

3rd Annual Commercial Fishing Summit March 11

The Third Annual Louisiana Commercial Fishing and Seafood Industry Summit will be March 11 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Houma-Terrebonne Civic Center, 346 Civic Center Boulevard, Houma. Admission is free, but registration is required.



The Summit includes morning workshops, followed by a trade show and hands-on demonstrations that focus on safety issues, innovative handling practices, processing equipment, and other gear and techniques. Workshop topics will include:

- Information on gear and bycatch
- Refrigeration technology
- Insuring against disaster
- Updates on black spot and “Chem-free”
- And professionalism programming for crab fishermen

Additionally, the U.S. Coast Guard will conduct a helicopter rescue demonstration, and there will be other demonstrations on refrigeration repair and maintenance, oyster weights and measures, wing trawl systems and checking turtle excluder devices (TEDs).

To register, visit <https://fisheriesforwardsummit2015.eventbrite.com>.

Sea Grant Kiosk Available to Libraries, Museums

Louisiana Sea Grant is again loaning a video kiosk to public libraries and museums.

“The kiosk contains several short films Sea Grant produced about the cultural and environmental history of the coastal zone,” said Roy Kron, LSG communications director. “The films are available online, but loaning the kiosk to libraries lets us reach children and adults who might otherwise not see them.”



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The videos include:

- *A History of Louisiana Dried Shrimp*, which recounts the dried shrimp industry's growth nationally and internationally.
- *Edens on the Edge* is a documentary that portrays the sheer phenomenal beauty of the state's coastal refuges, wildlife and landscape, while serving as a reminder that many of these habitats are threatened due to forces such as erosion, land subsidence and sea level rise.
- *The Telling Tide* chronicles the work from four high schools along the coast that were invited to participate in a one-year oral history project aimed at engaging students in scrutinizing their community heritage, the land they have grown up on, and what they stand to lose as Louisiana's coast disappears.

Libraries and museums interested in borrowing the kiosk should contact Kron at rkron@lsu.edu.

GULF OF MEXICO REGULATIONS

Gulf Council Update - January 2015

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council met in Point Clear, Ala., Jan. 26-29 to discuss a number of fishery issues, including regional management for recreational red snapper and red snapper allocation. Here are some of the actions taken by the Council.

Red Snapper Update

The Council heard an update on the Red Snapper Stock Assessment, including information on the 2014 provisional red snapper catch estimates. The Council also received the overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations from its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

Red Snapper Allocation - Amendment 28

The Council reviewed a revised draft of Amendment 28, which considers reallocating a portion of the commercial quota to the recreational sector.

Regional Management for Recreational Red Snapper - Amendment 39

The Council continued discussions on Amendment 39, which looks at dividing the recreational red snapper quota among regions to allow for the creation of different management measures that better suit each area.

Recreational Charter and Headboat Red Snapper Management Measures

The Council took no action on a proposed framework that considers changing the management measures for the for-hire component of the recreational sector. Instead, the Council agreed to reconvene the Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter For-hire Advisory Panel to continue its discussions and

initiated the development of an amendment that will consider management measures to improve flexibility and accountability in the charter for-hire component.

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The SSC revised its ABC recommendations to include 5.21 million pounds in 2015, an increase of 67 percent over the current ABC.

Greater Amberjack

This past summer, it was determined that greater amberjack remains overfished, is experiencing overfishing, and did not meet the 10-year rebuilding plan that ended in 2012. The National Standard 1 guidelines state that when a stock remains overfished at the end of its rebuilding plan, subsequent harvests should not exceed either the yield at a fishing mortality corresponding to the rebuilding plan, or at yield when fishing at 75 percent of the fishing mortality rate corresponding to maximum sustainable yield, whichever is less.

Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel)

The Council also voted to scope and get public input on the following CMP Amendments:

- Amendment 26, which addresses Gulf and Atlantic king mackerel annual catch limits, allocations, stock boundaries, and sale provisions, and;
- Amendment 28, which addresses splitting the Gulf and Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel commercial fishing permits.

Gulf Council to Hold Scoping Workshops for Reef Fish Amendment 36 Red Snapper IFQ Program Modifications

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a series of scoping workshops to discuss and take public comment on a proposed amendment to make modifications to the Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program.

The Louisiana workshop is:

Tuesday - March 10, 2015

Courtyard Marriott

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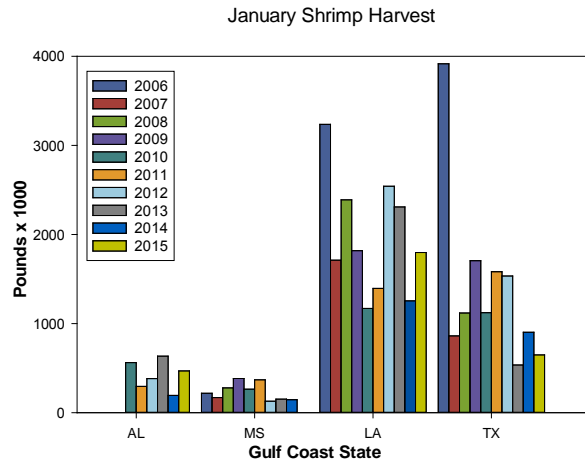
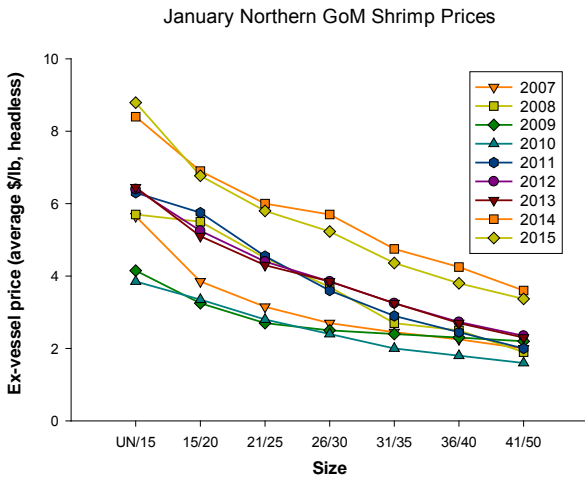
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All hearings begin at 6 pm local time and will conclude after public input has ended, but no later than 9 pm.

Louisiana Shrimp Watch

Louisiana specific data portrayed in the graphics are selected from preliminary data posted by NOAA on its website. All data portrayed are subject to final revision and approval by NOAA. Shrimp landings are ex-vessel prices, inclusive of all species harvested. Missing, inadequate or withheld reports are portrayed as “zero” in these graphics. Price graphics reflect central Gulf states only (Texas and Florida are reported independently). For more information, please refer to: www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/st1/market_news/index.html.



Fish Gear Coordinates

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 56:700.1 et. seq., notice is given that eight claims in the amount of \$37,375.48 were received for payment during the period Jan. 1-31, 2015. There were seven paid and one denied.

Latitude/Longitude Coordinates, in Degree Decimal Minutes, of reported underwater obstructions are:

29 10.180	90 04.270	JEFFERSON
29 19.533	89 52.468	PLAQUEMINES
29 21.432	89 14.596	PLAQUEMINES
29 28.084	90 00.854	JEFFERSON
29 32.795	90 07.535	JEFFERSON
29 35.422	91 42.634	IBERIA
29 39.384	89 22.000	SAINT BERNARD
30 00.177	93 21.224	CAMERON

A list of claimants and amounts paid can be obtained from Gwendolyn Thomas, Administrator, Fishermen’s Gear Compensation Fund, P.O. Box 44277, Baton Rouge, LA 70804 or you can call (225) 342-9388.

The Gumbo Pot

Recipe courtesy of *Louisiana Kitchen & Culture*. For more recipes or to subscribe to their magazine or free newsletter, please visit <http://louisiana.kitchenandculture.com/>

Battered Fried Crawfish Tails

Ingredients:

1 egg, beaten
1/4 cup evaporated milk
1/2 teaspoon prepared mustard
3/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
1 cup flour
1/2 cup corn meal
1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1 lb large, peeled crawfish tails
oil for frying

Method:

In a bowl, beat egg; add milk, mustard, salt, pepper and garlic powder and mix well. In another bowl, sift flour, corn meal and baking powder together and mix well. Dip crawfish tails into the egg mixture one at a time, drain a little and dip into the flour mixture. Drop into hot oil at 375°F and fry until golden brown, drain on paper towels.

If you have a favorite seafood recipe that you would like to share, please send it to Julie Lively janderson@agcenter.lsu.edu for inclusion in future issues.



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We would like to hear from you! Please contact us regarding fishery questions, comments or concerns you would like to see covered in the Lagniappe. Anyone interested in submitting information, such as articles, editorials or photographs pertaining to fishing or fisheries management is encouraged to do so.

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