

Gulf Council
Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee
Scope of Work
May 5, 2026
Webinar

Agenda Item 4: Presentation: Gulf Fishery-Independent Survey of Habitat and Ecosystem Resources

Action: Presentation and discussion

Committee input and next steps: Dr. Ted Switzer (Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute) will review the Gulf – Fishery Independent Survey of Habitat and Ecosystem Resources (G-FISHER) composite video survey index. G-FISHER blends the efforts of several regional video surveys in the Gulf to form a more comprehensive view of relative abundance by species. Dr. Switzer and his team will review the development process for G-FISHER, how its data products are created and applied for stock assessment and management purposes. He will also discuss how the program adapts to survey limitations and emerging needs. The SSC should review the information presented, ask questions, and provide feedback to Dr Switzer and his team, and the Council, as appropriate.

Agenda Item 5: Public Comment

Action: Information

Committee Input and Next Steps: Members of the public will be able to address the SSC directly with respect to the topics discussed during this meeting, and other matters, as time allows.

Agenda Item 6: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: The SSC will solicit from its membership volunteers for the Review Workshop for SEDAR 100, which is a stock assessment of Gulf gray triggerfish. Additional items may be brought up for discussion by SSC members, time permitting. If the SSC wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future SSC meeting.