

**Agenda**  
**Reef Fish Management Committee**  
**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council**

**The Lodge at Gulf Shores**  
**Gulf Shores, Alabama**

**Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8:35 AM – 4:45 PM CDT / 9:35 AM – 5:45 PM EDT**  
**Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM CDT / 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM EDT**

**-- Convene on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at 8:30 AM CDT / 9:30 AM EDT --**

- I. Adoption of Agenda (**Tab B, No. 1**) – Dr. Frazer
- II. Approval of January 2025 Minutes (**Tab B, No. 2**) – Dr. Frazer
- III. Action Guide and Next Steps (**Tab B, No. 3**) – Mr. Rindone
- IV. Reef Fish and IFQ Program Landings Update (**Tab B, No. 4**) – Mr. Helies
  - a. Florida State Red Snapper Landings (**Tab B, No. 4a**) – Dr. Sweetman
  - b. Alabama State Red Snapper Landings (**Tab B, No. 4b**) – Mr. Anson
  - c. Mississippi State Red Snapper Landings (**Tab B, No. 4c**) – Gen. Spraggins
  - d. Louisiana State Red Snapper Landings (**Tab B, No. 4d**) – Mr. Schieble
  - e. Texas State Red Snapper Landings (**Tab B, No. 4e**) – Mr. Geeslin
- V. Draft: Reef Fish Amendment 58B: Modifications to Deep-water Grouper Management Measures – Mr. Rindone
  - a. Reef Fish AP Recommendations (**Tab B, No. 5a**) – Mr. Rindone/Capt. Hubbard
  - b. Draft Document (**Tab B, No. 5b**)

**----- Break 9:45 AM – 10:00 AM CDT / 10:45 AM – 11:00 AM EDT -----**

- VI. Final Report: Recreational Initiative
  - a. Presentation on Recreational Initiative Outcomes (**Tab B, No. 6a**) – Dr. Goldsmith and Mr. Loftus
  - b. Summary of Public Engagement – Ms. Muehlstein
    - i. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 6bi**)
    - ii. Background: March 6, 2025, Meeting Summary (**Tab B, No. 6ii**)
    - iii. Background: Written Public Comments Summary (**Tab B, No. 6iii**)
  - c. Overview of Working Group – Mr. Hilliard
  - d. Summary of Working Group Meeting 3 (February 19 – 20, 2025) (**Tab B, No. 6c**)
  - e. Background: Recreational Initiative Final Report (**Tab B, No. 6d**)

**----- Lunch 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM CDT / 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM EDT -----**

- VII. Summary: February 2025 Gulf and South Atlantic SSC – Dr. Allen
  - a. Presentation (**Tab B, No. 7a**)
    - i. SEDAR 79 Mutton Snapper Stock Assessment
      1. Background: SEDAR 79 Stock Assessment Report (**Tab B, No. 7b**)
    - ii. SEDAR 96 Yellowtail Snapper Stock Assessment
      1. Background: SEDAR 96 Stock Assessment Report (**Tab B, No. 7c**)

- iii. SEDAR 88 Red Grouper Stock Assessment
  - 1. Background: SEDAR 88 Stock Assessment Report (**Tab B, No. 7d**)
- b. Background: February 2025 Gulf and SA SSC Summary (**Tab B, No. 7e**)
- c. Background: February 2025 Gulf SSC Summary (**Tab B, No. 7f**)

- VIII. Summary of Reef Fish Advisory Panel Discussions and Recommendations (**Tab B, No. 5a**) – Mr. Rindone/Capt. Hubbard
  - a. *SEDAR 79 Mutton Snapper Stock Assessment*
  - b. *SEDAR 96 Yellowtail Snapper Stock Assessment*
  - c. *SEDAR 88 Red Grouper Stock Assessment*

----- Break 3:15 PM – 3:30 PM CDT / 4:15 PM – 4:30 PM EDT -----

- IX. Draft Framework: Other Shallow-water Grouper Catch Limits (**Tab B, No. 9**) – Dr. Froeschke
  - a. Reef Fish AP Recommendations (**Tab B, No. 5a**) – Mr. Rindone/Capt. Hubbard
- X. Presentation: 20-Fathom Recreational Seasonal Closure for Shallow-water Grouper (**Tab B, No. 10**) – Dr. Froeschke

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- XI. **FINAL ACTION**: Framework Action: Modifications to Lane Snapper Minimum Size Limits – Ms. Gardiner
  - a. Public Comments Received (**Tab B, No. 11a**) – Ms. Muehlstein
  - b. Draft Document (**Tab B, No. 11b**)
  - c. Codified Text (**Tab B, No. 11c**)
- XII. Presentation: Greater Amberjack Flowchart to Identify Decision Points for Regional Management (**Tab B, No. 12**) – Dr. Froeschke

----- Break 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM CDT / 11:00 AM – 11:15 AM EDT -----

- XIII. Review of Return ‘Em Right Science
  - a. Programmatic Overview (**Tab B, No 13a**) – Mr. Robertson
  - b. SSC Review and Recommendation (**Tab B, No 13b**) – Dr. Allen
  - c. Communications Update (**Tab B, No 13c**) – Mr. Haddad
  - d. Discussion: Descend Act Expiration (**Tab B, No 13d**) – Ms. Muehlstein
- XIV. Other Business – Dr. Frazer

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**Members**

Frazer, <i>Chair</i>	Osborne
Montegut/Schieble, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Overton
Banks	Riechers/Geeslin
Bannon/Anson	Sanchez
Broussard	Spraggins/Burris
Dugas	Strelcheck/Helies
Frady	Walker
McCawley/Sweetman	Williamson
McDermott	

Staff: Ryan Rindone/John Froeschke