

**GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES
COMMISSION**

70th ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 14-17, 2019



**GOLDEN NUGGET BILOXI HOTEL & CASINO
BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI**

**Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
70th Annual Meeting**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 14, 2019

Room

3:00pm – 5:00pm Early Registration **Grand Ballroom Foyer**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Room

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration **Grand Ballroom Foyer**

8:30am – 5:00pm TCC Data Management Subcommittee
Justin Esslinger, Chairman **Grand Ballroom A & B**

8:30am – 12:00pm TCC Crab Subcommittee
Ryan Gandy, Chairman **Ship Island A**

8:30am – 12:00pm TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
Ted Switzer, Chairman **Ship Island B**

1:00pm – 5:00pm S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee
Ray Mroch, Chairman **Ship Island A**

1:00pm – 5:00pm Sea Grant Extension Program
Julie Lively, Chairman **Ship Island B**

5:30pm – 7:30pm Reception/Cruise-*Betsy Ann* Riverboat
**Docked Between
Golden Nugget Biloxi and
Margaritaville Resort**

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

Room

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration **Grand Ballroom Foyer**

8:30am – 12:00pm Technical Coordinating Committee
Business Meeting
Darin Topping, Chairman **Grand Ballroom A & B**

1:30pm – 5:00pm Technical Coordinating Committee (continued)
General Session: “The 2019 Freshwater Impacts Along the
Northern Gulf of Mexico”
Darin Topping, Chairman **Grand Ballroom A & B**

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Wednesday, October 16, 2019 (continued)

Room

8:30am – 5:00pm	GSMFC Law Enforcement Committee/ GMFMC Law Enforcement Technical Committee <i>Patrick Carron, Chairman</i> <i>Jason Downey, Vice-Chairman</i>	Ship Island A
12:00pm – 1:30pm	<i>Lyles-Simpson Award Luncheon</i>	Grand Ballroom D E & F
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Reception	Deer Island Ballroom
6:30pm – 8:00pm	Executive Committee Meeting	Round Island A

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Room

8:00am – 12:00pm	Registration	Grand Ballroom Foyer
8:00am – 10:00am	State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee <i>Scott Bannon, Chairman</i>	Grand Ballroom A & B
10:30am – 12:00pm	Commission Business Meeting <i>Joe Spraggins, Chairman</i>	Grand Ballroom A & B
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Commissioners' Luncheon	Ship Island A
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Commission Business Meeting <i>Joe Spraggins, Chairman</i>	Grand Ballroom A & B

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

TCC Data Management Subcommittee

8:30am – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order – *J. Esslinger, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (October 16, 2018) – *All*
4. Update on Data Accessibility for Identifying Unique Commercial Vessels – *All*
5. Progress on Shrimp Conversion Factor Research – *All*

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6. Update on Status of GulfFIN Data Management System Confidential Query Page – *D. Bellais*
7. Feedback on NOAA Fisheries Report on Facilitating Greater Incorporation of Fisheries Data – *All*
8. Implementing Representative Biological Sampling in Florida – Successes and Challenges – *D. Lazarre*
9. Status of Biological Sampling and Analysis Activities – *G. Bray*
 - a. Collection/Analysis Activities
 - b. New Data Management System Products
 - c. SEDAR Schedule for 2020
10. Election of Officers – *All*
11. Other Business

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12. Review of 2018 Commercial Data – *D. Bellais*
 - a. Species Issues
 - b. Gear Issues
 - c. Area Fished Issues
 - d. Market Issues
 - e. Grade Issues
 - f. Other Issues
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Ballroom A & B

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

**TCC Crab Subcommittee
8:30am – 12:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *R. Gandy, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (March 19, 2019) – *All*
4. Public Comment
5. Results from Blue Crab Population Modeling Exercise – *R. Leaf*
 - a. Overall Utility of Traffic Light Model
 - b. Proposal/Presentation for TCC

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6. Update on Gulf-Wide Blue Crab Tagging Program – *Z. Darnell*
7. Population Genetic Differentiation and Diversity of the Blue Crab in the Gulf of Mexico Inferred with Microsatellites and SNPs – *L. Hurtado Clavijo*
8. Summary of Written Reports
 - a. Derelict Trap Clean-Ups
 - b. State Activities Highlights
9. Election of Officers – *All*
10. Other Business
Adjourn

Meeting Room: Ship Island A

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

**TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
8:30am – 12:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *T. Switzer, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (July 23, 2019) – *All*
 4. Administrative Report – *J. Rester*
 5. Great Red Snapper Count Presentation – *M. Drymon*
 6. Invertebrate Identification Workshop – *E. Hoffmayer*
 7. Review of the SEAMAP 2021-2025 Management Plan – *All*
 8. SEAMAP Habitat Mapping Work Group Meeting – *J. Rester*
 9. Trawling on the West Florida Shelf – *E. Hoffmayer*
 10. NFWF Program Evaluation Meeting – *T. Switzer*
 11. Election of Officers – *All*
 12. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Ship Island B

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

**S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee
1:00pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *R. Mroch, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (March 19, 2019) – *All*
4. Update on 2019 Gulf Menhaden Season – *R. Mroch*
5. Update on the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery – *R. Mroch*
6. Report on Texas Cap for 2019 – *J. Mambretti/R. Mroch*
7. Review of Port Sample Acquisition and Processing in 2019 – *R. Mroch/S. VanderKooy*
8. Ecosystem Reference Points on the Atlantic – *D. Chagaris*

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9. Summary of Stakeholder Workshop – *S. VanderKooy*
 - a. Additional Analyses Results – *R. Leaf*
 - b. Update on the Gulf Ecosystem Modeling – *D. Chagaris*
 - c. Draft Procedures for Exceptional Circumstances – *All*
 - d. Draft Memorandum of Agreement for Industry – *All*
 - e. Next Steps – *All*
10. Election of Officers – *All*
11. Other Business
Adjourn

Meeting Room: Ship Island A

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *J. Lively, Chairman*
 2. Election of Vice-Chair – *J. Lively*
 3. Review of Members – *All*
 4. Approval of Minutes (October 2018 and March 2019) – *All*
 5. Regional Projects – *All*
 - a. Shark Depredation
 - b. Leadership Programs/Workforce Development
 - c. Barotrauma
 6. Gulf Sea Grant Fisheries Extension State Reports
 - a. Florida – *A. Collins/A. Ropicki*
 - b. Mississippi/Alabama – *M. Drymon/A. Jefferson*
 - c. Louisiana – *J. Lively/D. Seibert*
 - d. Texas – *L. Picariello/T. Reisinger*
 7. Guest Reports
 - a. Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Alliance – *A. Rosenberg*
 - b. Audubon GULF – *J. Fallon*
 8. Other Business
 - Next Meeting Topic
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Ship Island B

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *D. Topping, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (March 21, 2019) – *All*
4. Alternative Bulkhead Design Program Overview – *P. Mickle*
5. Overview of the Gulf Offshore Research Institute – *K. Satterlee*
6. Discussion: IJF Research Funding – *S. VanderKooy*

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7. Discussion: Using Watershed Scale Assessments to Identify Conservation Priorities and Prioritize Restoration Actions that Link Inland Waters and Coastal Estuaries – *G. Constant*
8. Discussion: SOPs for New Oyster Subcommittee – *J. Jewell*
9. Proposed Mechanism for Gulf Menhaden Management (Harvest Control Rule) – *J. Mareska*
10. Discussion: Guidelines for Marine Artificial Reef Materials: Third Edition – *J. Ballard*
11. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Data Management
 - b. Crab
 - c. SEAMAP
12. State/Federal Reports
– Questions/Comments
13. Election of Officers – *All*

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

14. General Session: The 2019 Freshwater Impacts to Marine Natural Resources
Along the Northern Gulf of Mexico – *D. Topping*
 - a. Introduction – *D. Donaldson*
 - b. Temporal and Spatial Progression of the Freshwater – *S. Mize*
 - c. Impacts to Louisiana’s Marine Resources – *J. Froeba*
 - d. Impacts to Mississippi’s Marine Resources – *J. Jewell*

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- e. Monitoring of the Waters Around the Bonnet Carré Spillway– *R. Hendon*
 - f. Economic Impacts to Alabama as a Result of the Freshwater – *J. Mareska*
 - g. Impacts on the Environmental Conditions in the Mississippi Bight – *B. Dzwonkowski*
15. Other Business
Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Ballroom A & B

Wednesday, October 16, 2019

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *P. Carron, Chairman/J. Downey, Vice-Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *P. Carron/J. Downey*
3. Approval of Minutes (March 20, 2019) – *P. Carron/J. Downey*

Gulf Council LETC Items

4. IUU Fishing – Coordinating Responses to Federal Determination Regarding Mexico's Certification
5. Possession Limits on For-Hire Trips Over 24 Hours
6. Recreational Greater Amberjack – Fractional Bag Limits
7. Commercial IFQ Program Modifications – Estimated Weights in Advance Landing Notifications
8. SEFHIER – Onboard Electronic Monitoring and Reporting (EM/ER) Systems in the Gulf Region For-Hire (Charter and Guide) Vessels

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9. Maximum Crew Size on Dual-Permitted (Commercial and For-Hire) Vessels in Federal Waters
10. EFPs/State Management – Enforcement of Red Snapper Seasons
11. Officer/Team of the Year Award Update
12. LETC Other Business – *All*

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GSMFC LEC Items

13. Future of JEAs and JEA Funding Discussion – *All*
14. Status of State Water FADs – *All*
15. IJF Program Activity – *S. VanderKooy*
 - a. Red Drum Profile Status
 - b. Mangrove Snapper Profile LE Membership
 - c. Annual License and Fees
 - d. Law Summary (Red Book)

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Wednesday, October 16, 2019

**GSMFC Law Enforcement Committee/
GMFMC Law Enforcement Technical Committee
8:30am – 5:00pm (continued)**

16. State Report Highlights – *All*
 - a. Florida
 - b. Alabama
 - c. Mississippi
 - d. Louisiana
 - e. Texas
 - f. USCG
 - g. NOAA OLE
 - h. USFWS
 17. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Ship Island A

Thursday, October 17, 2019

**State/Federal Fisheries Management Committee
8:00am – 10:00am**

1. Call to Order – *S. Bannon, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 17, 2018) – *All*
 4. Discussion and Final Approval of GulfFIN Funding Activities for 2020 – *G. Bray*
 5. Discussion and Final Approval of SEAMAP Funding Activities for 2020 – *J. Rester*
 6. Discussion of IJF Funding Process – *S. VanderKooy*
 7. Election of Officers – *All*
 8. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Ballroom A & B

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Commission Business Meeting

10:30am – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Opening Comments – *J. Spraggins, Chairman*
- Brief Overview of Commission Voting Procedures – *D. Donaldson*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *J. Spraggins*
 3. Approval of Minutes (March 21, 2019) – *J. Spraggins*
 4. GSMFC Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Law Enforcement Committee – *P. Carron*
 - b. Technical Coordinating Committee – *D. Topping*
 1. Data Management Subcommittee
 2. Crab Subcommittee
 3. SEAMAP Subcommittee
 4. Briefing on Freshwater Impacts General Session
 - c. State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee – *S. Bannon*
 1. GulfFIN Priorities – *S. Bannon/G. Bray*
 2. SEAMAP Priorities – *S. Bannon/J. Rester*
 3. Menhaden Advisory Committee – *R. Mroch*
 5. Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Meeting Report – *J. Lively*
 6. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Comments – *R. Crabtree*
 7. USFWS Region 4 Office Comments – *G. Constant/A. Brown*
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8. NOAA Fisheries Budget Update – *D. Donaldson/R. Crabtree*
 9. Discussion of Legislative Issues and Actions – *D. Donaldson*
 - a. Discussion Draft of AQUAA Act
 - b. H.R. 2236 Forage Fish Act
 - c. H.R. 3697 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Amendment
 - d. S.2166 Regional Ocean Partnership Act
 10. Discussion of Wind Farms in the Gulf of Mexico – *All*

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**Commission Business Meeting
10:30am – 5:00pm (continued)**

11. Status and Overview of Aquaculture Activities – *S. VanderKooy*
 - a. Oyster Aquaculture
 - b. Regional Pilot Projects
 - c. Discussion of Gulf Shellfish Initiative – *B. Walton*
12. Presentation of Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP) – *J. Graham*
13. Update on Great Red Snapper Count – *M. Drymon*

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14. GSMFC Program Reports
 - a. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Program – *S. VanderKooy*
 - b. SEAMAP – *J. Rester*
 - c. Sportfish Restoration Program – *J. Ballard*
 - d. Aquatic Nuisances Species Program – *J. Ballard*
 - e. Fisheries Information Network – *G. Bray*
15. Executive Committee Report – *J. Spraggins*
 - a. Audit
 1. GSMFC
 2. NOAA Inspector General
 - b. Financial Statement (9/2019)
 - c. FY2020 Budget
 - d. Staff Compensation
16. State Directors' Reports
 - a. Florida – *D. Ellinor*
 - b. Alabama – *S. Bannon*
 - c. Mississippi – *J. Spraggins*
 - d. Louisiana – *J. Froeba*
 - e. Texas – *L. Robinson*
17. Future Meetings – *N. Marcellus*
 - a. March 17-19, 2020 – Alabama
 - b. October 13-15, 2019 – Florida

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**Commission Business Meeting
10:30am – 5:00pm (continued)**

18. Publications List and Web Statistics
 - a. Publications – *D. Donaldson*
 - b. GSMFC Website – *D. Donaldson*
19. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair – Florida Rotation
 - b. 1st Vice-Chair – Texas Rotation
 - c. 2nd Vice-Chair – Alabama Rotation
20. Other Business
Adjourn

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SOCIAL EVENTS*

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12:00pm – 1:30pm	<i>Lyles-Simpson Award Luncheon</i>	Grand Ballroom D E & F
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Reception	Deer Island Ballroom

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

Name badge required.

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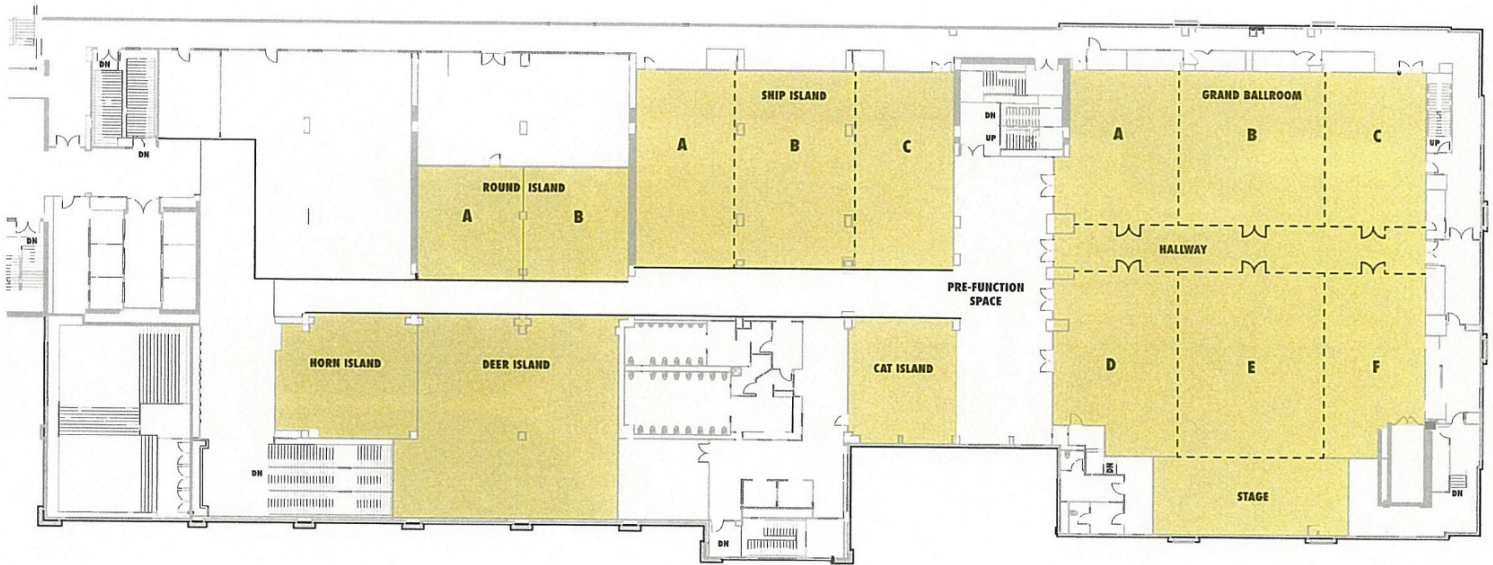
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