

Agenda
Workgroup to Address Protected Resources Interactions with Gulf Federal Shrimp Trawls
Gulf Council

Hybrid Meeting

Gulf Council office, Tampa Florida

Tuesday December 1st and Wednesday December 2nd

*****Deadline for meeting materials: November 13*****

*****Presentations no longer than 15 minutes*****

---- Begin Day 1 Tuesday December 1st 8:00 am EST ----

- I. Introductions and adoption of agenda – Dr. Carrie Simmons
- II. Review of Working Group Objectives
 - a. Discussion of E.O. 14276: Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness – Dr. John Walter
 - b. Discussion of Sawfish Recovery Team Letter to Regional Office – Mr. Andy Strelcheck
 - c. Council Memo to Work Group – Dr. Carrie Simmons
- 15-minute break at group's discretion ----**
- III. Description of Gulf federal shrimp fleet and various penaeid shrimp fisheries
 - a. Trends in landings and effort -Dr. John Froeschke and Working Group Industry Members perspectives and insight into seasonality day/night (verbal presentation)
 - b. Overview of social and economic conditions- Dr. Christopher Liese and Working Group Industry Members perspectives (verbal presentation)
- IV. Overview of Section 7 Consultation Process relative to the workgroup and MSA/ESA integration policy – Ms. Jenny Lee
- 30-minute working lunch at 12:30 pm EST ----**
- V. Description of biology, threats, and conservation management of giant manta rays – Ms. Jenny Lee responsible for presenting/ Ms. Jessica Pate WG member and technical expert for questions
- VI. Observer Data of Manta Ray Interactions – Dr. Lisa Hollensead responsible for presenting/Mr. Gary Decossas WG member and technical expert for questions
- 15-minute break at group's discretion ----**
- VII. Description of biology, threats, and conservation management of smalltooth sawfish – Ms. Jenny Lee responsible for presenting/Drs. Dean Grubbs/Gregg Poulakis technical experts for questions

- VIII. Review and Status of Updated Smalltooth Sawfish PVA – Dr. Nick Farmer
a. SSC Summary May 2025

- IX. Public Comment – Dr. Carrie Simmons

---- End Day 1 at 5:30pm EST ----

---- Begin Day 2 Wednesday December 2nd 8:00am EST ----

- X. Observer Data of Smalltooth Sawfish Interactions – Dr. Lisa Hollensead responsible for presenting/Mr. Gary Decossas WG member and technical expert for questions

- XI. Discussion on Gear Modifications
a. Presentation on international collaborative research projects – Dr. John Walter
b. Presentation on Gulf Collaborative research projects – Mr. Nathan Putnam

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

- XII. Working Group Members Identify Strategies and Measurable Outcomes to Reduce Interactions and Bycatch Mortality – Dr. Carrie Simmons facilitate group discussion

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

- XIII. Public comment – Dr. Carrie Simmons

---- End Day 2 at 5:00pm EST ----

Shrimp Bycatch for Finfish Workgroup Members:

John Froeschke – Gulf Council Staff
Lisa Hollensead – Gulf Council Staff
Jim Nance – SSC
Steve Saul – SSC
Jason Saucier – Special Shrimp SSC
Gary Decossas – SEFSC
Jeff Gearhart – SEFSC
Nathan Putman – Researcher
Jessica Pate – Researcher

Jenny Lee – SERO
Leann Bosarge – Industry Representative
Ernie Aparicio – Industry Representative
Cheri Blanchard – Industry Representative
Ernie Donini – Industry Representative