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MEETING NOTICE

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION 70th Annual Spring Meeting

March 9-12, 2020 – Gulf Shores, Alabama

The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's 70th Annual Spring Meeting will be held March 9-12, 2020 at The Lodge at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores, Alabama. This notice contains meeting details, including the preliminary meeting schedule. All of the business meetings scheduled during this week are open to the public, free of charge. Please note the preliminary schedule is subject to change. Mr. Dan Ellinor, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, is the presiding Chairman of the Commission.

ACCOMODATIONS: Alabama is our host state and arrangements have been made to convene at The Lodge at Gulf State Park (21196 East Beach Boulevard, Gulf Shores, AL 36542). Experience a unique piece of paradise on the Alabama Gulf Coast where nature is at your doorstep. The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel is located on the white sands of Gulf Shores, AL inside the naturally beautiful 6,150-acre Gulf State Park. Your Lodge experience is defined by unique architecture designed to allow you to enjoy this distinctive environment and community.

A block of rooms is being held at the negotiated room rate of **\$130.00** plus applicable taxes (currently 13%). For reservations call the hotel directly at (251) 540-4000 or online using this booking link: <http://group.hilton.com/gulfstatesmarinefisheriescommission> . **Hotel reservations must be made before February 17, 2020. Room availability will not be guaranteed beyond this date.** Please be aware that you must guarantee your room reservation by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card. You must notify the hotel of any cancellation **5 days prior to arrival** or you will be billed one night's room plus tax. **If you have any problems regarding accommodations, please contact Nancy Marcellus at 228.875.5912 or nmarcellus@gsmfc.org.**

NO SMOKING POLICY: *A Breath of Fresh Air* – The Lodge is a 100% smoke-free environment including both indoor and outdoor areas.

TRANSPORTATION: The Mobile Regional Airport (MOB) is approximately 48 miles from The Lodge and the Pensacola International Airport (PNS) is approximately 37 miles. Directions to the hotel from both airports are located on The Lodge website.

Valet parking is available at The Lodge for \$10/day. Self-Park is \$5/Day.

REGISTRATION: Pre-registration assists us in planning a successful meeting. The meeting registration fee is \$95/per participant and \$25/per spouse or guest. You may register online by visiting our website at <http://www.gsmfc.org/mtg>. If you prefer, you can still pre-register by returning the attached form to our office. Please do not register co-workers or associates as guests. We accept cash, checks, or PAYPAL.

PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, March 9, 2020

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Early Registration	The Burrow
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Tuesday, March 10, 2020

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	The Burrow
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8:30 am – 5:00 pm	FIN Meeting	Gulfview Ballroom II
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8:30 am – 12 noon	Molluscan Shellfish Committee	Gulfview Ballroom III
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	TCC Crab Subcommittee	Gulfview Ballroom IV
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1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee	Gulfview Ballroom III
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5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Reception	
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Wednesday, March 11, 2020

8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	The Burrow
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8:00 am – 5:00 pm	Technical Coordinating Committee	Gulfview Ballroom II
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<u>8:00 am – 12:00 noon</u>	General Session – <i>“Advanced Technologies in Marine Science”</i>	
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<u>1:30 pm – 5:00 pm</u>	Business Meeting	
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8:30 pm – 5:00 pm	LEC/LETC Meetings	Gulfview Ballroom IV
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12 noon – 1:00 pm	Luncheon	Gulfview Ballroom III
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1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee	Dogwood
1:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Sea Grant Extension Program	Cypress
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Reception	

Thursday, March 12, 2020

8:00 am – 12 noon	Registration	The Burrow
8:00 am – 12 noon	Commission Business Meeting	Gulfview Ballroom II
12 noon – 1:00 pm	<i>Commissioner's Luncheon</i>	Gulfview Ballroom III
1:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Commission Business Meeting	Gulfview Ballroom II

GENERAL SESSION: ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN MARINE SCIENCE – On Wednesday, March 11, join the Technical Coordinating Committee for a general session on advanced technologies in fisheries sampling. The session will discuss a variety of topics such as drones, acoustic and satellite tags, remote underwater vehicles, acoustics, towed cameras, and artificial intelligence to identify fish and habitat. Presentations will discuss these new technologies and how gathered data can be used for better fisheries management.

The final agenda and meeting materials will be available February 24, 2020 on the Commission website at www.gsmfc.org – Upcoming Meetings: GSMFC Annual Meeting. In the interim, if there are any questions concerning the 70th Annual Spring Meeting of the Commission, please contact Nancy Marcellus at 228.875.5912 or nmarcellus@gsmfc.org. We look forward to seeing you all in Gulf Shores in March!

**GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
PRE-REGISTRATION FORM
70th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING
March 9 – 12, 2020**



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 upon your arrival at The Lodge in Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Address _____

Telephone/E-Mail _____

Date of Arrival _____ Date of Departure _____

- Registration fee of \$95.00 is enclosed.
- Please pre-register me. I will pay upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

Please check events that you plan to attend:

- Reception (Tuesday, March 10)
- Luncheon (Wednesday, March 11)
- Reception (Wednesday, March 11)

SPOUSE/GUEST REGISTRATION: (Do not register co-workers or associates as guests)

Spouse/Guest _____

- \$25.00 registration fee is enclosed.
- Please pre-register my spouse/guest. I will pay upon arrival at the Registration Desk.

Please check events that your spouse/guest plan to attend:

- Reception (Tuesday, March 10)
- Luncheon (Wednesday, March 11)
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