

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene joint meetings of the Standing, Special Shrimp, Special Spiny Lobster and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committees.

DATES: The meetings of the Standing, Special Shrimp and Special Spiny Lobster Scientific and Statistical Committees will convene at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 and conclude no later than 5:30 p.m. The meeting of the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific Statistical Committees will convene at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2010 and conclude no later than 12 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010. The meetings will be webcast over the internet. •A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's web site, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 2829 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standing and Special Shrimp Scientific Statistical Committees will meet to review new approaches for assessing the stock of pink shrimp and possibly other shrimp species in the Gulf, and possibly make recommendations to the Council. The Standing and Special Spiny Lobster Scientific Statistical Committees will review the terms of reference for an upcoming update assessment and make recommendations for the Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils to consider. The Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific Statistical Committees will review potential species groupings for the Generic Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures Amendment. They will also

review progress on development of an Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule for data-poor species that will be included in the Generic Amendment.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348–1630 or can be downloaded from the Council's ftp site, <ftp.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Scientific and Statistical Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Scientific and Statistical Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 23, 2009.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Shrimp Advisory Panel.

DATES: The Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 20, 2010 and end by 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza, 2829 Williams Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Deputy Executive Director; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Shrimp Advisory Panel will receive a presentation of the Biological Review of the 2009 Texas Closure and a change in yield report. The Shrimp Advisory Panel will then consider recommendations for a 2010 closure. The Shrimp Advisory Panel will also receive presentations of the Status and Health of Shrimp Stocks in 2008 a Stock Assessment Report for 2008. Finally, the Shrimp Advisory Panel will review preliminary effort estimates for 2009 and possibly make recommendations for the Council.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Shrimp Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Shrimp Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

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