

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Liaison Report

**Gulf Council Meeting
Galveston, Texas**



INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AGREEMENT

- **Work focused on several areas**
 - **Improve state and commission data management systems**
 - **RFP seeking analysis of “Creel designs” and SRFS combinability**
 - **Selected Cynoscion Environmental**
 - **Work should begin later this year**
 - **Results should be available late 2027**



GULF MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL FINFISH RESEARCH

- In 2025, the GSMFC awarded to University of South Alabama (USA) consortium to conduct fishery-independent research on data-poor multi-jurisdictional fish species in the Gulf.
- The project was started officially this past spring and the team is currently tagging Cobia in the eastern and northcentral Gulf. Tagging includes acoustic and satellite tag deployment.
- Discussion is ongoing to look at including King Mackerel in this overall project following the request from the Gulf Council in June.
- Additional \$5M has been received to continue working in 2027



QUESTIONS?

