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1 The Habitat Protection and Restoration Committee of the Gulf of
2 Mexico Fishery Management Council convened via webinar on
3 Wednesday morning, April 14, 2021, and was called to order by
4 Chairman Patrick Banks.

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6 **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
7 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
8 **ACTION GUIDE AND NEXT STEPS**
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10 **CHAIRMAN PATRICK BANKS:** I will call the Habitat Committee to
11 order. We can start by reviewing the membership of the
12 committee, and it's myself as the Chair, General Spraggins as
13 the Vice Chair, and we have Leann Bosarge, Dale Diaz, Phil
14 Dyskow, Glenn Constant, Bob Shipp, Greg Stunz, and Ed Swindell
15 on the committee.

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17 With that, we'll move on to Adoption of the Agenda. You should
18 have the agenda there shown on the screen, and the agenda is in
19 Tab P, Number 1.

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21 **MR. ED SWINDELL:** I move we adopt.

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23 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** We have a motion by Ed Swindell to adopt the
24 agenda. Do I hear a second?

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26 **DR. GREG STUNZ:** I will second that.

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28 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Greg. We have a motion on the floor
29 with a second. Is there any opposition to the motion? Hearing
30 none, the agenda is adopted. Tab P, Number 2 is the minutes
31 from our last meeting, which was nearly two years ago, and, if
32 anybody has any changes to those minutes, I would certainly like
33 to hear them now. If not, I will entertain a motion to approve
34 those minutes.

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36 **MR. DALE DIAZ:** So moved.

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38 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** We have a motion to approve. Can I get a
39 second?

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41 **DR. STUNZ:** I will second.

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43 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** We have a second as well. Any opposition to
44 approving those minutes? Hearing none, those minutes are hereby
45 adopted and approved, and so we'll move on to Item Number III on
46 the agenda, Action Guide and Next Steps, and I will turn it over
47 to Dr. Hollensead. This is Tab P, Number 3.

1 **DR. LISA HOLLENSHAD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I think, in the
2 interest of time, we had talked about perhaps delaying the
3 presentation on the Generic EFH Amendment to a later date and
4 focusing on the Executive Order agenda item, Number V, and I was
5 wondering, Mr. Chair, if that's something you would be amenable
6 to doing during this session.

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8 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** I certainly would be, and I would entertain a
9 motion by a committee member to delay that item. Can I get a
10 motion from somebody?

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12 **MR. SWINDELL:** I so move.

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14 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** I have a motion by Mr. Swindell. Can I get a
15 second?

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17 **DR. STUNZ:** Second.

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19 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you for the second. Any opposition to
20 delaying the discussion of the Generic EFH Amendment and the
21 Five-Year Review? Hearing none, that motion is adopted, and so
22 we will delay that item until our next committee meeting. Go
23 ahead, Dr. Hollensead.

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25 **DR. HOLLENSHAD:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. In that case, I would
26 like the committee to focus on what we have up on the docket for
27 Agenda Item V, and so this will be a discussion on President
28 Biden's Executive Order Titled "Tackling the Climate Crisis at
29 Home and Abroad". Specifically, we'll be focusing on Section
30 216(c), Conserving our Nation's Lands and Waters.

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32 With this order, there has been a call for comments about how to
33 implement these sorts of things and how to provide some insight
34 on resiliency of fisheries in the face of climate change
35 considerations, and so I believe we have Dr. Paul Doremus from
36 NOAA Headquarters, who is going to give an overview of this,
37 and, at any point, take in any comment from the committee, and
38 so the committee should please listen to the presentation, ask
39 any questions, and provide insight on how the effects of climate
40 change relate to fisheries resiliency, and so that concludes the
41 Action Guide, and I would be happy to take any questions, if
42 there are any.

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44 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Dr. Hollensead. Are there any
45 questions on the Action Guide and Next Steps? Hearing none, we
46 have delayed Item IV on the agenda, and so we'll move on to what
47 Dr. Hollensead just described, Action V, and we welcome Dr.
48 Doremus. Welcome, Paul, to the meeting, and we are excited to

1 hear your presentation. You can find that at Tab P, Number 5,
2 and then some background information at Number 5(a). Go ahead,
3 Dr. Doremus.

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5 **DISCUSSION SESSION ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S E.O. 14008, SECTION**
6 **216(c) TITLED "TACKLING THE CLIMATE CRISIS AT HOME AND ABROAD"**
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8 **DR. PAUL DOREMUS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. It's a great pleasure
9 to be able to connect with the council today, and I really do
10 appreciate you making time for this topic. We're here today to
11 discuss a piece of this Executive Order 14008, Section 216(c).
12 If you advance to the next slide, that really sets out the core
13 question for us.

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15 Under this section, we're being asked to collect input from
16 fishermen, regional ocean councils, fishery management councils,
17 scientists, and other stakeholders on how to make fisheries and
18 protected resources more resilient to climate change, and this
19 includes changes in management and conservation measures and
20 improvements in science, monitoring, and cooperative research,
21 and this is part of a very broad effort on behalf of President
22 Biden, who has clearly shown a lot of interest in minimizing the
23 effects of climate change across all sectors, and this direction
24 is really tailored to our collective work in the fisheries and
25 protected resources science and management enterprise.

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27 We have certainly seen plenty of research showing that fisheries
28 and protected resources, and their associated habitats and
29 ecosystems, are being affected by climate-related changes, such
30 as warming oceans, increasing acidification, rising seas, and
31 we've had a lot of discussions around the country on impacts in
32 the distribution and abundance of marine species, and,
33 consequently, on the people and the communities that depend on
34 those resources, and so we're working, across the country, with
35 partners to understand and respond to changing climate and ocean
36 conditions and help minimize impacts and adapt to the changes
37 that we see or we anticipate and ensure that future generations
38 can enjoy the benefits of healthy marine ecosystems.

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40 We're here today because of the absolutely integral role that
41 councils play in our entire fisheries management structure,
42 bringing together the fishing industry, states, tribes, and
43 NGOs, to ensure that federal regulations are appropriate for
44 managed species, for industry, and for the public, and your
45 expertise is absolutely paramount in determining how we go about
46 ensuring that we're doing everything we can to sustain resilient
47 fisheries and protected resources, and so our core mission.

1 That's why, today, we're turning to you, to get your thoughts
2 regarding how to make fisheries and protected resources more
3 resilient to climate change, and this can cover any aspect of
4 NOAA authority that relates to this goal, this overall goal of
5 the Executive Order, including the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the
6 Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the
7 National Marine Sanctuaries Act, the Coastal Zone Management
8 Act, and others.

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10 We will use the input gathered to inform the next steps during
11 this whole process, including our own next series of regional
12 action plans under our NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy,
13 and we also had put out a broad call for public comment that
14 were due in at the beginning of the month, and I also wanted
15 just to note here that the website is available for continuous
16 update on our process.

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18 We are talking to all councils around the country, and we are
19 talking to the commissions, and we are having broad public input
20 sessions, and we will continue this discussion, and we obviously
21 are already past that immediate deadline, throughout 2021, and,
22 today, we're here really in listening mode. Mr. Chair, I
23 apologize that I do have to drop off at 11:00 for a previously-
24 scheduled meeting, and Heather Sagar on our staff will be able
25 to pick up and close the session on my behalf, but we really do,
26 again, want to thank all of you in advance for your thoughts and
27 your comments.

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29 This will be part of a long-term process for us of responding to
30 environmental changes, broadly construed, and looking at how we
31 can best manage the marine resources and address the concerns of
32 the community that depend on those resources, and so thank you
33 again, Mr. Chair, and the entire council, for the time today,
34 and we look forward -- I will turn the mic back to you, and
35 we'll look forward to your thoughts and recommendations on this
36 topic.

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38 It might be helpful to just back up to the previous slide and
39 leave that up, as that is, in effect, our charge, and you can
40 use that as a reference point as we look into these broad
41 questions, and so thank you once again.

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43 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Dr. Doremus. We appreciate you
44 giving us your time, and I know, in your role right now with
45 NOAA, you're extremely busy, and so we appreciate the time you
46 gave us today. I guess I will turn it over to the committee, to
47 see if there are any questions of Dr. Doremus, or any thoughts
48 that anybody wants to put forward.

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2 Certainly, here in Louisiana, we're seeing issues with climate
3 change, rising sea levels and changes in the species we manage
4 just on a state basis, and so we're seeing, certainly, some real
5 effects here, but I would love to hear some thoughts, or maybe
6 some questions, from committee members. It looks like we have a
7 hand up from Ms. Bosarge. Go ahead, Leann.

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9 **MS. LEANN BOSARGE:** Thank you. I think -- I guess two main
10 points. I think one thing that we need to really, I guess,
11 assist in our management and understanding is that raw data.
12 Sometimes I don't think some of that very basic raw data is
13 synthesized and pooled together in such a way that it can really
14 be presented to us in a fashion where we can utilize it to
15 understand what's happening and better manage our fisheries.

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17 Even something as simple as pH for the Gulf of Mexico, in our
18 kind of coastal environments right there, or water temperature,
19 and water temperature not just on the surface, but at the
20 seafloor as well.

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22 That kind of information, across the Gulf, is really -- It is
23 captured, and I know the states -- In oyster management, they're
24 capturing that kind of data, right, on the coastal side of
25 things, but that's a state-by-state thing, and I think they may
26 do it sometimes for some of their shrimp management in the
27 states too, but it's not being pooled together and synthesized
28 so that we can see, broadly across the Gulf, how these things
29 are changing.

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31 I think something as simple as that could be helpful, and then
32 the other thing is this idea of fishery resilience with this
33 climate change, which, on the commercial side, means business
34 resilience, which equates to that next generation of fishermen,
35 and so I think that you really need to think about that as well,
36 and supporting that next generation of fishermen, when you talk
37 about this changing environment and changing environmental
38 climate and business climate that they're going to be facing.
39 Thank you.

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41 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Leann. Good comments. It looks
42 like we have Dr. Stunz with his hand up. Go ahead, Dr. Stunz.

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44 **DR. STUNZ:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and, also, thanks for the
45 presentation, and, obviously, it's useful information. I really
46 think this concept goes a little beyond even this committee.
47 For example, it clearly, obviously, fits in with the ecosystem-
48 based management and many of the other presentations that we've

1 had in the past, and so now it looks like there's a little more
2 effort, obviously, to move in that direction, and so I don't
3 know, really, the best way to handle that.

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5 Maybe, Mr. Chairman, this is kind of directed at you, in the
6 sense that how we handle this goes beyond just habitat and that
7 sort of thing, and so I don't have a real good solution of how
8 we address this at the council level, but it may require maybe
9 some special meetings or something like that with the right
10 people from the right committees that we have to figure out how
11 we could implement this. Right now, I don't have the perfect
12 solution, but we definitely need to give it some more
13 discussion.

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15 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** I would agree with that, Dr. Stunz, and I am
16 certainly willing to sit down with some of the heads of those
17 other committees and start to put together some thoughts from
18 the council, and there's just a number of issues out there and a
19 number of ways we can try to help deal with the climate crisis.

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21 One of the things we try to look for here in Louisiana to try to
22 help our fisheries, and not necessarily the species, but the
23 fisheries members, is just come up with options, and never force
24 the industry into any one option, but try to come up with
25 workable options for the industry. Let them choose what makes
26 sense for them.

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28 One example is expand the types of opportunities they have to
29 make a living in the fisheries world, and so maybe that's trying
30 to help them develop markets for underutilized species, for
31 example, that don't seem to be as impacted by climate change, or
32 maybe just even expand areas in which they can fish, that may
33 have not been previously available to them, and so I think
34 there's a lot here, and a lot to discuss, and then I'm certainly
35 -- I think it was a good suggestion you made for us to sit down
36 with some of the other committees and go through this in-depth.
37 It looks like Dr. Simmons has her hand up. Go ahead, Dr.
38 Simmons.

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40 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CARRIE SIMMONS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
41 agree that those are great ideas, and we'll continue to talk
42 about this at the May Council Coordinating Committee meeting. I
43 just wanted to remind the committee and council that we did send
44 a letter, and I think it was March 12, to the Secretary of
45 Interior, Deb Haaland, and the Secretary of Commerce, Gina
46 Raimondo, and that letter provided some comments and
47 recommendations, not only on Section 216(a) of the Executive
48 Order, but also the -- Excuse me. Not only 216(c), but

1 216(a)(ii) of the Executive Order, regarding that taskforce and
2 some of the things that the council has done, historically, and
3 how Magnuson has directed us in managing for over forty years
4 and how, really, it's the gold standard for sustainable fishing
5 practices. If you would like us to redistribute that letter, I
6 can. Thank you.

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8 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Yes, please do. I am searching my email right
9 now for it, but please resend it to this. Thank you. I think I
10 saw another hand up. Maybe Martha. Go ahead.

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12 **MS. MARTHA GUYAS:** Thanks for recognizing me, because I'm not on
13 your committee, despite my just shouting out motions earlier,
14 but, sort of in line with Carrie's comments, FWC provided a
15 letter to Dr. Doremus, in response to this request for ideas,
16 and I would be happy to share that with the council. We had
17 many, many recommendations for direction for research.

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19 As Leann kind of alluded to, human dimensions and ensuring that
20 communities are resilient, fishing communities are resilient, to
21 climate change, and then, also, potential management, and so I'm
22 happy to share that, if you all would like that.

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24 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** I certainly would like to see it, and so thank
25 you, Martha. Any other comments by the committee? Dr. Frazer,
26 it appears. Go ahead, Dr. Frazer.

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28 **DR. TOM FRAZER:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to follow-
29 up on a comment that Dr. Stunz made. We clearly have a
30 tremendous challenge ahead of us, as it relates to climate
31 change, and I think we need to think a little bit more about how
32 we incorporate ecosystem-based management into our strategy. I
33 mean, there's so much going on, right? I mean, we're going to
34 have to factor changing habitats, for example, into --

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36 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIMMONS:** Dr. Frazer got disconnected. Could
37 you go to Dr. Stunz and come back?

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39 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Okay. Go ahead, Dr. Stunz. We'll come back
40 to Dr. Frazer.

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42 **DR. STUNZ:** Sure. Just a quick follow-up, and, Carrie, I think
43 it's good for us to hear what other councils might be doing, and
44 so maybe we can learn from each other in how we're all
45 implementing and addressing this, but, in addition, Patrick, to
46 the committee that we have, I mean, obviously, our Ecosystem
47 Committee is the obvious fit to build this in, but, because of
48 what the language says here, in terms of the interaction with

1 the fishing constituents, it's that our Outreach Committee would
2 be very key to be involved as well, and so it looks like it
3 would be more of the sort of science-type committee approach,
4 but also how we're going to interface and get that input from
5 the fishermen, obviously, is going to be key.

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7 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Very good point. Dr. Porch, you're next. It
8 looks like we have Dr. Porch's hand up, but, Dr. Porch, are you
9 there? Okay. We'll move back to Dr. Frazer, to finish his
10 thoughts.

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12 **DR. FRAZER:** I appreciate you guys entertaining a few comments.
13 Really, the crux of the matter, for me, really, is the thinking
14 about -- We have to think about being a bit more flexible as we
15 move ahead, right? For example, we have harvest quotas that are
16 established right now, primarily on the basis of historical
17 landings, but I think we're going to have to be able to account
18 for changes in both habitats and changes in distribution of the
19 species that we exploit, and that flexibility is not currently
20 available, I think, in Magnuson, at least the way that we
21 interpret it, and so there's a lot of work to do in moving
22 ahead, and, again, I think that we should start to pay a bit
23 more attention to our ecosystem-based management plan, and so I
24 will stop there. Thanks, guys.

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26 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Dr. Frazer. Dr. Porch, are you on?
27 We'll go to you.

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29 **DR. CLAY PORCH:** Sorry, but the phone died just as you called my
30 name. I just wanted to remind the council and staff that we
31 actually have a very nice ecosystem status report that we worked
32 on jointly with the Atlantic Ocean Meteorological Laboratory,
33 and I can send that link to Carrie and Leann and whoever is
34 interested, and maybe you can distribute that more broadly, but
35 I think that would be a very useful resource for the council
36 efforts in this regard.

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38 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Dr. Porch. I appreciate that. Any
39 other comments on this topic? All right. Hearing none, we can
40 move on to Other Business under the committee. Does anybody
41 have any other business?

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43 **DR. HOLLENSEAD:** Mr. Chair, I believe that Dr. Simmons had a
44 comment.

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46 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** I see that. I apologize. Dr. Simmons, go
47 ahead.

1 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIMMONS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. I didn't
2 know if Dr. Doremus could talk a little bit more about timing
3 and how much time the councils really have to try to develop
4 some of these recommendations and refine them. I know there was
5 a Federal Register notice with a comment period that has already
6 closed already, and could you speak a little bit more about how
7 long we have to get this together in the best form possible to
8 provide? Thank you.

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10 **DR. DOREMUS:** Thank you very much, and, at this point, as I
11 indicated earlier, we anticipate this to be a long-term process,
12 and so we really don't have an endpoint on collecting input, and
13 we're making a concerted effort, early in the process, to make
14 sure we hear, as widely as possible, from the types of interests
15 that I identified earlier, across our stakeholder community, and
16 we're certainly taking what time we need to work very closely
17 with the councils and also with the sort of synthesis that the
18 CCC can provide, as was mentioned earlier.

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20 We are able to take input, and willing to take input, at any
21 time, and we're trying to push now, given that it's early in the
22 process, and we've got -- We can foresee a lot of further
23 development, and we want to make sure that we make a good round,
24 early in, and get your views.

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26 The letters that were mentioned earlier, we have received, and
27 it is very helpful both to hear people's thoughts in these kinds
28 of forums, but also written comments submitted to us, and, where
29 they do intersect with other pieces of the EO, as was mentioned
30 earlier by Carrie, we're making sure that we coordinate with
31 other federal agencies, where some of the input relates to
32 different authorities across the federal sector.

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34 There is really not a deadline, and we really do appreciate
35 written comments in particular, and it's extraordinarily helpful
36 to have that record, and we'll continue to interact, over time,
37 on this topic, and, as we get more information and greater
38 clarity with how the administration is going to proceed on this
39 topic, we will certainly be in touch and let you know, as we
40 develop a sense of what the additional milestones are going to
41 be and the timing of work on interpreting and developing some
42 type of response. That's not clear yet. The initial direction
43 was to get underway and have these engagements and to gather the
44 relevant views, and that's what we're doing here today. Thank
45 you.

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47 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Dr. Doremus. Any other comments on
48 this topic from the committee? Go ahead, Dale.

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2 **MR. DIAZ:** Two things. One is we do have public comments later
3 today, and I would encourage people that are listening on the
4 line that are going to make public comments -- If they have some
5 ideas that think is relevant to this topic, ideas or concerns or
6 maybe things they want to make sure that we put on our list of
7 things to think about, and I think that would be helpful, if we
8 could get some comments from the public, written or verbal,
9 today.

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11 Also, just, when I first started thinking about this, the first
12 thing I thought about is, in state waters, flounder.
13 Temperatures are affecting the ratio of males and females in the
14 flounder population off of -- From some of the stuff I've been
15 reading, and I think sea turtles is another thing of concern. I
16 know we're concerned about protected species here, and so
17 they're also temperature driven on how they develop. Thank you,
18 Mr. Chairman.

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20 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Dale. That's a good point. I'm not
21 a huge advocate for hatcheries, but, when you start looking at
22 something that's affected by temperature, and you have an
23 incorrect ratio of males to females, or vice versa, then that is
24 something that I think a hatchery could help us with, and so
25 it's certainly something that has helped the alligator industry
26 over the years, and brought the alligator back from the brink of
27 -- Well, I wouldn't say the brink of extinction, but certainly
28 from the endangered situation, and hatcheries have brought that
29 to where we have more alligators today in the wild, certainly in
30 Louisiana, than we ever have, almost to a problem, I would say,
31 and so I think that, while I, again, have never been a big
32 proponent of hatcheries, in terms of population expansion, or
33 augmentation, I do think helping a sex ratio that seems to be a
34 little bit off-kilter -- There could be some opportunities
35 there, and so maybe some federal funding for those opportunities
36 could help us, in terms of flounder, and maybe even sea turtles.
37 Any other comments from the committee? Mr. Swindell.

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39 **MR. SWINDELL:** Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Mr. Doremus, one of
40 things that always concerns me is that we are managing resources
41 is basically a tub of water called the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, and
42 we have to always be aware of the science that is needed in this
43 environment to manage the resources that are contained in it.

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45 I always am concerned that the federal government has to be
46 aware of how just critical it is for us to manage things in this
47 virtually closed environment that we're having to manage in, and
48 so please keep -- Let the government be aware of how important

1 it is that we support the NOAA Fisheries Science Center and
2 everything that we have to deal with here to make certain that
3 the resources that we're trying to protect, and trying to do the
4 best we can with, in this Gulf of Mexico. Thank you, sir.

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6 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** Thank you, Ed. Any other comments? We're
7 running up against our time limit here, committee. Any other
8 last-minute comments? Dr. Simmons, did you have any?

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10 **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SIMMONS:** Thank you, Mr. Chair. It sounds
11 like we have a little bit more time to think about this, and so
12 my suggestion is that staff kind of brainstorm and look at the
13 materials that were suggested and perhaps come up with a draft
14 list for June and include more than one committee to take a look
15 at that, if that sounds like a reasonable approach. Thank you.

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17 **CHAIRMAN BANKS:** I think it does, as long as it stays within the
18 Habitat Committee, and I think that's appropriate, but certainly
19 other committees can weigh-in, as suggested by Dr. Stunz, and I
20 think that's appropriate. Okay. Any other business to come
21 before the committee? All right. Hearing none, I will turn it
22 back over to Mr. Chair, Dr. Frazer.

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24 (Whereupon, the meeting adjourned on April 14, 2021.)

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