

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

Webinar
March 30 – April 2, 2021

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

----- Convene at 9:00 AM, adjourn at 5:00 pm eastern time -----
----- Lunch Break from 12:00 – 1:00 pm eastern time -----

I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Dr. Powers

REVIEW OF GREAT RED SNAPPER COUNT PROJECT (2½ days)

I. Terms of Reference – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)

II. Review of the Great Red Snapper Count

- a. Background: Project Report
- b. Background: Independent Consultant Initial Findings
- c. Summary Presentation of GRSC – Dr. Greg Stunz (½ hr)
- d. Presentations – GRSC Co-PIs
 - i. Project Goals and Objectives – Dr. Greg Stunz (¼ hr)
 - ii. General Acoustics Methods across Regions – Dr. Kevin Boswell (½ hr)
 - iii. Regional Sampling Framework
 1. Overall Design Framework – Dr. Rob Ahrens (1 hr)
 2. Florida – Dr. Will Patterson (1½ hrs)
 - a. FL Methods
 - b. Behavioral Experiment Results – Drs. Patterson & Boswell
 3. Alabama/Mississippi – Dr. Sean Powers (1 hr)
 - a. Estimating Number of Reefs
 - b. Depletion – Drs. John Hoenig & Liese Carlton
 4. Texas – Dr. Jay Rooker (1 hr)
 - a. UCB – Characterization – Dr. Jay Rooker
 - b. Artificial Reef/Natural Banks – Dr. Greg Stunz
 5. Louisiana – Dr. Greg Stunz (½ hr)
 6. Gulf-wide Uncharacterized Bottom and Pipelines – Dr. Steve Murawski (1 hr)
 7. Gulf-wide Tagging Initiative – Dr. Matt Catalano (½ hr)
 - iv. Abundance Estimate and Supporting Analyses (1 hr)
 1. Primary Analysis – Dr. Rob Ahrens
 2. Validation Analysis – Dr. Lynne Stokes
 - v. Final Estimate of Absolute Abundance – Dr. Greg Stunz (½ hr)

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- vi. Sampling Biases: Direction, Uncertainty, and Validity of the Abundance Estimate – Dr. Greg Stunz and PI Leadership Team (½ hr)
- vii. Discussion, Conclusions, and Key Takeaways – Dr. Greg Stunz and PI Leadership Team (½ hr)
- e. Consultant/SSC Deliberations

SSC MEETING: REVIEW OF RED SNAPPER CATCH ANALYSES (1½ days)

- I. Approval of Verbatim Minutes and Meeting Summary: January 5-7, 2021 webinar meeting – Dr. Powers
- II. Scope of Work – Mr. Rindone
- III. Selection of SSC Representative for the April 12-15, 2021 Gulf Council Meeting – Dr. Powers
- IV. Review of GRSC-informed Catch Analysis – SEFSC (3 hrs)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Projections
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Powers
- V. Review of Red Snapper Interim Analysis (NMFS Bottom Longline) – SEFSC (2 hrs)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Projections
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Powers
- VI. Discussion: GRSC-informed Catch Analysis and Red Snapper Interim Analysis – Dr. Powers
- VII. Public Comment – Dr. Powers
- VIII. Other Business – Dr. Powers

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