

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

68th ANNUAL SPRING MEETING



MARCH 13-15, 2018

**SHERATON BAY POINT RESORT
PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA**

**Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
68th Annual Spring Meeting**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<u>Monday, March 12, 2018</u>		<u>Room</u>
3:00pm – 5:00pm	Early Registration	Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer
<u>Tuesday, March 13, 2018</u>		<u>Room</u>
8:00am – 5:00pm	Registration	Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer
8:30am – 5:00pm	FIN Committee Meeting <i>Justin Esslinger, Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom D
8:30am – 5:00pm	GSMFC Law Enforcement Committee/ GMFMC Law Enforcement Technical Committee <i>Chad Hebert, LEC Chairman</i> <i>Scott Bannon, LETC Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom FGH
8:30am – 12:00pm	TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee <i>Ted Switzer, Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom ABC
1:00pm – 5:00pm	S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee <i>Jason Adriance, Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom ABC
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Reception	St. Andrews Terrace
<u>Wednesday, March 14, 2018</u>		<u>Room</u>
8:00am – 5:00pm	Registration	Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer
8:30am – 12:00pm	General Session: <i>“Off-Bottom Oyster Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico”</i> <i>Steve VanderKooy, Facilitator</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom FGH
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Luncheon	Grand Lagoon Ballroom E
1:00pm – 5:00pm	Sea Grant – Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel <i>Julie Lively, Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom ABC

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Wednesday, March 14, 2018 (continued)

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1:00pm – 5:00pm	Technical Coordinating Committee <i>Darin Topping, Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom D
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Reception	St. Andrews Terrace

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Room

9:00am – 12:00pm	Commission Business Meeting <i>Bret Allain, Chairman</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom D
12:00pm – 1:00pm	Commissioners' Luncheon	Grand Lagoon Ballroom FGH
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Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *J. Esslinger, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2017) – *All*
4. MRIP Update
 - a. FES Presentation – *R. Cody*
 - b. 2019 APAIS Form Proposed Changes – *T. Sminkey/G. Bray/B. Sauls*
 - c. Gulf MRIP Implementation Plan Discussion – *All*
 - d. Other
5. Recreational Red Snapper Season – *N. Farmer*
 - a. 2017 Landings
 - b. 2018 Projected Season

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6. SEFHIR Presentation – *N. Farmer*
7. ACCSP Update – *J. Defilippi-Simpson*

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8. Status of Biological Sampling and Analysis Activities
 - a. Analysis Activities – *G. Bray*
 - b. Funding – *G. Bray*
9. 2018 Strategic Planning Meeting Discussion – *G. Bray*
10. Utility of Citizen Science Research – *D. Donaldson*
11. Ongoing Activities
 - a. Testing Results and Feedback from GulfFIN New End-User Query Tool – *D. Bellais*
 - b. Progress on Florida and GSMFC FIS Proposals – *S. Brown/G. Bray*
 - c. FIN Data Management System (DMS) Issues
 1. Review of List of Personnel with Access to Confidential Data – *D. Bellais/D. Gloeckner*
 2. Status of FIN DMS – *D. Bellais*
 - d. Status of Metadata Compilation and Reporting – *G. Bray*

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12. Review and Approval of 2017 FIN Annual Report – *All*

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

13. Subcommittee and Work Group Reports – *All*
 - a. Otolith Processors Training Workshop
 - b. Gulf Geographic Subcommittee
14. Operations Plan – *All*
 - a. Status of 2018 Activities
 1. Data Collection and Management Activities
 2. Program Activities
 - b. Review/Approval of 2019 Operations Plan
15. Discussion of FIN 2019 Funding Priorities – *All*
16. Other Business
Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom D

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *C. Hebert, LEC Chairman/S. Bannon, LETC Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *C. Hebert/S. Bannon*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2017) – *C. Hebert/S. Bannon*
 4. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Revised Actions) – *S. Atran*
 5. Coral Amendment 9 – New SSC Recommendation – *S. Atran*
 6. Recreational Red Snapper State Management Programs
– Updated Delegation Action – *S. Atran*
 7. Review of List of Authorized Fisheries and Gear – *S. Atran*
 8. Discussion of a Possible Team of the Year Award – *S. Atran*
 9. LETC Other Business – Commercial IFQ Reporting – *S. Atran*
 10. Future of JEAs and JEA Funding Discussion – *S. VanderKooy*
 11. Potential Updating of Two-Year Operations Plan 2019-2020 – *S. VanderKooy*
 12. IJF Program Activity – *S. VanderKooy*
 - a. Cobia Profile
 - b. Officers' Pocket Guide
 - c. Annual License and Fees
 - d. Law Summary (Red Book)
 13. State Report Highlights – *All*
 - a. Florida
 - b. Alabama
 - c. Mississippi
 - d. Louisiana
 - e. Texas
 - f. USCG
 - g. NOAA OLE
 - h. USFWS
 14. Other Business
- Adjourn

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Tuesday, March 13, 2018

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

1. Call to Order – *T. Switzer, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 17, 2017) – *All*
 4. Administrative Report – *J. Rester*
 5. SEAMAP Vertical Line Data and the Red Snapper SEDAR – *E. Hoffmayer*
 6. 2018 Shrimp/Groundfish Survey Station Selection Process – *J. Rester*
 7. 2018 Joint SEAMAP Meeting Agenda Discussion – *All*
 8. NMFS/FWRI Reef Fish Workshop – *T. Switzer*
 9. SEAMAP Sampling in Louisiana – *B. Falterman*
 - a. Use of Small Vessels to Sample Bottom Longline Stations
 - b. Preliminary Analysis of Vertical Line GoPro Video
 - c. Proposed Red Drum Sampling
 10. Fishery Independent Data Collection Prioritization – *T. Switzer*
 11. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom ABC

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee

1:00pm – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order – *J. Adriance, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (October 17, 2017) – *All*
4. Public Comment
5. Review of 2017 Gulf Menhaden Season and Forecast for 2018 – *R. Mroch*
6. Update on the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery – *R. Mroch*
7. Updated Indices of Abundance from Louisiana Fishery-Independent Sampling
– *J. Adriance*
8. Gulf Menhaden Benchmark Assessment SEDAR63 – *S. VanderKooy*
9. An Update and Status Report of Project: Examination of Age Composition of *Brevoortia Patronus* in Fishery-Independent Sampling – *R. Leaf*
10. Turner Rebuttal Paper – *R. Leaf*
11. Identifying Plausible Predators of Menhaden (*Brevoortia*) for Ecosystem Modeling
in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico – *S. Sagarese*
12. Marine Stewardship Certification of Gulf Menhaden – *B. Landry*
13. Indirect Effects from the Deepwater Horizon Blowout on Gulf Menhaden – *J. Short*
14. Other Business
Adjourn

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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

**General Session
“Off-Bottom Oyster Aquaculture in the Gulf of Mexico”
8:30am – 12:00pm**

1. Welcome and Program Overview – *D. Donaldson/S. VanderKooy*
2. State of Alabama Oyster Aquaculture Permitting and Informational Website Development – *C. Blankenship*
3. Identifying Information Needs and Regulatory Impediments to Off-Bottom Oyster Culture in Texas – *J. Scarpa*
4. Development and Operation of a Mobile Oyster Spawning System – *J. Stewart*

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5. Advancing the Gulf of Mexico Shellfish Initiative (GoMexSI) – *B. Walton*
6. Increasing Oyster Production in the Gulf of Mexico: Adopting High-Density Larval Culture at the Auburn University Shellfish Lab – *S. Rikard*
7. Initiation of a Program to Produce Florida Tetraploid Founder Stocks for the Gulf Oyster Industry – *H. Yang*
8. General Q&A on Off-Bottom Oyster Culture – *All*
9. Wrap-Up and Overview of 2018 Off-Bottom Program– *S. VanderKooy*
Adjourn

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Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *J. Lively, Chairman*
 2. Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2017) – *All*
 3. Gulf Sea Grant Fisheries Extension State Reports
 - a. Florida – *S. Jackson*
 - b. Mississippi/Alabama – *M. Drymon*
 - c. Louisiana – *J. Lively/D. Seibert*
 - d. Texas – *B. Balboa*
 4. The Marine Economist of the Future – *C. Adams*
 5. Guest Reports
 6. Other Business
 - Next Meeting Topic
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom ABC

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

**Technical Coordinating Committee
1:00pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *D. Topping, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2017) – *All*
 4. DWH NRDA Restoration Planning Process and Open Ocean Fish Restoration
– *J. Reinhardt/L. Rounds*
 5. Overview of Methods Used to Determine Red Snapper Abundance Estimates – *M. Drymon*
 6. Cold Weather Impacts – *All*
 7. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Data Management
 - b. SEAMAP
 - c. Artificial Reef
 8. State/Federal Reports
– Questions/Comments
 9. Other Business
- Adjourn

Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom D

Thursday, March 15, 2018

Commission Business Meeting

9:00am – 5:00pm

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Opening Comments – *B. Allain, Chairman*
- Brief Overview of Commission Voting Procedures – *D. Donaldson*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *B. Allain*
3. Approval of Minutes (October 19, 2017) – *B. Allain*
4. Public Comment
5. GSMFC Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Law Enforcement Committee – *S. Bannon*
 - b. Technical Coordinating Committee – *D. Topping*
 1. Data Management Subcommittee
 2. SEAMAP Subcommittee
 3. Artificial Reef Subcommittee
 - c. State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee – *S. Bannon*
- Menhaden Advisory Committee – *S. VanderKooy*
6. Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Meeting Report – *J. Lively*

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7. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Comments – *A. Strelcheck*
8. USFWS Region 4 Office Comments – *G. Constant/A. Brown*
9. Update on GSMFC Aquaculture Activities
 - a. Briefing on Oyster Aquaculture Symposium – *S. VanderKooy*
 - b. Status and Overview of Aquaculture RFPs – *S. VanderKooy*
 1. Oyster Aquaculture
 2. Regional Pilot Projects
10. NOAA Fisheries Budget Update – *D. Donaldson*
11. Discussion of 2018 Gulf State Directors Trip – *All*
12. Presentation of Amendment 11 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) – *HMS Division Staff*
13. Presentation of Red Snapper Research Program – *M. Drymon*

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Commission Business Meeting

9:00am – 5:00pm (continued)

14. Presentations and Updates on Restoration Activities
 - a. Overview – *P. Anninos/K. Belhadjali/J. Lipton*
 - b. Natural Resource Damage Assessment – *J. Reinhardt*
 - c. Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council – *B. Sutter*
 - d. NOAA RESTORE Science Program – *J. Lartigue*
 - e. Florida RESTORE Act Centers of Excellence Program – *L. Fetherson-Resch*

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15. *Lyles-Simpson Award* Recipient Selection for 2018 – *All*
 16. GSMFC Program Reports
 - a. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Program – *S. VanderKooy*
 - b. SEAMAP – *J. Rester*
 - c. Sportfish Restoration Program – *J. Ballard*
 1. Guidelines for Marine Artificial Reef Materials
 2. Issues from Joint Artificial Reef Meeting
 - d. Fisheries Information Network – *G. Bray*
 - e. Aquatic Nuisance Species Program – *J. Ballard*
 1. Expansion of Lionfish Challenge Gulf-Wide
 2. Status of the National ANS Program
 17. State Directors' Reports
 - a. Florida – *D. Ellinor*
 - b. Alabama – *S. Bannon*
 - c. Mississippi – *J. Spraggins*
 - d. Louisiana – *J. Froeba*
 - e. Texas – *M. Lingo*
 18. Future Meetings – *N. Marcellus*
 - a. October 17-19, 2018 – Texas
 - b. March 15-17, 2019 – Louisiana
 19. Review of Committee Listings – *All*
 20. Publications List and Web Statistics
 - a. Publications
 - b. GSMFC Web Site – *J. Ferrer*
 21. Special Election of Officers
 22. Other Business
- Adjourn

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SOCIAL EVENTS*

Tuesday, March 13, 2018

Room

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

Wednesday, March 14, 2018

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

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

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

Name badge required.

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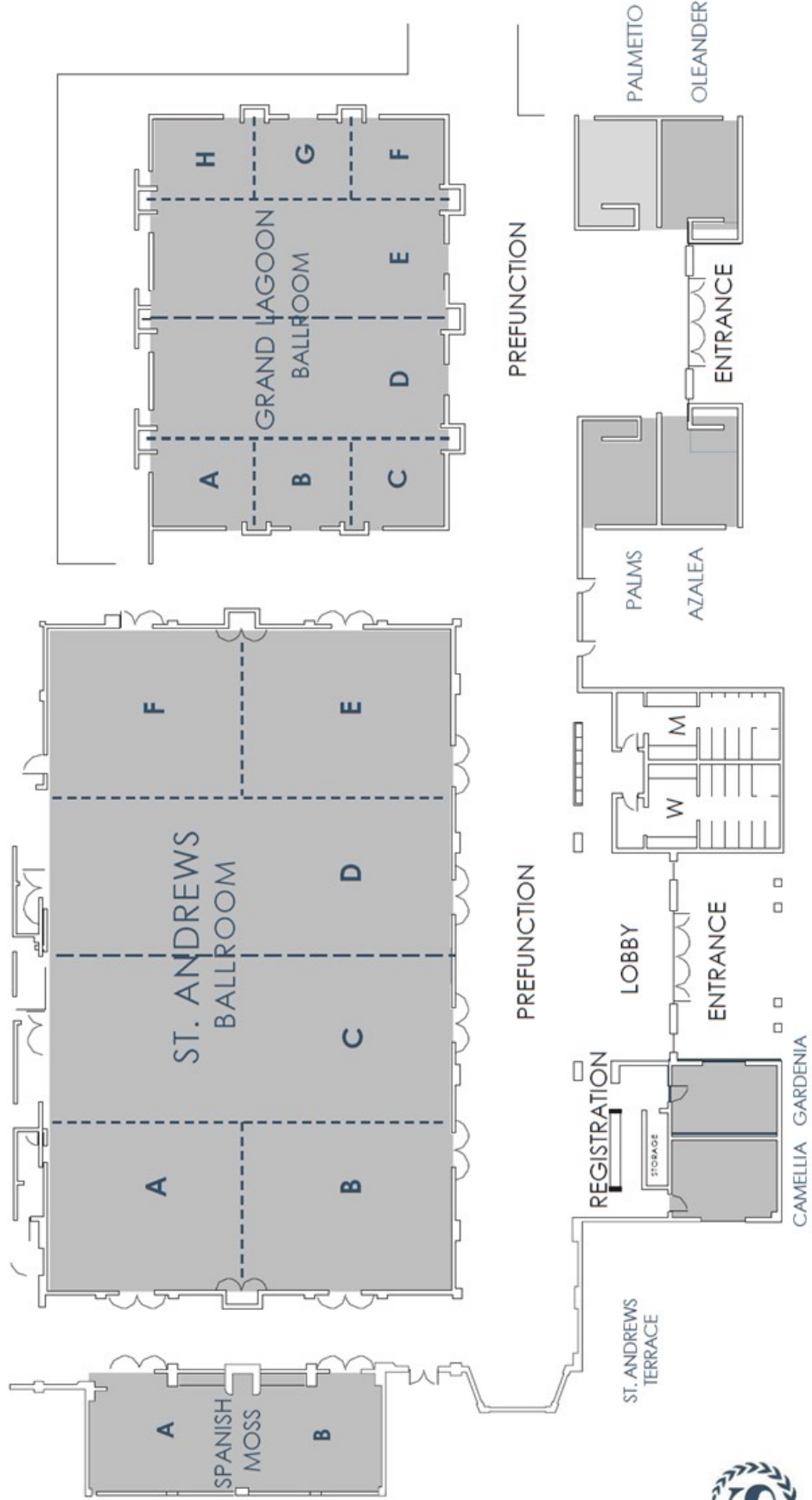
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