Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Scientific and Statistical Committee Meetings
Tentative 2018 Meeting Dates – revised 12/11/2017

Dates	Location	Comments/Possible Conflicts
Tue-Thur: Jan. 9-11 *(Council meets Jan. 29-Feb 1 in New Orleans, LA)*	Tampa, FL	Luiz Barbieri and Bob Gill have scheduling conflicts.
Tue-Thur: Mar. 27-29 *(Council meets April 16-19 in Gulfport, MS*	Tampa, FL	Possible travel conflicts due to Easter weekend (April 1)
Tue-Thur: May 29-31 *(Council meets June 18-22 in Key West, FL)*	Tampa, FL	
Tue-Thur: Jul. 31- Aug 2 *(Council meets August 20-23 in Corpus Christi, TX)*	Tampa, FL	August 2 conflicts with LWF Commission meeting
Tue-Thur: Oct 2-4 *(Council meets Oct. 22-25 in Mobile, AL)*	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, SEDAR 51 (gray snapper benchmark assessment)
May: SEDAR 52 (red snapper standard assessment)
July:
October: Election of Chair and Vice-chair;