

**AGENDA<sup>1</sup>**  
**GULF COUNCIL**  
**STANDING SCIENTIFIC STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

**Webinar**  
**October 8, 2025**

**FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: September 23, 2025 (NO MORE CHANGES)**

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

1. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Dr. Jim Nance
2. Review and Approval of Minutes and Summary from the May 2025 SSC Meeting – Dr. Nance
3. Scope of Work – Mr. Ryan Rindone
4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair – Mr. Rindone (¼ hr)
5. Preliminary Results of Regional Fishery Management Council Regulatory Process Review – Ms. Dierdre Boelke and Dr. William Goldsmith (1 ½ hr)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

6. Review: Gulf SSC Projections Considerations – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
  - a. Document
  - b. SSC Discussion – Chair
7. Review: Science Coordination Subcommittee Materials – Mr. Rindone (¾ hr)
  - a. Presentation – Takeaways from SCS8 in Boston, Massachusetts
  - b. Discussion: Theme Proposal for SCS9 in 2027 – Gulf Region
  - c. SSC Discussion – Chair

----- Lunch: 11:45 am – 12:45 pm eastern time -----

8. Review: Gag Grouper Operational Assessment Terms of Reference – Dr. Siegfried and Mr. Rindone (¾ hr)
  - a. Background: Draft Terms of Reference
  - b. Request for Topical Working Group Volunteers – Mr. Rindone
  - c. SSC Discussion – Chair

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9. Discussion: Joint Gulf and South Atlantic SSCs Working Group – Mr. Rindone (½ hr)
  - a. Request for Volunteers
  - b. Background: February 2025 Gulf and SA SSCs Meeting Summary
  - c. SSC Discussion – Chair

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

10. Review: Essential Fish Habitat Mapping for Gulf Shrimp, Reef Fish, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Spiny Lobster, and Red Drum FMPs – Ms. Sarah Gardiner (1 ¾ hrs)
  - a. Presentation
  - b. Background: Draft document
  - c. SSC Discussion – Chair
11. Public Comment – Chair
12. Other Business – Chair
  - a. Solicitation for Greater Amberjack Count SSC Reviewers

-----Adjourn October 8 by 4:00 pm eastern time-----

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James Nance (*Vice-Chair*)  
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