Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

65th Annual Spring Meeting
March 17–19, 2015

This is your official invitation to attend the 65th Annual Spring Meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. We hope you plan to join us. Please bring your spouse, and we are pleased to invite your guests, members of your staff, and any persons who may find interest in the activities of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Dan Ellinor, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, is the presiding Chairman of the Commission.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS - CUT-OFF DATE IS MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015

Alabama is our host state and arrangements have been made to convene at the Grand Hotel Point Clear Resort & Spa, One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL 36564. A block of sleeping rooms is being held at the special rate of $128 single/double. To assure accommodations, please make your hotel reservations directly with the hotel no later than MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2015, after which time the hotel can no longer guarantee a room reservation at this rate. Please call reservations at (800) 228-9290 or (251) 928-9201 or make your reservations on their website. The Group Reservations ID code is GUSGUSA.

The Grand Hotel Marriott Resort, Golf Club & Spa is a family-friendly historical hotel. It is 167 years young and was named the Top Historic Hotel in 2013 by Historic Hotels of America. Offering a dramatic departure from standard Gulf Coast hotels, this grand beach resort boasts two challenging golf courses as part of the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail, as well as a luxurious 20,000 square foot European-style spa, 8 tennis courts, a fabulous array of exceptional dining options and a sizeable marina for sailboats, yachts and fishing boats. The delightful beaches and extraordinary pool complex on this Alabama Gulf Coast hotel’s grounds offer plenty of entertainment for all. Outstanding among hotels on the Gulf Coast, the Marriott has been recognized by Conde Nast Traveler as Top 150 Resorts in the U.S., and Top 500 Hotels in the World by Travel + Leisure.

Please make your reservations today. If you DO NOT make your reservations prior to FEBRUARY 23, 2015, you MAY NOT receive the government rate.
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

As always, the Commission will address relevant issues affecting marine fisheries. Detailed committee agendas will be provided at a later date. It is our hope that administrators and staff will benefit from the following schedule. Please read the schedule of events closely.

The following schedule of events includes the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Committee meetings and all social events.

**03/17/15 (Tuesday)**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 5:00 pm FIN/TCC Data Management Subcommittee
8:30 am – 12:00 n LEC/LEAP Meeting
8:30 am – 12:00 n TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Menhaden Advisory Committee
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm Disaster Recovery Workshop
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Reception

**03/18/15 (Wednesday)**

8:00 am – 5:00 pm REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 12:00 n Sea Grant - Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel
8:30 am – 12:00 n Technical Coordinating Committee

**03/18/15 (Wednesday continued)**

12:00 n – 1:30 pm Luncheon
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Oil Spill Science Session: Five years later, what have we learned?
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm Reception

**03/19/15 (Thursday)**

8:00 am – 10:00 am REGISTRATION
8:30 am – 5:00 pm Commission Business Meeting
12:00 n – 1:00 pm Commissioners’ Luncheon

**OIL SPILL SCIENCE SESSION: FIVE YEARS LATER, WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?**

During this session, scientists will present the latest fisheries-related research about the impacts that the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and dispersant application had on Gulf of Mexico habitats, communities, and individual species. There will also be a short facilitated discussion to determine what questions are still unknown and identify future research priorities. This input will be shared with the Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative (GoMRI) who is investing $500 million in oil spill-related research over a ten year period. This session has been organized and will be led by Sea Grant as part of the new Oil Spill Outreach Science program: [https://gulfseagrant.wordpress.com/oilspilloutreach/](https://gulfseagrant.wordpress.com/oilspilloutreach/).

**SOCIAL EVENTS**

There will be daily receptions and a luncheon on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 for all registered participants and their guests. It is important that you register in advance so that the necessary arrangements can be made.
TRANSPORTATION

GPS Address: 17855 Scenic Hwy 98, Fairhope, AL 36532

Mobile Regional Airport - MOB - 46 miles
Airport shuttle service, reservation required - $95 USD (one way) 1-251-928-9201.

Pensacola International Airport - PNS - 59 miles
Airport shuttle service, reservation required - $95 USD (one way) 1-251-928-9201.

A taxi will cost you approximately $105 to $140 one way.

Complimentary on-site parking is available. Valet parking is available at a daily fee of $15 (for those traveling on GSMFC Authorization, this charge will NOT be reimbursed unless prior approval is obtained).

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS

A block of sleeping rooms is being held at the special rate of $128 single/double. Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes (currently 15% resort fee plus 6% sales tax) in effect at the time of check-out.

For reservations, visit our website at www.gsmfc.org, click 65th Annual Spring Meeting and follow the instructions to make your reservations. Please call reservations at (800) 228-9290 or (251) 928-9201 or make your reservations on their website. The Group Reservations ID code is GUSGUSA.

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

Pre-registration assists us in planning a successful meeting and saves you money on your registration fee. Now it is easier than ever. Just visit our website at www.gsmfc.org and click on GSMFC Upcoming Meetings. If you prefer, you can still pre-register by returning the attached form to our office. Registration is $95.00 per participant, $25.00 for spouse or guest. Please do not register co-workers or associates as guests. We accept cash, checks, or PAYPAL. For those registering after March 1st, there will be a $15.00 late fee.
Please complete and return with or without your registration fee payable to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, 2404 Government Street, Ocean Springs, MS 39564. Your registration packet will be ready for you in the registration area on your arrival at the Grand Hotel Point Clear Resort & Spa.

Name _____________________________________________________________________
Affiliation ________________________________________________________________________
Address ________________________________________________________________________
Telephone/Fax/E-Mail ________________________________________________________________________
Guest ________________________________________________________________________

☐ Registration fee of $95.00 is enclosed.

☐ $25.00 Spouse or Guest Registration fee is enclosed.  
(Do not register co-workers or associates as guests)

☐ Please pre-register me. I will pay upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

☐ Please pre-register my spouse/guest. I will pay upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

(Remember to pre-register prior to March 1, 2015 to avoid a $15.00 late fee)

Date of Arrival: _______________       Date of Departure: _______________

Please check social events that you plan to attend:

Welcome Reception (03/17)  You ☐   Guest ☐
Luncheon (03/18) ☐ ☐
Reception (03/18) ☐ ☐