

## **Request for Consultant**

### **Social Scientist for the Gulf Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan**

Scope of Work: The Council is seeking a qualified consultant to develop and conduct stakeholder engagement efforts for its Fishery Ecosystem Plan. Consultant responsibilities and work products should include, but not be limited to the following:

- Develop a structured process to identify stakeholder-driven Fishery Ecosystem Issues (climate and ecosystem concerns relevant to fisheries management), which could include focus groups or participatory modeling, but the consultant is encouraged to propose and design effective approaches in coordination with Council staff.
- Develop a communications plan to identify and engage with relevant stakeholder groups, including stakeholders who are outside of the Council's established communications networks and do not typically participate in the Council process.
- Attend Council, Ecosystem Technical Committee, and/or Outreach and Education Committee meetings to present proposed stakeholder engagement approaches.
- Conduct engagements with key Gulf stakeholder groups to identify Fishery Ecosystem Issues, likely to include one engagement meeting in each Gulf state.
- Contribute to the development of online tools to solicit and prioritize Fishery Ecosystem Issues from additional stakeholders.
- Develop and implement methods to quantify the impacts of priority Fishery Ecosystem Issues on stakeholder groups using established social and economic indicators.
- Document and synthesize key outcomes in draft updates and a final report to the Council, Ecosystem Technical Committee, and Outreach and Education Technical Committee.