

**Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council**  
**Release Mortality Symposium Agenda**

October 7-9, 2019  
Tradewinds Island Resort  
550 Gulf Boulevard  
St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706

**Release Mortality Science Workshop**

**Monday, October 7, 2019: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m**

- **Welcome and Introductions** – Council Staff
- **Presentation** – Magnitude of Discard Mortality of Reef Fish in the Gulf of Mexico- Dr. Froeschke and Dr. Vaughn
- **Presentation** – Eastern Gulf: A Synopsis of Research on Recreational Fishing Practices and Discard Mortality – Ms. Sauls
- **Presentation** – Northern Gulf: A Synopsis of Research on Discard Mortality – Dr. Szedlmayer
- **Presentation** – Western Gulf: A Synopsis of Research on Recreational Fishing Practices and Discard Mortality – Dr. Curtis
- **Presentation** – West Coast Success story: Yelloweye Rockfish Barotrauma Mitigation and Incorporation into Management and Stock Assessment Process – Mr. DeVore and Mr. Wolford

**----- Lunch Break -----**

- **Facilitated Discussion** – Barotrauma Mitigation by Fleet and Reef Fish Species
  - Build a barotrauma risk matrix
  - Best practices and devices for each fleet
  - Rationale and barriers for methods

**Tuesday, October 8, 2019: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

- **Presentation** – Overview of stock assessment inputs affected by release and release mortality rates – Mr. Smith
- **Facilitated Discussion** – Define Necessary Stock Assessment Inputs
  - Suggest barotrauma mitigation research that could benefit stock assessments
    - Using existing monitoring frameworks
    - Through novel research efforts
  - Prioritize data gaps by species, fleets, and region

### **Optional Field Trip**

**October 8, 2019: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

- **Headboat Trip** – Experiment with different barotrauma mitigation devices

### **Outreach and Education Technical Committee**

**October 9, 2019: 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

- Welcome and Introductions – Council Staff
- Election of New Chair – Council Staff
- Adoption of Agenda – Chair
- Approval of May 2018 Meeting Summary – Chair
- **Presentation** - Recreational Angler Perceptions Regarding the Use of Descending Devices in Southeast Reef Fish Fisheries - Dr. Curtis
- **Presentation** – Barotrauma Mitigation and the Power of Subjective Norms in Florida's Reef Fisheries - Dr. Lorenzen
- **Discussion** – Gulf-wide Outreach/Communications Strategies to Reduce Barotrauma in Recreational Fisheries
  - Highlight specific approaches for for-hire and private fleets
  - Identify specific influencers across the region (media, business, community leaders)
- **Review** - Council's "Fishing for Our Future" best practices website
- **Presentation** – Gulf Council Communications Analytics – Staff
- Other Business - Chair