

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Outreach and Education Technical Committee
Meeting Summary
Tampa, Florida
December 6, 2022**

Fishery Ecosystem Plan Outreach

Staff provided a basic overview of the Council's progress on development of a Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) which included a summary of the Council motion that directed the Council's Ecosystem Technical Committee to develop a plan to engage stakeholders in the process. The O&E noted that outreach should begin early so that stakeholder participation is an integral part of executing the FEP. It recognized that currently, the FEP is too abstract and that outreach should begin once there are specific issues identified that would appeal to a layman audience. The O&E postulated that they were likely the more appropriate group to develop an outreach plan and made the following motion which passed without opposition:

MOTION: To charge the Outreach & Education Technical Committee with developing the Fishery Ecosystem Plan stakeholder engagement plan in collaboration with the Ecosystem Technical Committee.

Motion carried without opposition.