

AGENDA¹
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
STANDING SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Gulf Council Office
July 31 – August 1, 2024

FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: July 17, 2024 (NO MORE CHANGES)

----- Convene July 31 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Mr. Ryan Rindone
- II. Scope of Work – Mr. Rindone
- III. Election of SSC Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from the May 2024 SSC Meeting – Chair
- V. SSC Member General Orientation – Council Staff (¾ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
- VI. SSC Member SEDAR Process Orientation and Engagement – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Chair

----- 15-minute morning break at Chair's discretion -----

- VII. Management Strategy Evaluation – Dr. Cassidy Peterson/Dr. Katie Siegfried (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
- VIII. SEDAR Assessment Process Changes and Model Complexity –Dr. Siegfried/ Dr. Peterson (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Chair

----- Lunch in-house: 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm eastern time -----

- IX. Essential Fish Habitat Contract Review: Progress on EFH Data Collection – Dr. Bridgette Froeschke (2 hrs)
 - a. Overview Presentation
 - b. EFH Contract Update
 - c. Background: List of Metadata
 - d. Background: Data features (zip)
 - e. SSC Discussion – Chair

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- X. Influence of Timing and Duration of Recreational Seasonal Harvest Restrictions on Gag Effort, Harvest, and Discards in the Gulf of Mexico – Dr. Challen Hyman (2 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background: Supporting manuscripts
 - c. SSC Discussion – Chair
- XI. Public Comment – Chair

----- Adjourn July 31 by 5:00 pm eastern time -----

----- Convene August 1 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- XII. Discussion: Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Modifications – Dr. Shannon Cass-Calay and Dr. Siegfried (4 hrs)
 - a. Presentation: SEFSC Proposal – Dr. Shannon Cass-Calay
 - b. Background: Ralston et al. 2011
 - 1. Ralston Multipliers Excel File
 - c. Background: Restrepo et al. 1998
 - d. Background: 2011 Gulf Council ABC Control Rule
 - e. Background: Gulf Council ABC Control Rule Tier 1 Spreadsheet
 - f. Background: NMFS ABC Control Rule Technical Memo – Carryover and Phase-in
 - g. Background: Inventory of ABC Control Rule Tier Systems
 - h. Background: Revitalizing the Gulf of Mexico ABC Control Rule
 - i. Background: May 2021 Gulf SSC Summary
 - j. Background: May 2022 Gulf SSC Summary
 - k. Background: January 2023 Gulf SSC Meeting
 - l. SSC Discussion – Chair

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ABC Control Rule Discussion continued until 1:15 pm

- XIII. RESTORE Project Update: Projections Model Review – Dr. Nathan Vaughn (2 hrs)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background: RESTORE Proposal
 - c. Background: Report
 - d. SSC Discussion – Chair

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- XIV. Review: *Regional and Sector-Specific Gulf of Mexico Age, Growth, and Age-length Key Estimation Derived from Otolith-based Ageing* – Dr. Will Patterson (¾ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Report
 - c. SSC Discussion – Chair

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- XV. Discussion: 2025 – 2028 Research and Monitoring Priorities – Council Staff (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
- XVI. Public Comment – Chair
- XVII. Other Business – Chair
 - a. Volunteers to serve on the Ecosystem Technical Committee

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