

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**STANDING, REEF FISH, & SPECIAL SOCIOECONOMIC**  
**SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEES**  
**LOCATION: COUNCIL OFFICE**  
**TAMPA, FLORIDA**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018: 8:30 am – 5:15 pm**  
**Wednesday, October 3, 2018: 8:30 am – 12:15 pm**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Barbieri
- II. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair – Council Staff
- III. Approval of SSC Minutes – Chair
  - a. August 2, 2018 SSC Standing, Reef Fish, Mackerel, and Shrimp SSC Meeting
  - b. March 26- 27, 2018 Standing, Shrimp, Socioeconomic, and Reef Fish SSC Meeting
- IV. Selection of SSC representative at October 22-25, 2018 Council meeting in Mobile, Alabama – Chair
- V. Discussion of “Best Scientific Information Available”
  - a. Presentation – Ms. Levy/NMFS
  - b. Background information: BSIA comment letter and draft framework
- VI. SSC Best Practices and Procedures – Dr. Anderson
- 15 minute break 10:45 am – 11:00 am -----
- VII. Update on Red Grouper Interim Analysis – Dr. Smith
- Working Lunch 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm -----
- VIII. Briefing on MRIP Transition to Improved Survey Designs – MRIP
  - a. Presentation: MRIP-FES Transition Plan
  - b. Background information: MRIP-FES Transition Plan, Report
  - c. Background information: MRIP-FES Peer Review Panel Report
  - d. Background information: APAIS Calibration Approach
- 15 minute break 3:00 pm – 3:15 pm-----
- IX. Presentation: The Great Red Snapper Count – Dr. Drymon
- X. Discussion on “right-sizing” Stock Assessments – NMFS
  - a. Presentation: “Right-Sized Stock Assessments”
  - b. Background information: Implementing a Next Generation Stock Assessment Enterprise
- XI. Summary of the SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting – Dr. Simmons
  - a. Background information: SEDAR Steering Committee Overview Sep 24, 2018
- XII. Review Gulf SEDAR Stock Assessment Schedule 2021 – Mr. Rindone

----- Recess Day 1 – 5:15 PM -----

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018**

----- Convene Day 2 – 8:30 AM -----

- XIII. Gulf of Mexico Allocation Review Triggers – Dr. Diagne
- XIV. Specify the TORs for the 2020 Operational Assessments for Gag and Greater Amberjack – Mr. Rindone

----- 15 minute break 10:30 am – 10:45 am -----

- XV. Discussion on Gulf Council Fishery Monitoring and Research Priorities for 2020-2025 – Dr. Kilgour
  - a. Overview of Research Priorities
  - b. Background information: Research Plan 2015-2019
  - c. Background information: Letters Regarding Council Research Priorities
- XVI. Discussion of “Something’s Fishy” Red Grouper Questionnaire – Ms. Muehlstein
- XVII. Other Business

----- Adjourn: 12:15 pm -----

**Standing SSC**

Luiz Barbieri, Chair  
Joe Powers, V. Chair  
Lee Anderson  
Harry Blanchet  
David Chagaris  
Benny Gallaway  
Bob Gill  
Douglas Gregory  
Jeff Isely  
Walter Keithly  
Robert Leaf  
Kai Lorenzen  
Camp Matens  
James Nance  
William Patterson  
Sean Powers  
Ken Roberts  
Steven Scyphers  
James Tolan

**Reef Fish SSC**

Jason Adriance  
Judson Curtis  
John Mareska

**Special Socioeconomic SSC**

Kari Maclauchlin Buck  
Jack Isaacs  
Andrew Ropicki

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