potential Ratio and Maximum Sustainable Yield (Tab A, No. 7) – Dr. Allen
- IV. 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM CST: Public Comment ^{ii, iii, iv, v} – *Mr. Dugas*
 - Open Testimony on Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

Thursday, January 30th– Council Session

Committee Reports:

- A. 8:30 am – 8:45 AM CST: Administrative / Budget (Tab G) – *General Spraggins*
- B. 8:45 AM – 9:15 AM CST: Habitat Protection & Restoration (Tab P) – *Mr. McDermott*
- C. 9:15 AM – 10:00 AM CST: Shrimp (Tab D) – *Mr. Schieble*

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

- D. 10:15 AM – 11:15 AM CST: Mackerel (Tab C) – *Mr. Geeslin*
- E. 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM CST: Outreach and Education (Tab O) – *Dr. Overton*

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

- F. 1:30 PM – 2:45 PM CST: Reef Fish (Tab B) – *Dr. Frazer*
- G. 2:45 PM – 3:00 PM CST: Law Enforcement (Tab L) – *General Spraggins*

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

3:15 PM – 4:15 PM CST: Supporting Agencies Update (Tab R) – Mr. Dugas

- South Atlantic Council Liaison (Tab R, No. 1) – Mr. Roller
- Louisiana Law Enforcement Efforts (Tab R, No. 2) – Major Aucoin
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Report (Tab R, No. 3a) and Presentation (Tab R, No. 3b) – SEO Fisher
- Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (Tab R, No. 4) – Mr. Donaldson
- U.S. Coast Guard (Tab R, No. 5) – Lt. Morton
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- Department of State

4:15 PM – 4:30 PM CST: [Discussion of Council Planning and Primary Activities](#) (Tab R, No. 6) – Dr. Simmons / Mr. Dugas

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM CST: Other Business (Tab U) – Mr. Dugas

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting
April 7-10, 2025
[The Lodge at Gulf State](#)
[Park](#)
Gulf Shores, AL

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 testimony may begin earlier than 2:00 pm CST on January 29, 2025, but will not conclude before that time. Public testimony may end before the published agenda time if all registered in-person and virtual participants have completed their testimony.

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 testimony, 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.