

Committees Schedule & Council Agendaⁱ

June 1 – 3rd, 2026

Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore

Tampa, Florida & [Virtual](#)

Monday, June 1st – Committee Sessions

8:30 AM – 10:30 AM EDT: Shrimp (Tab D) – Mr. Schieble

- Presentation: Update on Working Group for Shrimp Bycatch Methodology for Finfish Species
- Discuss Work Plan and Membership of Working Group to Address Interactions and Bycatch of Protected Resources in Shrimp Trawls
- Draft Options – Status Determination Criteria for the Penaeid Shrimp

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

10:45 AM – 12:00 PM EDT: Habitat Protection & Restoration Committee (Tab P) – Mr. Marquez

- Essential Fish Habitat Generic Amendment Public Hearing Draft

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

1:30 PM – 3:30 PM EDT: Data Collection (Tab F) – Mr. Walker

- Public Hearing Draft: Generic Amendment: Modifications to Gulf For-hire Data Collection Program
- Presentation: Explore the feasibility of using a deep-water grouper permit to better identify the universe of recreational anglers targeting these species

----- **Break 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM EDT** -----

Monday, June 1st – Full Council Closed Session

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EDT: Full Council Closed Session (Tab T) – Mr. Dugas

- Final Selection of Coastal Migratory Pelagics and Red Drum Advisory Panel Members

– **Recess** –

Tuesday, June 2nd – Committee Sessions, Continued

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

8:45 AM – 10:00 AM EDT: **Reef Fish Committee (Tab B)** – *Dr. Sweetman*

- **FINAL ACTION** – Reef Fish Amendment 63: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper IFQ Program and Ad Hoc Red Snapper / Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP Recommendations

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

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

- Draft Options – Reef Fish Amendment 55/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44: Mutton Snapper and Yellowtail Snapper Management Measures
- Draft Options – Modifications to Red Snapper Private Recreational Post-Season Accountability Measures

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

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

- Draft Options – Reef Fish Amendment 59A: Permit Requirements in IFQ Programs and Ad Hoc Red Snapper / Grouper-Tilefish IFQ AP Recommendations
- Draft Amendment 65 – Regional Management of Recreational Greater Amberjack

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

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

- Presentation: May 2026 SSC Meeting Summary
- Discussion – Exempted Fishing Permits
 - Greater Amberjack
 - Gag Grouper

– **Recess** –

Wednesday, June 3rd – Council Session

- I. **8:30 AM – 8:35 AM EDT:** Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions – *Mr. Dugas*
- II. **8:35 AM – 8:40 AM EDT:** Adoption of Agendaⁱ and Approval of Minutes (**Tab A, No's 3 & 4**) – *Mr. Dugas*

- III. **8:40 AM – 8:45 AM EDT** Presentation of the 2025 Law Enforcement Team of the Year Award – *Dr. Sweetman / Mr. Dugas*
- IV. **8:45 AM – 12:00 PM EDT:** Public Comment **ii, iii, iv, v** – *Mr. Dugas*
- **FINAL ACTION** – Reef Fish Amendment 63: Modifications to Gulf Red Grouper IFQ Program
 - Exempted Fishing Permits
 - Open Testimony on other Fishery Issues or Concerns

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

Wednesday, June 3rd – Council Session continued

Committee Reports:

- A. **12:30 PM – 1:00 PM EDT:** Shrimp (**Tab D**) – *Mr. Schieble*
- B. **1:00 PM – 1:15 PM EDT:** Habitat Protection & Restoration (**Tab P**) – *Mr. Marquez*
- C. **1:15 PM – 1:45 PM EDT:** Data Collection (**Tab F**) – *Mr. Walker*
- D. **1:45 PM – 2:00 PM EDT:** Closed Session (**Tab T**) – *Mr. Dugas*

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

- E. **2:15 PM – 4:15 PM EDT:** Reef Fish (**Tab B**) – *Dr. Sweetman*
- V. **4:15 PM – 4:45 PM EDT:** Supporting Agencies Update (**Tab R**) – *Mr. Dugas*
- South Atlantic Council Liaison (**Tab R, No. 1**) – *Ms. McCawley*
 - Florida Law Enforcement Efforts (**Tab R, No. 2**) – *Captain Pearce*
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) Report (**Tab R, No. 3a**) and Presentation (**Tab R, No. 3b**) – *Mr. Walia*
 - Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission – *Mr. Donaldson*
 - U.S. Coast Guard (**Tab R, No. 5**) – *Lt. Morton*
 - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - Department of State
- 4:45 PM – 5:00 PM EDT:** Update on Documents Transmitted for Rule Making – *Mr. Helies*
- 5:00 PM – 5:15 PM EDT:** Discussion of Council Planning and Primary Activities (**Tab R, No. 6**) – *Dr. Simmons / Mr. Dugas*
- 5:15 PM – 5:30 PM EDT:** Other Business (**Tab U**) – *Mr. Dugas*

– Adjourn –

Next Meeting
August 27-27, 2026
Golden Nugget Biloxi
Biloxi, Mississippi

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 8:45 am EDT on June 3, 2026, 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. Virtual registration for public comment begins the first day of the Council meeting and closes 30-minutes after 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.