GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

68th ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 16-19, 2017

BATTLE HOUSE RENAISSANCE HOTEL
MOBILE, ALABAMA
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TCC Data Management Subcommittee
8:30am – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order – N. Beckham, Chairman
2. Adoption of Agenda – All
3. Approval of Minutes (October 12, 2016) – All
4. Discussion of VESL Trip Ticket Reporting System – A. Peterson
5. Demonstration of Proposed End-User Query Tools – D. Bellais
6. MRIP Update – R. Cody

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7. Update on Federal For-Hire Electronic Logbook Development – N. Farmer
8. Released Catch Workshop Presentation – G. Bray
9. Update on GulfFIN FIS Projects – G. Bray
10. Status of Biological Sampling and Analysis Activities – G. Bray/D. Bellais
    a. Collection Activities
    b. Analysis Activities
11. Election of Officers – All
12. Other Business

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13. Review of 2016 Commercial Data
    a. Species Issues
    b. Gear Issues
    c. Area Fished Issues
    d. Market Issues
    e. Grade Issues
    f. Other Issues

Adjourn

Meeting Room: Moonlight B
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

S–FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee
8:30am – 12:00pm

1. Call to Order – S. Herbert, Chairman
2. Adoption of Agenda – All
3. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2017) – All
4. Public Comment
5. Update on 2017 Gulf Menhaden Season – R. Mroch
6. Update on the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery – R. Mroch
9. Gulf Menhaden Assessment SEDAR Schedule – S. VanderKooy
10. Marine Stewardship Certification of Gulf Menhaden – B. Landry
11. Election of Officers – All
12. Other Business
   Adjourn

Meeting Room: Tree House
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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

1. Call to Order – T. Switzer, Chairman
2. Adoption of Agenda – All
3. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2017) – All
5. SEAMAP Vertical Line Survey Power Analysis – M. Albins
6. Use of Spectra Line in the Vertical Line Sampling – J. Hendon
7. Review of 2017 Vertical Line Sampling and Planning for 2018 Sampling – All
8. Proposed 2018 SEAMAP Sampling – All
9. 2017 SEAMAP Joint Annual Meeting and Planning for the 2018 Meeting – All
10. 2018 Shrimp/Groundfish Survey Station Selection Process Update – E. Hoffmayer
11. Election of Officers – All
12. Other Business
   Adjourn

Meeting Room: Bienville Square
Tuesday, October 17, 2017

TCC Crab Subcommittee
1:00pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order – R. Burris, Chairman
2. Adoption of Agenda – All
3. Approval of Minutes (October 12, 2016) – All
4. Public Comment
5. Summary of Latest Genetics on Gulf Blue Crabs – R. Gandy
6. Diamondback Terrapin Status – All
   - General Session: “Terrapins & Crab Traps” Wednesday, October 18, 2017
7. Blue Crab Tagging in the Gulf of Mexico – Z. Darnell
8. Update on Crab Monitoring in the Gulf Specific to Resource Management – H. Perry
   a. Review of FID Juvenile Indices Since 2011 Stock Assessment – All
   b. Maturation
   c. Growth
   d. Settlement
9. Derelict Trap Cleanups
   a. Texas – G. Sutton
   b. Louisiana – J. Marx
   c. Mississippi – R. Burris
   d. Alabama – J. Herrmann
   e. Florida – R. Gandy
10. State Report Summaries (Written)
    a. Florida – R. Gandy
    b. Alabama – J. Herrmann
    c. Mississippi – R. Burris
    d. Louisiana – J. Marx
    e. Texas – G. Sutton
11. Election of Officers – All
12. Other Business
    Adjourn

Meeting Room: Tree House
Wednesday, October 18, 2017

GSMFC Law Enforcement Committee/
GMFMC Law Enforcement Technical Committee
8:30am – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order/Introductions – S. Bannon, LETC Chairman/R. Pittman, LEC Chairman
2. Adoption of Agenda – S. Bannon/R. Pittman
3. Approval of Minutes (October 13, 2016) – S. Bannon/R. Pittman
4. Special Election for LETC Vice-Chair – S. Bannon
5. Discussion of Joint LETC/LEC Chairs – All
6. Options Paper for Amendment 36B – Modifications to Commercial Individual Fishing Quota Programs – GMFMC Staff
7. Draft Amendment – State Management Program for Recreational Red Snapper – GMFMC Staff
8. Options Paper for Venting Tools and Descending Devices – GMFMC Staff
10. Coral Amendment 9 – Public Hearing Draft of Coral Habitat Areas Considered for Management in the Gulf of Mexico – GMFMC Staff
11. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – Bully Net Gear Regulations for Spiny Lobster for the EEZ off Florida – GMFMC Staff
12. Implications of Permit Transfers for Federal For-Hire Vessels – All
13. Review of the Guidelines for the 2017 Officer of the Year Award – GMFMC Staff
14. Overview of Congressional Activities – GMFMC Staff
15. Potential JEA Gulf-Wide Observed Compliance Rates – S. VanderKooy
16. IJF Program Activity – S. VanderKooy
   a. Cobia Profile
   b. Officers’ Pocket Guide
   c. Annual License and Fees
   d. Law Summary (Red Book)
17. State Report Highlights – All
   a. Florida
   b. Alabama
   c. Mississippi
   d. Louisiana
   e. Texas
   f. USCG
   g. NOAA OLE
   h. USFWS
18. Other Business
    Adjourn

Meeting Room: Bienville Square
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General Session:
“Terrapins & Crab Traps”
8:00am – 12:00pm

1. Welcome and Overview – C. Mohrman
2. Encouraging Fisheries Cooperation in Conservation of the Diamondback Terrapin in Mississippi – R. Burris
4. Bycatch in the Commercial Blue Crab Fishery in Louisiana – J. Lively
5. Terrapin Surveys and TEDs in Florida – W. Roosenburg
6. FWC Hotspot Mapping and Monitoring Using FID – R. Gandy

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7. Regional Overview of Current Terrapin Collaboration – T. Mohrman
8. Current Crab Research and Regulations Related to Reducing Terrapin Interactions
   a. Texas – G. Sutton
   b. Louisiana – J. Marx
   c. Mississippi – R. Burris
   d. Alabama – J. Herrmann
   e. Florida – R. Gandy

   Adjourn

Meeting Room: Moonlight D & E
Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Sea Grant – Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel
1:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order/Introductions – J. Lively, Chairman
2. Approval of Minutes (March 15, 2017) – All
3. Election of New Vice-Chair – All
4. Oyster Discussion – All
5. Barotrauma Discussion – All
6. Gulf Sea Grant Fisheries Extension State Reports
   a. Florida – B. Staugler
   b. Mississippi/Alabama – M. Drymon
   c. Louisiana – J. Lively/D. Seibert
7. Guest Reports
   a. Audubon GULF – A. Rosenberg
8. Other Business
   a. Discussion of Next Meeting Topic
Adjourn

Meeting Room: Tree House
Wednesday, October 18, 2017

Technical Coordinating Committee
1:30pm – 3:00pm

1. Call to Order/Introductions – M. Hill, Facilitator
2. Adoption of Agenda – All
3. Approval of Minutes (March 15, 2017) – All
5. Subcommittee Reports
   a. Data Management
   b. Crab
   c. SEAMAP
6. State/Federal Reports
   – Questions/Comments
7. Election of Officers
8. Other Business
   Adjourn

Meeting Room: Moonlight B
Wednesday, October 18, 2017

State/Federal Fisheries Management Committee
3:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order – C. Blankenship, Vice-Chairman
2. Approval of Agenda – All
3. Discussion and Final Approval of GulfFIN Funding Activities for 2018 – All
4. Discussion and Final Approval of SEAMAP Funding Activities for 2018 – All
5. Election of Officers – All
6. Other Business
   Adjourn

Meeting Room: Moonlight B
Thursday, October 19, 2017
Commission Business Meeting
8:30am – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Opening Comments – C. Blankenship, Chairman
   - Brief Overview of Commission Voting Procedures – D. Donaldson
2. Adoption of Agenda – C. Blankenship
3. Approval of Minutes (March 16, 2017) – C. Blankenship
4. Public Comment
5. GSMFC Standing Committee Reports
   a. Law Enforcement Committee – R. Pittman
   b. Technical Coordinating Committee – M. Hill
      1. Data Management Subcommittee
      2. Crab Subcommittee
      3. SEAMAP Subcommittee
   c. State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee – C. Blankenship
      1. GulfFIN Priorities – C. Blankenship/G. Bray
      2. SEAMAP Priorities – C. Blankenship/J. Rester
      3. Menhaden Advisory Committee – S. Herbert
6. Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Meeting Report – J. Lively
7. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Comments – A. Strelcheck
8. USFWS Region 4 Office Comments – G. Constant

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9. Legislative Committee Meeting
   a. Review of Committee Mission
   b. Discussion of Legislative Fisheries Issues
      1. Texas – W. Faircloth
      2. Louisiana – B. Allain
      3. Alabama – S. McMillian
      4. Florida – J. Trumbull
   c. Recommendation to GSMFC
   d. Other Business
10. Discussion of GSMFC Aquaculture Activities – S. VanderKooy
11. Briefing on Diamondback Terrapin Symposium – S. VanderKooy
12. NOAA Fisheries Budget Update – D. Donaldson/A. Strelcheck

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13. Discussion of Legislative Issues and Actions – D. Donaldson
   a. Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries
      Management Act (H.R. 200)
   b. Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2017 (H.R. 2023)
   c. RED SNAPPER Act (H.R. 3588)
   d. RED SNAPPER Act (S. 1686)

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15. Report from NOAA Assistant Administrator of Fisheries – C. Oliver
16. Update on Seafood Import Monitoring Program – A. Miller

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17. GSMFC Program Reports
   a. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Program – S. VanderKooy
   b. SEAMAP – J. Rester
   c. Sportfish Restoration Program – J. Ballard
   d. Fisheries Information Network – G. Bray
   e. Aquatic Nuisance Species Program – J. Ballard

18. Executive Committee Report – C. Blankenship
   a. Audit Report
   b. Financial Statement (9/2017)
   c. FY2018 Budget
   d. Staff Compensation

19. State Directors’ Reports
   a. Florida – D. Ellinor
   b. Alabama – C. Blankenship
   c. Mississippi – J. Miller
   d. Louisiana – P. Banks
   e. Texas – M. Lingo

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20. Future Meetings – N. Marcellus
   b. October 16-18, 2018 – Texas

   a. Publications
   b. GSMFC Website – J. Ferrer

22. Election of Officers
   a. Chair – Mississippi Rotation
   b. 1st Vice Chair – Louisiana Rotation
   c. 2nd Vice Chair – Florida Rotation

23. Other Business
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