

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meetings Tentative 2018 Meeting Dates – revised 2/15/2018

Dates	Location	Comments/Possible Conflicts
Tue-Thur: Jan. 9-11 <i>(Council meets Jan. 29-Feb 1 in New Orleans, LA)</i>	Tampa, FL	Luiz Barbieri and Bob Gill have scheduling conflicts.
Mon-Tue: Mar. 26-27 <i>(Council meets April 16-19 in Gulfport, MS)</i>	Tampa, FL	Moved to Mon-Tue, March 26-27 to avoid travel conflicts by some attendees with 2018 Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit (March 28-29) . Also, to avoid possible travel conflicts due to Easter weekend (April 1)
Tue-Thur: May 29-31 <i>(Council meets June 18-22 in Key West, FL)</i>	Tampa, FL	
Tue-Thur: Jul. 31- Aug 2 <i>(Council meets August 20-23 in Corpus Christi, TX)</i>	Tampa, FL	August 2 conflicts with LWF Commission meeting
Tue-Thur: Oct 2-4 <i>(Council meets Oct. 22-25 in Mobile, AL)</i>	Tampa, FL	October 4 conflicts with LWF Commission meeting

SSC Meetings are tentatively scheduled 3 weeks before each Council meeting, and usually run from 1:00 on Tuesday to noon on Thursday. The dates, lengths and locations of meetings can be modified if needed.

National SSC Workshop VI is January 17-19, 2018 in San Diego.

LWF Commission meets first Thursday of each month.

GSMFC Spring and Fall meetings are March 13-15, 2018 (Florida) and October 16-18, 2018 (Texas).

ICCAT meets last two weeks of September and first week of October.

Likely SSC activities in 2018:

- January: Review Coral Amendment 9, Grouper/Tilefish 5-year IFQ review, Evaluating Robustness of HCRs to future red tide events, Spawning aggregations in the Gulf of Mexico, Red grouper indices of abundance, Status Determination Criteria/OY options paper, Carry-over of unused ACL
- March: Texas shrimp closure analysis, Grouper/Tilefish IFQ 5-year review, 5-year review on inclusion/exclusion of species in FMPs, Update on MRIP, Habitat mapping of wFL shelf
- May: SEDAR 51 (gray snapper benchmark assessment); SEDAR 52 (red snapper standard assessment)
- July:
- October: Election of Chair and Vice-chair;