

## **Committees Schedule & Council Agenda<sup>i</sup>**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino**  
**Biloxi, Mississippi & Virtual**

### **Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Full Council Session**

**8:30 AM – 8:35 AM CST:** Review and Adoption of Proposed Council Committee Assignments November 2025 through August 2026 (**Tab A, No. 2a**) and Current Council Committee Assignments (**Tab A, No. 2b**) – *Mr. Dugas*

### **Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Committee Sessions**

**8:35 AM – 10:30 AM CST: Habitat Protection & Restoration (Tab P) – Chair**

- Update on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Generic Amendment 5 and SSC Recommendations

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CST -----

**10:45 AM – 12:00 PM CST: Sustainable Fisheries (Tab E) – Chair**

- Regulatory Streamlining Report from Contractors and SSC Feedback

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

**1:30 PM – 2:30 PM CST: Ecosystem (Tab Q) – Chair**

- Draft Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Ecosystem Technical Committee Recommendations

**2:30 PM – 3:30 PM CST: Shrimp (Tab D) – Chair**

- **FINAL ACTION:** Shrimp Amendment 19: Shrimp Permit Moratorium
- Working Groups Update on Shrimp Bycatch Methodologies

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

**3:45 PM – 5:00 PM CST: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair**

- **FINAL ACTION:** Abbreviated Framework Action: Management Measures to Reduce Reef Fish Release Mortality

– Recess –

### **Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions, Continued**

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

**8:45 AM – 10:15 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee (Tab B) – Chair**

- Public Hearing Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 62: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper Management Measures

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

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

- Presentation: Reef Fish Amendment 63: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper IFQ Program
- Presentation: Delegation of Management of Federal For-Hire Vessels to the Gulf States for Red Snapper

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

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

- Public Hearing Draft – Reef Fish Amendment 58A: Shallow-water Grouper Complex Management Considerations

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

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

- Draft Options – Reef Fish Amendment 55 / Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 – Modifications to Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures

– Recess –

### **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Committee Sessions, Continued**

**8:30 AM – 10:30 AM CST: Reef Fish Committee *continued* (Tab B) – Chair**

- Review of Reef Fish and IFQ Program Landings, and State Program Landings for Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack

----- Break 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM CST -----

### **Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – Council Session**

- I. **10:45 AM – 10:50 AM CST:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Dugas*
- II. **10:50 AM – 10:55 AM CST:** Adoption of Agenda<sup>i</sup> and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Dugas*
- III. **10:55 AM – 12:00 PM CST:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Dugas*
  - South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Mr. Roller*
  - Mississippi Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Lt. Carron*
  - 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
- Department of State

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

- IV. **1:30 PM – 5:00 PM CST:** Public Comment *ii, iii, iv, v* – *Mr. Dugas*
- **FINAL ACTION:** Shrimp Amendment 19: Shrimp Permit Moratorium
  - **FINAL ACTION:** Abbreviated Framework Action: Continuation of DESCEND Act Management Measures in the Gulf
  - Open Testimony on other Fishery Issues or Concerns

– Recess –

**Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>– Council Session**

**Committee Reports:**

- A. **8:30 AM – 8:45 AM CST:** Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Chair*
- B. **8:45 AM – 9:15 AM CST:** Sustainable Fisheries (**Tab E**) – *Chair*
- C. **9:15 AM – 10:15 AM CST:** Ecosystem (**Tab Q**) – *Chair*

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

- D. **10:30 AM – 11:00 AM CST:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Chair*
- E. **11:00 AM – 12:00 PM CST:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

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

- F. **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM CST:** Reef Fish *continued* (**Tab B**) – *Chair*

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

- 3:15 PM – 3:20 PM CST:** Update on Documents Transmitted for Rule Making – *Mr. Helies*
- 3:20 PM – 3:30 PM CST:** Discussion of Council Planning and Primary Activities (**Tab R, No. 6**) – *Dr. Simmons / Mr. Dugas*
- 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM CST:** Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Dugas*

– Adjourn –

**Next Meeting**  
 January 26-29, 2026  
 Hyatt Centric French  
 Quarter  
 New Orleans, Louisiana

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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 testimony may begin earlier than 1:30 pm CST on November 5, 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.