

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**STANDING and SPECIAL MACKEREL**  
**SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEES**

**Gulf Council Office**  
**December 5, 2024**

**FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: November 21, 2024 (NO MORE CHANGES)**

----- Convene December 5 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Mr. Ryan Rindone
- II. Scope of Work – Mr. Rindone
- III. Review and Approval of Minutes from the July 2024 SSC Meeting – Dr. Mike Allen

**Including the Special Mackerel SSC**

- IV. SEDAR 99: Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Terms of Reference and Volunteers – Mr. Rindone (¾ hr)
  - a. Background: Draft Terms of Reference
  - b. Background: Draft Schedule
  - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen
- V. SEDAR 98: Gulf Red Snapper Assessment Workshop Volunteers – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
  - a. Background: SEDAR 98 Schedule
  - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

----- 15-minute break at Chair's discretion -----

- VI. Review: Southeastern U.S. Black Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation – Dr. Bill Harford (2 hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Background: Report and Documentation
  - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

----- Lunch on your own: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm eastern time -----

- VII. Review: SEDAR 88: Gulf Red Grouper Stock Assessment – Dr. Francesca Forrestal/Dr. Katie Siegfried (2½ hrs)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Background: SEDAR 61 Stock Assessment Report
  - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

***Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected***

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- VIII. Discussion: 2025 – 2028 Research and Monitoring Priorities – Dr. John Froeschke (1 hr)
  - a. Presentation from Southeast Regional Office – Ms. Kelly Donnelly, Grants Branch Chief SERO
  - b. Background: Draft Research Priorities and Presentation
  - c. Background: July 2024 Gulf SSC Meeting Summary
  - d. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

*Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected*
- IX. Public Comment – Dr. Allen
- X. Other Business – Dr. Allen
  - a. Discussion of February 2025 SSC Meeting Format

----- Adjourn by 4:30 pm eastern time -----

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**Standing SSC**

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Sean Powers  
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Steven Scyphers  
Richard Woodward

**Special Mackerel SSC**

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