

AGENDA¹
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STANDING & SPECIAL REEF FISH, SOCIOECONOMIC, & ECOSYSTEM
SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEES

Gulf Council Office
February 27 – February 28, 2024

FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: February 13, 2024 (NO MORE CHANGES)

----- Convene February 27 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Dr. Jim Nance
- II. Scope of Work – Council Staff
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from the September 2023 and October 2023 SSC Meetings – Dr. Nance
- IV. Review of SEDAR 85: Gulf of Mexico Yellowedge Grouper (4 hr) – Dr. Skyler Sagarese
 - a. Presentation and Projections
 - b. Fishermen Feedback for SEDAR 85 – Ms. Emily Muehlstein
 - c. Background: SEDAR 85 Stock Assessment Report
 - d. Background: SEDAR 22 Stock Assessment Report
 - e. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

----- 15-minute morning break at Chair's discretion -----
----- Lunch in-house: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm eastern time -----

SEDAR 85 Review continued until 1:30 pm eastern time

- V. Comparison of the Reef Fish and Snapper Grouper Fisheries of the Southeastern US (1 hr) – Drs. Christopher Liese and Scott Crosson
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background: Manuscript
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

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- VI. Review of Other Deepwater Grouper Landings Data and Catch Limits (1¾ hr) – Council Staff
 - a. Data File
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance
- VII. Public Comment – Dr. Nance

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----- Adjourn February 27 at 5:00 pm eastern time -----
----- Convene February 28 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- VIII. Review of SEDAR 74: Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Research Track (3 hrs) – Dr. Katie Siegfried/SEFSC Analytical Team
- a. Presentation of Reviewer Recommendations
 - ~~b. Evaluation of Benchmark Terms of Reference – Mr. Rindone~~
 - c. Background: SEDAR 74 Research Track Assessment Report
 - d. Background: SEDAR 74 CIE Reviewer Evaluations
 - e. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

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- IX. Review of SEDAR Process Recommendations from SEDAR 74 (1½ hr) – Dr. Siegfried/Council Staff
- a. Evaluation of Reviewer Recommendations for SEDAR Process
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

- X. Review of SEDAR 96: Southeastern US Yellowtail Snapper Operational Assessment Terms of Reference and Participants for Recreational Data Topical Working Group (½ hr)
- a. Background: Draft Terms of Reference
 - b. Background: SEDAR 96 Appointee Request Memo
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

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- XI. Review of SEDAR 85: Gulf of Mexico Yellowedge Grouper Projections (1 hr) – Dr. Skyler Sagarese
- a. Presentation and Projections
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

- XII. Discussion: Revised Black Grouper and Yellowfin Grouper Landings and Catch Limits (¾ hr) – Dr. John Froeschke
- a. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

- XIII. Review: 2024 Gulf of Mexico Red Grouper Interim Analysis (no catch advice) (½ hr) – Dr. Skylar Sagarese
- a. Presentation
 - b. Background: 2023 Gulf Red Grouper IA
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Nance

- XIV. Public Comment – Dr. Nance

- XV. Other Business – Dr. Nance

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