

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

4107 West Spruce St.
Tampa, FL 33607
September 27 – 28, 2023

FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: September 12, 2023 (NO MORE CHANGES)

----- Convene Day 1 @ 8:30 am eastern time -----

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Dr. Luiz Barbieri
- II. Approval of Verbatim Minutes and Meeting Summary: July 19 – 20, 2023, meeting – Dr. Luiz Barbieri
- III. Scope of Work – Mr. Ryan Rindone
- IV. Selection of SSC Representative for the October 23 – 26, 2023, Gulf Council meeting in Panama City, FL – Dr. Luiz Barbieri
- V. Review of Gag Grouper Abundance, Movement, Spawning Behavior, Discard Mortality, and Environmental Influences – Mr. Ryan Rindone (5 hrs)
 - a. Presentations:
 - i. Gag Observations using Remotely Operated Vehicles on the West Florida Shelf – Dr. Sue Lowerre-Barbieri
 - ii. Effects of Recreational Catch and Release Angling on the Survival of Gag, and Gear and Strategies Designed to Reduce Barotrauma – Dr. Angela Collins
 - iii. Age-specific Mortality of Gag from Red Tide on the West Florida Shelf – Dr. Dave Chagaris
 - iv. Discard Mortality of Gag on the West Florida Shelf – Ms. Beverly Sauls
 - b. Background: SEDAR 72 Stock Assessment Report (2022)
 - c. Background: Gulf SSC Review of SEDAR 72 (2022) – Gulf of Mexico Gag Stock Assessment Report
 - d. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

----- 15-minute break: 10:30 am – 10:45 am eastern time -----

----- Lunch break: 12:15 pm – 1:00 pm eastern time -----

----- 15-minute break: 2:30 pm – 2:45 pm eastern time -----

- VI. Review: Possible Management Modifications for Gag and Black Grouper – Mr. Ryan Rindone (1½ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background: Document
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri
 - i. Recommendations for Reducing Discard Mortality
 - ii. Recommendations about Modifications to Spatial Management

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iii. Recommendations about Modifications to Seasonal Management

- VII. Discussion: SEDAR 94 Florida Hogfish Scope of Work – Mr. Ryan Rindone (½ hr)
a. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

- VIII. Public Comment – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

----- Adjourn Day 1 by 5:00 pm eastern time -----
----- Convene Day 2 @ 8:30 am eastern time -----

- IX. Review: Gulf of Mexico Gag Health Check – Dr. Lisa Ailloud and Dr. Katie Siegfried (2¼ hrs)
a. Presentation
b. Fisherman Feedback – Ms. Emily Muehlstein
c. Background: 2023 Gag Interim Analysis Report
d. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

----- 15-minute break: 10:45 am – 11:00 am eastern time -----

- X. Review: Vermilion Snapper Interim Analysis – Dr. Francesca Forrestal (1 hr)
a. Presentation
b. Background: Document
c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

----- Lunch break: 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm eastern time -----

- XI. Review: Southeast Region Best Scientific Information Available Framework – SEFSC/SERO/Council Staff (2 hrs)
a. Document
b. Background: National Standard 2
c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

----- 15-minute break: 2:45 pm – 3:00 pm eastern time -----

- XII. Incorporating Social Science Theory and Methods in to Ecosystem Assessments – Dr. David Griffith (1 hr)
a. Presentation
b. Background: Publications
c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

- XIII. Review: Lane Snapper Updated Catch Analysis – Dr. Francesca Forrestal (¾ hr)
a. Presentation
b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

- XIV. Public Comment – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

- XV. Other Business – Dr. Luiz Barbieri

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