

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

4107 West Spruce St.
Tampa, FL 33607
August 9-11, 2021

First Briefing Book Deadline: July 12, 2021
Final Briefing Book Deadline: July 19, 2021

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

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Mr. Rindone
- II. Approval of Verbatim Minutes and Meeting Summary: May 3 – 4, 2021, webinar meeting – Mr. Rindone
- III. Election of the Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- IV. Scope of Work – Mr. Rindone
- V. Selection of the SSC Representative for the Council’s August 23-26, 2021, meeting in San Antonio, Texas – Chair
- VI. Discussion Document: SSC’s Best Practices and Voting Procedures – Mr. Rindone (1½ hrs)
 - a. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

- ~~VII. Review and Discussion of Finalized Great Red Snapper Count Project Report (1½ hrs)~~
 - ~~a. Presentation – Dr. Stunz~~
 - ~~b. Background: Final Great Red Snapper Count Project Report~~
 - ~~c. Background: Independent Consultant Reports~~
 - ~~i. Eggleston Review Report~~
 - ~~ii. Christman Review Report~~
 - ~~iii. Cadrin Review Report~~
 - ~~d. SSC Discussion – Chair~~

----- Lunch Break from 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm eastern time -----

- VIII. Review of Updated Red Grouper Interim Analysis (2 hrs)
 - a. Presentation – Dr. Sagarese
 - b. Interim Analysis Report
 - c. Background: Reef Fish Amendment 53

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d. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

- IX. Discussion of Research Track and Operational Assessment Process Guidance Document – Dr. Neer/Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
- Presentation – Dr. Neer
 - Presentation: Research Track Expectations – Dr. Siegfried
 - Background: Document
 - SSC Discussion – Chair
- X. Determination of Topical Working Groups for SEDAR 75: Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper Operational Assessment – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- Background: SEDAR 51 Stock Assessment Report
 - Background: SEDAR 75 Terms of Reference
 - SSC Discussion – Chair
- XI. Scope of Work for Red Grouper Operational Assessment – Mr. Rindone (¾ hr)
- Background: SEDAR 61 Stock Assessment Report
 - SSC Discussion – Chair
- XII. Scope of Work for Vermilion Snapper Operational Assessment – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- Background: SEDAR 67 Stock Assessment Report
 - SSC Discussion – Chair

----- Adjourn Day 1 @ 5:00 pm eastern time -----

----- Convene Day 2 @ 8:30 am eastern time -----

- XIII. Determination of Approach to Assess Gulf of Mexico Tilefish Complex – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
- Background: SEDAR 22 Stock Assessment Report
 - SSC Discussion – Chair
- XIV. Interim Analysis Schedule (update) – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- SSC Discussion – Chair
- XV. Revised SEDAR Stock Assessment Schedule – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
- SSC Discussion – Chair
- ~~XVI. Review of Draft Southeast Regional Framework for Establishing the Best Scientific Information Available – SERO (1 hr)~~
- ~~Presentation~~
 - ~~Background: Draft Document~~

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

- XVII. Discussion: NS1 Technical Guidance Subgroup 3 Tech Memo: *Managing with ACLs for data-limited stocks in federal fishery management plans - Review and recommendations for implementing 50 CFR 600.310(h)(2) flexibilities for data limited stocks* – NMFS Staff (1 hr)

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- a. Background: NS1 Technical Guidance Subgroup 3 Tech Memo
- b. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

XVIII. Review of King Mackerel Historical Harvest and Catch Limits (1½ hr)

- a. Presentation – SEFSC
- b. SEFSC Analysis (March 2021)
- c. Background: SEDAR 38 Stock Assessment Report
- d. Background: SEDAR 38 Update Stock Assessment Report
- e. SSC Discussion – Chair

XIX. Review of King Mackerel Historical Commercial Harvest Differences (½ hr)

- a. Background: SEDAR 38 Stock Assessment Report
- b. Background: SEDAR 38 Update Stock Assessment Report
- c. Background: CMP Amendment 26
- d. Background: SEDAR 38 Landings Comparison
- e. Background: DRAFT CMP Amendment 33
- f. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

XX. Review of Greater Amberjack Historical Harvest and Catch Limits (1½ hrs)

- a. Presentation – SEFSC
- b. Analysis
- c. Background: SEDAR 70 Stock Assessment Report
- d. Background: SEDAR 33 Update Stock Assessment Report
- e. Background: SEDAR 33 Stock Assessment Report
- f. SSC Discussion – Chair

----- Adjourn Day 2 @ 5:00 pm eastern time -----

----- Convene Day 3 @ 8:30 am eastern time -----

XXI. Review of Updated Greater Amberjack Projections – SEFSC Staff (2 hrs)

- a. Presentation
- b. Updated Projections Report
- c. Background: SEDAR 70 Stock Assessment Report
- d. Background: SEDAR 70 Projections Presentation
- e. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

~~XXII. Presentation: Using Field Experiments to Assess Alternative Mechanisms for Distributing Fish to the Recreational Sector (1 hr)~~

- ~~a. Presentation – Dr. Alexander Gordan (SEFSC)~~
- ~~b. SSC Discussion – Chair~~

----- Lunch break: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm eastern time -----

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- XXIII. Review of Draft Options: Generic Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 5 – Dr. Hollensead (1½ hrs)
- a. Presentation
 - b. Draft Document
 - c. Background: Five Year Review:
 - i. 2010 Council 5-year Review
 - ii. 2010 Council Response Letter
 - iii. 2016 Council 5-year Review
 - iv. 2016 Council Response Letter
 - d. Background Modeling Approaches
 - e. Background: Benthic Habitat Metadata
 - f. SSC Discussion – Chair

- ~~XXIV. Review of Standardized Bycatch Reduction Methodology – Mr. Dan Luers (SERO) (1½ hrs)~~
- ~~a. Presentation – Mr. Luers~~
 - ~~b. Background: Document~~
 - ~~e. SSC Discussion – Chair~~

----- 15-minute break: 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm eastern time -----

- XXV. Discussion of Topic Leaders for Agenda Items – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- a. SSC Discussion – Chair

XXVI. Public Comment – Chair

XXVII. Other Business – Chair

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