

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**STANDING SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

**Gulf Council Office**  
**July 31 – August 1, 2024**

**FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: July 17, 2024 (NO MORE CHANGES)**

----- Convene July 31 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Mr. Ryan Rindone
- II. Scope of Work – Mr. Rindone
- III. Election of SSC Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
- IV. Review and Approval of Minutes from the May 2024 SSC Meeting – Chair
- V. SSC Member General Orientation – Council Staff (¾ hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
- VI. SSC Member SEDAR Process Orientation and Engagement – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

- VII. Management Strategy Evaluation – Dr. Cassidy Peterson/Dr. Katie Siegfried (1 hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
- VIII. SEDAR Assessment Process Changes and Model Complexity –Dr. Siegfried/ Dr. Peterson (1 hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair

----- Lunch in-house: 12:15 pm – 12:45 pm eastern time -----

- IX. Essential Fish Habitat Contract Review: Progress on EFH Data Collection – Drs. Bridgette Froeschke and Lisa Hollensead (2 hrs)
  - a. Presentation: Introduction to EFH in the Council Process
  - b. Presentation: Overview of EFH Contract Work to Date
  - c. Google Drive Link to Data Files and Descriptions
  - d. SSC Discussion – Chair

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- X. Influence of Timing and Duration of Recreational Seasonal Harvest Restrictions on Gag Effort, Harvest, and Discards in the Gulf of Mexico – Dr. Challen Hyman (2 hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Background: Supporting manuscripts
  - c. SSC Discussion – Chair

- XI. Public Comment – Chair

----- Adjourn July 31 by 5:00 pm eastern time -----  
----- Convene August 1 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- XII. Discussion: Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Modifications – Dr. Shannon Cass-Calay and Dr. Siegfried (4 hrs)
  - a. Presentation: SEFSC Proposal – Dr. Shannon Cass-Calay
  - b. Background: SEFSC Proposal PPT from May 2021
    - i. Predicisional GMFMC ABC Rule Demo Tier 1
  - c. Background: Ralston et al. 2011
    - i. Ralston Multipliers Excel File
  - d. Background: Restrepo et al. 1998
  - e. Background: 2011 Gulf Council ABC Control Rule
  - f. Background: Gulf Council ABC Control Rule Tier 1 Spreadsheet
  - g. Background: NMFS ABC Control Rule Technical Memo – Carryover and Phase-in
  - h. Background: Inventory of ABC Control Rule Tier Systems
  - i. Background: Revitalizing the Gulf of Mexico ABC Control Rule
  - j. Background: May 2021 Gulf SSC Summary
  - k. Background: May 2022 Gulf SSC Summary
  - l. Background: January 2023 Gulf SSC Meeting
  - m. SSC Discussion – Chair

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*ABC Control Rule Discussion continued until 1:15 pm*

- XIII. RESTORE Project Update: Projections Model Review – Dr. Nathan Vaughn (2 hrs)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair

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- XIV. Review: *Regional and Sector-Specific Gulf of Mexico Age, Growth, and Age-length Key Estimation Derived from Otolith-based Ageing* – Dr. Will Patterson (¾ hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Report
  - c. SSC Discussion – Chair

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- XV. Discussion: 2025 – 2028 Research and Monitoring Priorities – Council Staff (1 hr)
  - a. Document
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
- XVI. Public Comment – Chair
- XVII. Other Business – Chair
  - a. Volunteers to serve on the Ecosystem Technical Committee

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