

AGENDA¹

**GULF COUNCIL
STANDING and SPECIAL SHRIMP
SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEES**

**Gulf Council Office
Tampa, Florida
May 8, 2025**

FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: April 24, 2025 (NO MORE CHANGES)

----- Convene May 8 at 8:30 am eastern time -----

- I. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Dr. Mike Allen
- II. Review and Approval of Minutes and Summary from the February 2025 SSC Meeting – Dr. Allen
- III. Scope of Work – Mr. Ryan Rindone
- IV. Revised OFL and ABC Projections for SEDAR 88 – Dr. Francesca Forrestal (½ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Projections
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen
Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected
- V. Discussion: Status Determination Criteria and OFL and ABC Projections Settings for Gulf Stock Assessments – Dr. Katie Siegfried and Mr. Rindone (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

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

- VI. Review: SEDAR 68 Updated Projections for Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper – Dr. Skyler Sagarese and Dr. John Froeschke (1½ hrs)
 - a. Shallow-water Grouper Presentation – Dr. Froeschke
 - b. Projections Presentation – Dr. Sagarese
 - c. Background: SEDAR 68 Operational Assessment Report
 - d. Background: SEDAR 68 OA – Additional Projections Requested for Draft Amendment 58A
 - e. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen
Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected

----- Lunch in-house: 11:45 am – 12:15 pm eastern time -----

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- VII. Review: Center for Independent Experts (CIE) Independent Peer Review of the Shrimp Bycatch Estimation Methodology for Finfish Species – Dr. Cheston Peterson and Dr. Steve Smith (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Background: Red Snapper Bycatch from Gulf Shrimp Trawls
 - ii. Background: Gray Triggerfish Shrimp Trawl Bycatch
 - iii. Background: SEAMAP Paper
 - b. Background: Review Report
 - i. Background: Red Snapper Bycatch Shrimp Trawls Working Paper
 - c. Background: CIE Reports
 - i. Volstad and Tingley
 - d. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

- VIII. Review: New Bycatch Estimates and Other Analyses for Smalltooth Sawfish and Giant Manta Ray – Dr. Peterson (¾ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

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

- IX. Review: Population Viability Analysis for Endangered and Threatened Resources that Interact with the Shrimp Fishery – Dr. John Carlson (¾ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected

- X. SEDAR Process Update – Dr. Siegfried (¾ hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

- XI. SEDAR 100: Gulf Gray Triggerfish Participants for Review Phase – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
 - a. Background – SEDAR 100 Participants Memo and Schedule
 - b. Background – SEDAR 100 Terms of Reference
 - c. SSC Discussion – Dr. Allen

- XII. SSC SEDAR Workshops Update – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
 - a. SEDAR 87 Gulf Penaeid Shrimp Assessment Process – Dr. Jim Nance
 - b. SEDAR 98 Gulf Red Snapper Data Workshop – Dr. Will Patterson

- XIII. Review of Takeaways from Science Coordination Subcommittee – Mr. Rindone (¾ hr)

- XIV. Public Comment – Dr. Allen

- XV. Other Business – Dr. Allen

----- Adjourn May 8 by 5:30 pm eastern time -----

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