

**AGENDA**  
**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**  
**Ecosystem Technical Committee Meeting**

**4107 West Spruce St., Suite 200**  
**Tampa, FL 33607**

**April 19 – 20, 2023**  
**8:30 a.m. EDT – 4:30 p.m. EDT**

- I. Adoption of Agenda **(01)** – Dr. Karnauskas
- II. Approval of Minutes from December 2021 Meeting **(02)** – Dr. Karnauskas
- III. Status Update on Gulf Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) – Dr. Méndez-Ferrer
  - a. Presentation **(03a)**
  - b. Background: March 2, 2020 Meeting Summary **(03b)**
  - c. Background: LGL Proposed FEP **(03c)**
  - d. Background: Case Study and Lessons Learned **(03d)**
  - e. Background: Stakeholder Assessment and Concept Mapping **(03e)**
  - f. Background: Indicator Development for FEP **(03f)**
  - g. Council Member Ongoing Development Update – Mr. Anson
  - h. Council Motion **(03h)**
- IV. Discussion of Next Steps to Operationalize Gulf FEP
  - a. Goals and Objectives/Mission Statement **(04a)** – Dr. Méndez-Ferrer
  - b. Outline for Integration of the FEIs into the Gulf FEP Process **(04b)** – Dr. Méndez-Ferrer
  - c. Discussion on the FEI Loop with Red Tide Example **(04c)** – Dr. Turley
  - d. Recommendations on Draft Updates to the FEI Loop – Dr. Karnauskas

---- Lunch ----

- V. Discussion on Potential Fishery Ecosystem Issues (FEI) for the Gulf FEP – Dr. Karnauskas
- VI. Discussion on Prioritization Metrics for FEIs – Dr. Karnauskas
- VII. Public Comment

---- Adjourn Day 1, 4:30 pm eastern time ----

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

- VIII. Ranking and Selection of Top Four FEIs – Dr. Karnauskas
- IX. Continued Discussion on Next Steps for FEIs in the Gulf FEP or Management Process – Dr. Mendez-Ferrer

---- Lunch ----

- X. Stakeholder Engagement Update **(10)** – Ms. Muehlstein
  - a. Background: O&E Technical Committee Recommendations **(10a)**
- XI. Discussion on Updating the 2017 Ecosystem Status Report for the Gulf of Mexico – Dr. Karnauskas
  - a. Background: Council Letter to Science Center **(11a)**
- XII. Other Business

---- Adjourn Day 2, 4:30 pm eastern time ----

**Ecosystem Technical Committee Members:**

Mandy Karnauskas, Ph.D., *Chair*

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