



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 (Council) will hold a one-day in-person meeting of its Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC).

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, September 21, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Gulf Council office. Registration information will be available on the Council’s website by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the “meeting tab”.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 4107 W. Spruce Street, Suite 200, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Natasha Mendez, Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; email: natasha.mendez@gulfcouncil.org, telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Thursday, September 21, 2023; 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., EDT

The meeting will begin with Introductions and Adoption of Agenda, Approval of Minutes and Meeting Summary from the April 19-20, 2023 meeting and a review of the Scope of Work. The ETC will discuss the development of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan

(FEP) for the Gulf of Mexico, review the draft updates to the Fishery Ecosystem Issue (FEI) Loop, and provide recommendations.

Following, the ETC will discuss the assignment to develop a method to prioritize FEIs and provide recommendations. The ETC will also revisit the initially identified potential list of FEIs for the Council to consider.

Lastly, the ETC will receive public comment at the end of the day, and discuss any items under Other Business.

– Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will also be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Technical meeting on the calendar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Committee 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

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Kathy Pereira, (813) 348-1630, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 29, 2023.

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