

AGENDA¹

**GULF COUNCIL
STANDING SCIENTIFIC STATISTICAL COMMITTEE
Tampa, Florida
September 29 – September 30, 2026**

FINAL Briefing Book Deadline: September 15, 2026 (NO MORE CHANGES)

-----Convene September 29 at 8:30 am eastern time-----

1. Introductions and Adoption of Agenda – Mr. Trevor Moncrief
2. Review and Approval of Minutes and Summary from the July 2026 SSC meeting – Mr. Moncrief
3. Scope of Work – Mr. Ryan Rindone
4. Review: SEDAR 94 West Florida Hogfish Stock Assessment – Dr. Chris Swanson (3 hrs)
 - a. Presentation: Fisherman Feedback for Gulf Hogfish – Mr. Leo Eguia
 - b. Presentation: Data, Assessment Methods, and Projections
 - c. Background Documents
 - i. SEDAR 94 Stock Assessment Report
 - ii. CIE Review Reports
 - a. Cadigan Review Report
 - b. Chong Review Report
 - c. Powers Review Report
 - d. SSC Discussion and Recommendations – Mr. Moncrief

Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected

-----15-minute break at Chair's discretion -----
----- Lunch: 11:45 am – 12:30 pm eastern time -----

5. Review: Mississippi and Alabama Creel Surveys – Mr. Moncrief and Mr. John Mareska (2 hr)
 - a. Presentation: Mississippi Creel
 - b. Presentation: Alabama Creel
 - c. Background Documentation
 - d. SSC Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Tom Frazer

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

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6. Review: Results of the 2024 Marine Recreational Information Program Pilot Study and Data Recalibration – Dr. Richard Cody (2 hrs)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background Documents
 - c. Discussion: Stock Assessment Updates – Dr. Katie Siegfried and Mr. Rindone
 - d. SSC Discussion and Input – Mr. Moncrief

7. Public Comment – Mr. Moncrief

-----Adjourn September 29 by 5:00 pm eastern time-----

-----Convene September 30 at 9:00 am eastern time-----

8. Review: SEDAR 94 West Florida Hogfish Yield Projections – Dr. Chris Swanson (1½ hrs)
 - a. Presentation: Projections
 - b. SSC Discussion and Recommendations – Mr. Moncrief

Motion/Recommendation to Council Expected

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

9. Review: SHELF Egg Project – Dr. Chris Stallings (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background: SHELF Briefing
 - c. SSC Discussion and Recommendations – Mr. Moncrief

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10. Review: Social Science Questionnaire for Gulf Species – Dr. Matt McPherson (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background: Assessing the Social Value of Gulf Fisheries
 - c. SSC Discussion and Recommendations – Mr. Moncrief

11. Discussion: Regulatory Streamlining – Mr. Peter Hood (1 hr)
 - a. Presentation
 - b. Background Documentation
 - c. SSC Discussion and Recommendations – Mr. Moncrief

12. Public Comment – Mr. Moncrief

13. Other Business – Mr. Moncrief

-----Adjourn September 30 at 3:00 pm eastern time-----

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