

Ecosystem Technical Committee
Scope of Work
March 3, 2026
Webinar

Agenda Item IV: Ecosystem and climate readiness project updates

Action: Informational presentations

Committee input and next steps: The Ecosystem Technical Committee (ETC) will receive two presentations. Council staff will provide an overview of progress toward the Gulf Council Inflation Reduction Act projects. Dr. Karnauskas will provide an update on Gulf Ecosystem Status Report development. The ETC should consider the information presented, ask questions, and provide feedback as appropriate.

Agenda Item V: Review Draft Gulf Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)

Action: Document, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Council staff will provide an overview of the draft Gulf FEP document, including a brief presentation summarizing document development and feedback received at the November 2025 Council meeting. The draft FEP document was developed based on previous ETC discussion and recommendations and is the first update to the Gulf FEP since the version proposed by LGL Ecological Research Associates in 2022. The ETC should evaluate the draft FEP document and suggest edits as appropriate.

Agenda Item VIII: Public Comment

Action: Information

Committee input and next steps: Members of the public will be able to address the ETC directly with respect to topics discussed during the meeting if time allows.

Agenda Item IX: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee input and next steps: The ETC will discuss additional topics as necessary.