

Pulley Ridge Working Group Summary
 Webinar/Gulf Council Office
 Tampa, FL
 January 4, 2017
 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Sandra Brooke
 Scott Dagget
 Walt Jaap
 Jay Lucas
 Rob Ruzicka
 Joseph Weatherby

Council Member

John Sanchez

Council Staff

Doug Gregory
 Morgan Kilgour
 Carrie Simmons
 Claire Roberts
 Bernadine Roy

Others present

Tom Wheatley
 Jason DeLaCruz

Webinar attendees

Heather Blough
 Eric Brazer
 Felicia Coleman
 Heather Coleman
 David Dale
 Beth Dieveney
 Frank Helies
 Thomas Hourigan
 Sharon McBreen
 Cynthia Meyer
 Mark Mueller
 Kelli O'Donnell
 Walt Proctod
 G.P. Schmahl
 George Sedberry
 Robert Spaeth
 Mark Sramek
 Armando Ubeda
 Lauren Waters
 Stephen Werndli
 Sam Young

The Pulley Ridge Working group met via webinar on January 4, 2017. Several members of the working group participated in person at the Council Office. Staff provided an overview of the history of selecting Pulley Ridge. Staff also provided spatial information on fishing with bottom tending gear VMS data. Several ROV images of traps and a long line rig from Pulley Ridge were shared with participants; these images were provided to the group by John Reed. The group felt that staff needed to include the most update information for work on Pulley Ridge in the spatial database and that staff needed to work with fishermen on their own data to more accurately depict fishing grounds. Staff will meet with fishermen individually to acquire better spatial resolution of fishing areas and for fishermen to provide suggested boundary modifications to the proposed areas. Staff has also updated the spatial database to include the most recent sites investigated on Pulley Ridge. Staff will reconvene the group (via webinar or in person) to discuss the boundaries with the new fishing information.