

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

72nd ANNUAL SPRING MEETING



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MARCH 14 - 17, 2022

**SHERATON PANAMA CITY BEACH
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PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA

**Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
72nd Annual Spring Meeting**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 14, 2022

Room

3:00pm – 5:00pm Early Registration Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer E

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Room

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer E

8:30am – 5:00pm FIN Committee Meeting
Beverly Sauls, Chair Grand Lagoon Ballroom E

8:30am – 12:00pm TCC Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee
Evan Pettis, Chair Grand Lagoon Ballroom F

8:30am – 12:00pm S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee
Trevor Moncrief, Chair Grand Lagoon Ballroom G

1:00pm – 5:00pm TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
Ted Switzer, Chair Grand Lagoon Ballroom F

1:00pm – 5:00pm TCC Crab Subcommittee
Ryan Gandy, Chair Grand Lagoon Ballroom G

5:30pm – 6:30pm Reception St. Andrews Pavilion

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Room

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer D

8:30am – 5:00pm Technical Coordinating Committee Grand Lagoon Ballroom E

General Session: “ANS Small Grants Program”

Business Meeting
Darin Topping, Chair

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (continued)

Room

12:00pm – 1:00pm	Luncheon	Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH
1:30pm – 5:00pm	Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel <i>Laura Picariello, Chair</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom F
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Reception	Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Room

8:00am – 12:00pm	Registration	Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer E
8:00am – 9:00am	Commissioners' Breakfast	Grand Lagoon Ballroom FG
9:15am – 12:00pm	Commission Business Meeting <i>Doug Boyd, Chair</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom E

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**FIN Committee Meeting
8:30am – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *Beverly Sauls, Chair*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *Beverly Sauls*
 3. Approval of Minutes (July 13-14, 2021 - Virtual) – *Beverly Sauls*
 4. Discussion of GulfFIN Storage and Dissemination of State Survey Data – *All*
 5. Discussion of Review/Update of MRIP Regional Implementation Plan – *All*
 GulfFIN Strategic Planning
 6. MRIP Update
 - a. Survey-Related Changes for 2023 – *Richard Cody*
 - b. Program Updates – *Richard Cody*
 - c. Feedback from Gulf Transition Team Workshop – *Richard Cody*
 - d. Proposal for Increasing APAIS Allocations in AL and MS – *Gregg Bray*
 7. Update of Fish Descender Device Project – *Charlie Robertson*
 8. Update on GulfFIN Oracle Cloud Transition – *Gregg Bray*
 9. Developing Detailed Specifications for Remaining VESL Development – *All*
 10. State-Managed Priority Species for Bycatch Monitoring – *Gregg Bray*
 11. SEFHIER Update – *Jessica Stephen*
 12. Gulf Conversion Factor Research Update – *All*
 13. State/Federal Partner Updates – *All*
 14. 2023 FIN Funding Priority Discussion – *Gregg Bray*
 15. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom E

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**TCC Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee
8:30am – 12:00pm**

1. Call to Order and Introductions – *Evan Pettis, Chair*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *Evan Pettis*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 12, 2021 – Virtual) – *Evan Pettis*
 4. Summary of Gulf Oyster Restoration Projects Funded by DWH – *Sandra Brooke*
 5. Discussion of Hurricane Impacts to Alternative Oyster Aquaculture – *All*
 6. Oyster Shell Recycling Program Highlights – *All*
 7. Discussion of State Oyster Management Plans – *All*
 8. Discussion of State Oyster Restoration Plans – *All*
 9. State Oyster Highlights for On and Off-Bottom Aquaculture – *All*
 10. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom F

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee

8:30am – 12:00pm

1. Call to Order – *Trevor Moncrief, Chair*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *Trevor Moncrief*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 5, 2021 - Virtual) – *Trevor Moncrief*
 4. Review of 2021 Gulf Menhaden Season and Forecast for 2022 – *Ray Mroch*
 5. Update on the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery – *Ray Mroch*
 6. Updated Indices of Abundance from LA. Fishery-Independent Sampling – *Jason Adriance*
 7. Pre-Season Forecast Accuracy – *Ray Mroch*
 8. Port Sample Acquisition and Processing in 2022 – *Ray Mroch/Steve VanderKooy*
 9. Marine Stewardship Certification of Gulf Menhaden Updates
 - a. Gulf Certification – *Peter Himchak*
 - b. NOAA Observer Steering Committee – *Francois Kuttel*
 10. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom G

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

**TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
1:00pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *Ted Switzer, Chair*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *Ted Switzer*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 19, 2021 - Virtual) – *Ted Switzer*
 4. Administrative Report – *Jeff Rester*
 5. Using Saldrones for Ocean Data Collection – *Matt Womble*
 6. Review of the SEAMAP Trawling Operations Manual – *Jeff Rester*
 7. Review of the Bottom Longline Operations Manual – *Jeff Rester*
 8. Review of the Trawl Sampling Universe – *All*
 9. SEAMAP Survey Costs by Survey – *All*
 10. Proposed 2022 SEAMAP Fishery Independent Sampling – *All*
 11. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom F

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

TCC Crab Subcommittee

1:00pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order – *Ryan Gandy, Chair*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *Ryan Gandy*
 3. Approval of Minutes (March 11, 2021 – Virtual) – *Ryan Gandy*
 4. The Role of Predator & Meso-Predator Abundance in Blue Crab Trends in TX – *Zachary Olsen*
 5. MDMR Red Drum Stomach Content Project – *Jason Saucier*
 6. Terrapin Updates in the Region – *All*
 7. Blue Crab Use of Turtlegrass Across the Northern Gulf of Mexico: The Influence of Plant Complexity on Abundance, Growth, and Mortality – *Zack Darnell*
 8. Summary of Written Reports
 - a. Derelict Trap Clean-Ups
 - b. State Status and Trends (IOA)
 9. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom G

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

**Technical Coordinating Committee
8:30am – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *Darin Topping, Chair*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *Darin Topping*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 20, 2021 – Virtual) – *Darin Topping*
 4. General Session: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ANS Small Grants Program
 - a. Welcome Remarks – *Dave Donaldson*
 - b. Overview of Region 4 FWS ANS Small Grants Program – *Allan Brown/Cindy Williams*
 - c. USGS NAS Projects and NAS Database Tools – *Matt Neilson*
 - d. Southeast Cooperative Fish Parasite & Disease Project – *Stephen Bullard*
 - e. Invasive Carp in the Lower Mississippi Watershed – *Michael Eggleton*
 - f. Status of Invasive Carps in the Tennessee and Cumberland River Basins – *Mark Rogers*
 - g. Impacts of a Novel Cyanotoxin on Fauna in the Southeast – *Susan Wilde*
 5. DWH Fish & Water Column Invertebrate Strategic Planning Update – *Jamie Reinhardt*
 6. USGS Wetland and Aquatic Research Center/GSMFC Collaboration on Science & Research Needs in Gulf of Mexico – *Deke Tompkins/Deborah Epperson/Matt Neilson/Meg Lamont*
 7. BOEM Wind Energy Status – *Mike Celata*
 8. IJF Updates – *Steve VanderKooy*
 - a. 2023 SuRF Project Funding
 - b. Red Drum Profile
 - c. Mangrove Snapper TTF
 9. CARES Act Program Update – *Jeff Rester*
 10. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Artificial Reef – *James Ballard*
 - b. Crab – *Ryan Gandy*
 - c. GulfFIN – *Beverly Sauls*
 - d. Molluscan Shellfish – *Evan Pettis*
 - e. SEAMAP – *Jeff Rester*
 11. State/Federal Reports
 12. Discussion of Election of Officers
 13. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom E

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

**Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel
1:30pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *Laura Picariello, Chair*
 2. Approval of Minutes – *All*
 3. Gulf Sea Grant Fisheries Extension State Reports
 - a. Florida – *Angela Collins/Andy Ropicki*
 - b. Mississippi/Alabama – *Marcus Drymon/Amanda Jefferson*
 - c. Louisiana – *Julie Lively/Dominique Seibert*
 - d. Texas – *Laura Picariello/Tony Reisinger*
 4. Regional Topics Discussion – *All*
 - a. Regional Projects and SG Collaborations
 - b. Other
 5. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom F

Thursday, March 17, 2022

Commission Business Meeting

9:15am – 12:00pm

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Opening Comments – *Doug Boyd, Chair*
- Brief Overview of Commission Voting Procedures – *Dave Donaldson*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *Doug Boyd*
3. Approval of Minutes (October 21, 2021 – Virtual) – *Doug Boyd*
4. GSMFC Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Technical Coordinating Committee – *Darin Topping*
 1. Artificial Reef Subcommittee
 2. Crab Subcommittee
 3. GulfFIN Committee
 4. Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee
 5. SEAMAP Subcommittee
 6. Briefing on Invasive Species General Session
 - b. State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee – *Scott Bannon*
 1. Menhaden Advisory Committee – *Trevor Moncrief*
 2. Other Issues
5. Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel Meeting Report – *Laura Picariello*
6. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Comments – *Andy Strelcheck*
7. USFWS Region 4 Office Comments – *Allan Brown/Glenn Constant*
8. NOAA Fisheries and USFWS Budget Updates – *Brian Pawlak/Allan Brown*
9. GSMFC Program Reports
 - a. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Program – *Steve VanderKooy*
 - b. Aquaculture Program – *Steve VanderKooy*
 - c. SEAMAP – *Jeff Rester*
 - d. CARES Act – *Jeff Rester*
 - e. Sportfish Restoration – *James Ballard*
 - f. Aquatic Nuisance Species Programs – *James Ballard*
 - g. Fisheries Information Network – *Gregg Bray*
 - h. Fisheries Restoration – *Charlie Robertson*
10. State Directors' Reports
 - a. Florida – *Dan Ellinor*
 - b. Alabama – *Scott Bannon*
 - c. Mississippi – *Joe Spraggins*
 - d. Louisiana – *Jason Froeba*
 - e. Texas – *Robin Riechers*

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**Commission Business Meeting
9:15am – 12:00pm (continued)**

11. Future Meetings – *Nancy Marcellus*
 - a. October 18-20, 2022 – Texas
 - b. March 14-16, 2023 – Louisiana
 12. Review of Committee Listings – *All*
 13. Publications List and Web Statistics
 - a. Publications – *Dave Donaldson*
 - b. GSMFC web site – *Dave Donaldson*
 14. Other Business
- Adjourn

SOCIAL EVENTS*

Tuesday, March 15, 2022

Room

5:30pm – 6:30pm Reception St. Andrews Pavilion

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

12:00pm – 1:00pm Luncheon Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH

5:30pm – 6:30pm Reception Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH

***You must be registered for the meeting to attend these functions.**

Name badge required.

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