

Review Workshop is an Assessment Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion during the data and assessment scoping webinar are as follows:

Panelists will review the data sets being considered for the assessment and discuss initial modeling efforts.

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### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

*Note:* The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XV084**

#### 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 four-day meeting to consider actions affecting the Gulf of Mexico fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on Monday, October 21 through Thursday, October 24, 2019.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at The Tremont House, 2300 Ships Mechanic Row, Galveston, TX 77550; telephone: (409) 763-0300.

*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. Carrie Simmons, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

*Monday, October 21, 2019; 8 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

The meeting will begin in *Full Council* with induction of new council member; and, review and adoption of Council Committee Assignments for October 2019 through October 2020.

Committee sessions will begin with the Administrative/Budget Committee reviewing the 2015–19 Projected Expenditures and Budget Carryover to 2020; and, review and discuss Potential Contractual Projects for 2020. The Coral Committee will receive updates on the Coral Reef Conservation Program and Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion; review the status of Coral Amendment 9 and Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Management Review and Recommendations from Joint Coral Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Coral Advisory Panel (AP), and Shrimp AP Meeting and Reef Fish AP. The Coral Committee will receive any remaining items from the Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP, and Shrimp AP meeting. The Sustainable Fisheries Committee will discuss final draft Framework Action to Modify Federal

For-Hire Trip Limits and draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum. The committee will also discuss Council Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020–24; receive a presentation on Eye on the Gulf: An Electronic Monitoring Presentation on the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery; presentation on Allocation Review Criteria; receive remaining items from the SSC Summary Report; and, hold a committee discussion on Allocation Issues.

Immediately following Sustainable Fisheries Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) will have an information Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Outreach Session for Fishermen and Dealers.

*Tuesday, October 22, 2019; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

Committee sessions will continue with Outreach and Education receiving a presentation on Communication Analytics; review of “Fishing for Our Future” web page; and, receive a meeting summary from the Release Mortality Symposium. The Reef Fish Committee will review the Reef Fish and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings, draft Amendment 36B: Modifications to Commercial IFQ Programs and Presentations; and, draft Framework Action to Modify Greater Amberjack Recreational Management Measures. Following lunch, the Reef Fish Committee will review stock assessments for SEDAR 61—Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper and Itarget Model Update and Projections for Gulf Lane Snapper; and receive a summary report of the remaining items from the Reef Fish Advisory Panel meeting.

*Wednesday, October 23, 2019; 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.*

The Law Enforcement Committee will receive a summary from the Law Enforcement Technical Committee Meeting; and, review of Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Report. The Gulf SEDAR Committee will review of Gulf Stocks suitable for interim analyses, receive a summary from the August 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting (webinar) on NOAA's Recommended Use of the Current Gulf of Mexico Surveys of Marine Recreational Fishing in Stock Assessments; review a Report to Congress Regarding Section 201 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018; and receive a summary from the September 2019 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting (webinar). The Data Collection

Committee will discuss draft Procedural Directive for Electronic Monitoring Programs; and, receive an update on Southeast For-Hire Reporting.

Full Council will reconvene late morning with Call to Order, Announcements, and Introductions; Adoption of Agenda and Approval of Minutes. Council will review Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications and public comments on EFP Applications (if any); and, receive a presentation on Texas Law Enforcement Efforts. After lunch, the Council will hold public comment testimony 2 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. on the following items: Final Action: Framework Action to Modify Federal For-Hire Trip Limits; and open testimony on Other Fishery Issues or Concerns. Anyone wishing to speak during public comment testimony should sign in at the registration station located at the entrance of the meeting room.

Thursday, October 24, 2019; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

The Council will receive reports from the following management committees: Administrative/Budget, Coral, Outreach and Education, Sustainable Fisheries, Gulf SEDAR, Data Collection, Law Enforcement and Reef Fish. The Council will vote on EFP applications, if any; and receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Department of State.

Lastly, the Council will discuss any Other Business items; and receive an update on the South Atlantic Council's Control Date for *Spanish Mackerel*.

#### —Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting [www.gulfcouncil.org](http://www.gulfcouncil.org) and clicking on the Council meeting on the calendar.

The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of scheduled SEDAR 59 Assessment Webinar 1.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 59 assessment of the South Atlantic stock of Greater Amberjack will consist of a series of assessment webinars.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 59 Greater Amberjack-Assessment Webinar 1 has been scheduled for Friday, November 1, 2019, from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

**Meeting address:** The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Registration is available online at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1787856885916483597>.

**SEDAR address:** South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathleen Howington, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone (843) 571–4366; email: [Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net](mailto:Kathleen.Howington@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report, which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report, which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion at the SEDAR 59 Greater Amberjack Assessment webinar 1 are as follows:

- Review of data
- Discussion of model structure

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