

**Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>**  
**August 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Hilton Palacio Riverwalk**  
**San Antonio, Texas & Virtual**

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Session**

**8:30 AM – 8:40 AM CDT: Induction of New Council Members – *Mr. Strelcheck***

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions**

**8:40 AM – 10:30 AM CDT: Administrative/Budget Committee (Tab G) – *Gen. Spraggins***

- Presentation of the 2023-2024 Audit Report
- Review Final 2025 Funded Budget and Activities
- Discussion of SOPPs and Administrative Handbook Updates

**----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CDT -----**

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CDT: Gulf SEDAR Committee (Tab I) – *Mr. Dugas***

- SEDAR Steering Committee Summary Report August 2025
- Update on the Southeast Fisheries Science Center Resources
- Review and Discussion of Gulf SEDAR Schedule

**----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT -----**

**1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – *Dr. Banks***

- Advisory Panel Recommendations and Public Comments on Executive Orders 14276 and 14192
- Organization and Prioritization Recommendations on Executive Orders 14276 and 14192

**----- Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT -----**

**3:15 PM – 4:00 PM CDT: Sustainable Fisheries Committee (Tab E) – *Dr. Banks***

- Update from Louisiana and Texas on State Regulations for Wahoo
- US Coast Guard Safety Requirements to Carry Observers

**Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> – Full Council Session**

**4:00 PM – 4:30 PM CDT: Closed Session (Tab T) – *Mr. Dugas***

- Discussion of Scientific and Statistical Committee Membership

**– Recess –**

**Tuesday, August 26th – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**8:30 AM – 10:15 AM CDT: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Mr. Montegut/Mr. Schieble**

- **FINAL ACTION:** Modifications to the Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Fishing Season
- **FINAL ACTION:** Reef Fish Amendment 58B: Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures

----- **Break 10:15 AM – 10:30 AM CDT** -----

**10:30 AM – 12:15 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Mr. Schieble**

- Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 58A: Shallow-water Grouper Complex Catch Level Management Considerations

----- **Lunch 12:15 PM – 1:45 PM CDT** -----

**1:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Mr. Schieble**

- Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 62: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper Management Measures

----- **Break 3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT** -----

**3:15 PM – 5:00 PM CDT: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Mr. Schieble**

- Review of Recreational Initiative Recommendations and Prioritization
- Draft Options: Reef Fish Amendment 55 / Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 – Modifications to Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures

**– Recess –**

**5:10 – 5:45 PM CDT: *Immediately Following Reef Fish Committee Informational Session on Anglers Almanac Pilot Program - Deep Water Grouper***

**Wednesday, August 27th – Committee Sessions**

**8:30 AM – 10:00 AM CDT: Shrimp Committee (Tab D) – Mr. Montegut/Mr. Schieble**

- Draft Shrimp Amendment 19: Shrimp Permit Moratorium
- Presentation: Protected Resources Bycatch in Shrimp Trawls: A Summary Review of Data for Reinitiation of Section 7 Consultation

----- **Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM CDT** -----

**Wednesday, August 27th – Council Session**

- I. **10:15 AM – 10:20 AM CDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – Mr. Dugas

- II. **10:20 AM – 10:25 AM CDT:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Dugas*
- III. **10:25 AM – 11:30 AM CDT:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Dugas*
- South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Mr. Hull*
  - Texas Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Lt. Casterline*
  - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Report (**Tab R, No. 3a**) and Presentation (**Tab R, No. 3b**) – *Mr. Walia*
  - 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 – *Mr. Ballard*
  - Department of State

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

- IV. **1:00 PM – 4:30 PM CDT:** Public Comment <sup>ii, iii, iv, v</sup> – *Mr. Dugas*
- **FINAL ACTION:** Modifications to the Federal For-Hire Red Snapper Fishing Season
  - **FINAL ACTION:** Reef Fish Amendment 58B: Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures
  - Recommendations: E.O. 14276 Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness and E.O. 14192 Unleashing Prosperity through Deregulation
  - Open Testimony on Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

### **Thursday, August 28th – Council Session**

#### **Committee Reports:**

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM CDT:** Administrative/Budget (**Tab G**) – *Gen. Spraggins*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:00 AM CDT:** Gulf SEDAR (**Tab I**) – *Mr. Dugas*
- C. **9:00 AM – 9:15 AM CDT:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Mr. Schieble*
- D. **9:15 AM – 9:55 AM CDT:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Dr. Banks*
- E. **9:55 AM – 10:00 AM CDT:** Closed Session (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Dugas*

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

- F. **10:15 AM – 12:00 PM CDT:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Mr. Schieble*

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

- G. **1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CDT:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Mr. Schieble*

**2:30 PM – 2:45 PM CDT:** Discussion of Council Planning and Primary Activities (**Tab R, No. 6**) – *Dr. Simmons / Mr. Dugas*

**2:45 PM – 3:00 PM CDT:** Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Dugas*

**3:00 PM – 3:15 PM CDT:** Election of Council Chair and Vice-Chair – *Mr. Donaldson*

– **Adjourn** –

<p><b>Next Meeting</b> November 3-6, 2025 Golden Nugget Hotel Biloxi, MS</p>
--

---

**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 1:00 pm CDT on August 27th, 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](mailto: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.