

**Agenda
Sustainable Fisheries**

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Hyatt Centric
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Monday, January 29, 2018
12:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

- I. Adoption of Agenda (**Tab E, No. 1**) – Dr. Mickle
- II. Approval of October 2017 Minutes (**Tab E, No. 2**) – Dr. Mickle
- III. Action Guide and Next Steps (**Tab E, No. 3**) – Mr. Atran
- IV. Review of Mackerel Landings and Bag Limit Analysis (**Tab E, No. 4**) – SERO
- V. Options Paper – Carryover of Unharvested Quota (**Tab E, No. 5**) – Mr. Atran
 - a. SSC review of simulations (Tab B, No. 11b) – SSC Representative
- VI. Public Hearing Draft Amendment 49 – Modifications to the Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Procedure for the Reef Fish Fishery (**Tab E, No. 6**) – Dr. Simmons
 - a. Law Enforcement Technical Committee comments (Tab E, No. 11) – Mr. Atran
- VII. Draft Policy and Outreach – Descending Devices and Venting Tools – Mr. Atran
 - a. Draft policy (**Tab E, No. 7a**)
 - b. Proposed outreach plan (**Tab E, No. 7b**)
 - c. Draft letter in support of funding descending device distribution (**Tab E, No. 7c**)
 - d. Law Enforcement Technical Committee comments (**Tab E, No. 11**)

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

- VIII. Review of EAFM by the Gulf Council and Other Regional Approaches – Dr. Kilgour
 - a. Ecosystem Approaches in the Gulf of Mexico (**Tab E, No. 8a**)
 - b. EAFM Overview (**Tab E, No. 8b**)
- IX. Reef Fish Charter For-hire Permit Transfers and Potential Management Actions (**Tab E, No. 9a**) – Dr. Diagne
 - a. Presentation (**Tab E, No. 9b**) – Dr. Diagne
 - b. Law Enforcement Technical Committee Comments (**Tab E, No. 11**) – Mr. Atran
- X. Environmental Assessment and Exempted Fishing Permits for Lionfish Trap Testing in the Gulf and South Atlantic – Ms. Gerhart
 - a. Presentation on Programmatic Lionfish EA (**Tab E, No. 10a**)
 - b. NMFS Letter on Lionfish exempted fishing permits (**Tab E, No. 10b**)
 - c. Lionfish exempted fishing permits (**Tab E, No. 10, c, d, e**)
- XI. Discussion on Dead Zone Regarding RESTORE Act Activities (**Tab E, No. 10**) – Mr. Constant

XII. Other Business – Dr. Mickle

Members:

Joe Spraggins / Paul Mickle, Chair

Greg Stunz, V. Chair

Scott Bannon / Kevin Anson

Glenn Constant

Roy Crabtree/Jack McGovern

Dale Diaz

Dave Donaldson

Tom Frazer

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