

**AGENDA**  
**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**  
**Coral Advisory Panel &**  
**Coral Scientific and Statistical Committee**  
**Virtual**

**4107 West Spruce Street, Suite 200**  
**Tampa, FL 33607**

**Monday, February 7, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Eastern**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern**

**Monday, February 7, 2022**

- I. Adoption of Agenda – Dr. Morgan Kilgour
- II. Approval of Minutes from September 10, 2019 Meeting – Dr. Morgan Kilgour
- III. Scope of Work – Council Staff
- IV. Overview of Contract and Roles and Responsibilities of the Coral AP and Coral SSC – Council Staff
- V. Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Mesophotic and Deepwater Coral Assessment – CSA
  - a. Summary Presentation – Mr. Steve Viada
  - b. Document – Mr. Steve Viada
  - c. Site Selection and Literature Review of Potential HAPC – CSA
    - i. Background: Literature Review Data Summary
  - d. Results of Site Prioritization for Management Purposes: Ecological and Vulnerability Assessment – CSA
    - i. Background: Distance and Coordinates Summary
    - ii. Background: Site Distance and Coordinates Data Sources Summary
    - iii. Background: Data Types by Site
    - iv. Background: Vulnerability Assessment
    - v. NOAA Technical Memorandum: Mapping Bottom-contact Fishing Intensity in the Gulf of Mexico (Clark et al. 2018)
  - e. Data Visualization Dashboard – CSA
  - f. Panel Feedback and Recommendations – Dr. Morgan Kilgour

**----- Adjourn Day 1 by 5:00 PM -----**

----- Convene Day 2 at 9:00 AM -----

- VI. *Deepwater Horizon* Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities Restoration–  
Upcoming Activities and Products  
Ms. Laurie Rounds / Mr. Randy Clark / Mr. Kris Benson / Mr. Charles Menza / Ms.  
Stacey Harter / Dr. Peter Etnoyer / Mr. George Schmal  
a. Panel Feedback – Dr. Morgan Kilgour
- VII. Overview of Coral Reef Conservation Program Outcomes and Products titled: *A  
proposal addressing changes in coral reef habitats and potential management  
implications to ensure the sustainability of coral reefs and associated fisheries  
habitats in the Gulf of Mexico* – Dr. Zeenatul Basher  
a. Panel Feedback – Dr. Morgan Kilgour
- VIII. Public Comment – Dr. Morgan Kilgour
- IX. Other Business – Dr. Morgan Kilgour

**Coral Advisory Panel:**

Morgan Kilgour, Ph.D., *Chair*  
Scott Hickman, *Vice Chair*  
Jon Paul Brooker  
Shelly Krueger  
Richard Ruzicka  
Portia Sapp

**Special Coral SSC**

Sandra Brooke, Ph.D.  
Paul Sammarco, Ph.D.  
Andrew Shantz, Ph.D

**Council Staff**

Natasha Mendez-Ferrer, Ph.D.  
Zeenatul Basher, Ph.D.  
John Froeschke, Ph.D.