



Smalltooth Sawfish Stakeholder Workshop

Sheraton Suites Hotel
4400 West Cypress Street, Tampa, Florida
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December 1-2, 2010

AGENDA

Wednesday, December 1, 2010

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions - **Bob Jones**, President, Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc.
- 1:15 p.m. Opening Comments on the Sawfish Issue - **Dr. Roy Crabtree**, Regional Administrator, NMFS/SERO
- Gulf Council Role in the Process – **Dr. Steve Bortone**, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
- 1:30 p.m. Reinitiation of ESA Section 7 Consultation on Shrimp Fishery in the Southeast – **Jennifer Lee**, NMFS/SERO Protected Resources Division
- 2:00 p.m. Sawfish Interactions in the Gulf of Mexico and Southeast Atlantic Shrimp Trawl Fishery Observer Program – **Dr. Elizabeth Scott-Denton**, NMFS Galveston Lab
- 2:30 p.m. Presentation on the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Plan – **Shelley Norton**, NMFS/SERO, Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Coordinator
- 2:45 p.m. The Biology of Smalltooth Sawfish and an Overview of Current Research – **Dr. John Carlson**, NMFS/SEFSC
- BREAK
- 3:30 p.m. Sawfish Field Survey and Tracking Results: 2000-2008 – **Tonya Wiley-Lescher**, Haven Worth Consulting
- 3:45 p.m. The National Sawfish Encounter Database: Mining Biological and Ecological Information from Historic and Current Sawfish Occurrence Data – **George Burgess**, Smalltooth Sawfish Status Review and Recovery Team

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- 4:00 p.m. Smalltooth sawfish recovery: an NGO perspective - **Sonja Fordham**, Shark Advocates International
- 4:30 p.m. Group Discussion
- ~6:00 p.m. ADJOURN

Thursday, December 2, 2010

- 8:00 a.m. Opening Remarks – **Bob Jones**, Moderator
- 8:15 a.m. Abiotic affinities, spatio-temporal distribution, and ontogenetic salinity effects on movements of juvenile smalltooth sawfish in the Charlotte Harbor estuarine system, Florida - **Gregg Poulakis**, FWC
- 8:30 a.m. Population genetics of the smalltooth sawfish in Florida - **Dr. Caitlin Curtis**, FWC
- 8:45 a.m. Recent Trends in Shrimp Fishing Effort in the Offshore Gulf of Mexico – **Dr. Benny Gallaway**, LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc.

BREAK

Issues for Discussion - **Bob Jones**, Moderator

- (1) Potential efficacy of bycatch reduction technologies and strategies
- (2) Other possible ways to minimize sawfish trawl bycatch and bycatch mortality
- (3) Impacts of potential sawfish bycatch and bycatch mortality reduction on Industry
- (4) Form feasible options for minimizing sawfish bycatch and bycatch mortality to the extent practicable
- (5) Other items

12:00 noon ADJOURN