

**GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES
COMMISSION**

69th ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 15-18, 2018



**ISLA GRAND BEACH RESORT
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**Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
69th Annual Meeting**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Monday, October 15, 2018

Room

3:00pm – 5:00pm Early Registration

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Room

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration

8:30am – 5:00pm TCC Data Management Subcommittee
Justin Esslinger, Chairman

8:30am – 12:00pm TCC Crab Subcommittee
Rick Burris, Chairman

8:30am – 12:00pm TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee
Ted Switzer, Chairman

1:00pm – 5:00pm S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee
Jason Adriance, Chairman

5:30pm – 6:30pm Reception

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Room

8:00am – 5:00pm Registration

8:00am – 12:00pm General Session:
“Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtles”
Jeff Rester, Facilitator

8:30am – 5:00pm GSMFC Law Enforcement Committee/
GMFMC Law Enforcement Technical Committee
Chad Hebert, LEC Chairman
Scott Bannon, LETC Chairman

12:00pm – 1:30pm *Lyles-Simpson Award Luncheon*

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Wednesday, October 17, 2018 (continued)

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| 1:30pm – 5:00pm | Sea Grant –
Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel
<i>Laura Picariello</i> | |
| 1:30pm – 3:00pm | Technical Coordinating Committee
<i>Darin Topping, Chairman</i> | |
| 3:30pm – 5:00pm | State/Federal Fisheries Management Committee
<i>Scott Bannon, Chairman</i> | |
| 5:30pm – 6:30pm | Reception | |

Thursday, October 18, 2018

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| 7:30am – 9:00am | Executive Committee Breakfast | |
| 9:00am – 12:00pm | Commission Business Meeting
<i>Bret Allain, Chairman</i> | |
| 12:00pm – 1:00pm | Commissioners' Luncheon | |
| 1:00pm – 5:00pm | Commission Business Meeting
<i>Bret Allain, Chairman</i> | |

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

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 17, 2017) – *All*
4. Impact of FES Calibrations on Important Species in the Gulf of Mexico – *R. Cody/
D. Gloeckner*
5. MRIP Update – *R. Cody*
6. Discussion of Future Data Collection Efforts for State Permitted For-Hire Vessels – *All*

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7. Discussion of Recreational Landings Availability in the GulfFIN Data Management System – *All*
8. Update on Status of GulfFIN Data Management System Query Page – *D. Bellais*
9. Status of Certification of State Surveys and Findings from the Red Snapper Workshop #4 – *G. Bray/R. Cody*
10. Update on Future Funding Opportunities – *D. Donaldson*
11. Status of Biological Sampling and Analysis Activities – *G. Bray/D. Bellais*
 - a. Collection Activities
 - b. Analysis Activities
12. Other Business

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13. Review of 2017 Commercial Data – *D. Bellais*
 - a. Species Issues
 - b. Gear Issues
 - c. Area Fished Issues
 - d. Market Issues
 - e. Grade Issues
 - f. Other Issues
- Adjourn

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

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

1. Call to Order – *R. Burris, Chairman*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
3. Approval of Minutes (October 17, 2017) – *All*
4. Public Comment
5. Results of an Investigation into the Fecundity and Seasonality of Spawning for the Blue Crab in Florida, Results of a 5-Year IJ-Funded Project – *C. Crowley*
6. Blue Crab Larval Dispersal Model Highlights Exchanges between Western Florida, the Gulf of Mexico, and SE Atlantic: Implication for the Management of the Fishery – *R. Gandy*
7. Population Genetic Differentiation and Diversity of the Blue Crab in the Gulf of Mexico Inferred with Microsatellites and SNPs – *L. Hurtado Clavijo*
8. Surplus Production Model Gulf of Mexico's Blue Crab Stock – *M. Oshima*

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9. Update on Gulf-Wide Blue Crab Tagging Program – *Z. Darnell*
 10. Recreational Crab Fishing Survey – *R. Burris*
 11. Commercial Crab Fishery Terrapin Reporting System – *R. Burris*
 12. Update on FID Data for Blue Crabs – *H. Perry*
 13. Summary of Written Reports
 - a. Derelict Trap Clean-Ups
 - b. State Activities Highlights
 14. Election of Chair – *All*
 15. Public Comment
 16. Other Business
- Adjourn

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

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

1. Call to Order – *T. Switzer, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (July 25, 2018) – *All*
 4. Administrative Report – *J. Rester*
 5. SEAMAP Habitat Mapping Protocol – *All*
 6. Review of Species Identification During Trawl Survey – *All*
 7. GCRL Hooked Gear Survey Results – *J. Hendon*
 8. 2019 SEAMAP Budget and Sampling – *J. Rester*
 9. Use of Cameras to Characterize Bottom Habitat in All SEAMAP Surveys – *E. Hoffmayer*
 10. Election of Chair
 11. Other Business
- Adjourn

Tuesday, October 16, 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 (March 13, 2018) – *All*
4. Public Comment
5. Update on 2018 Gulf Menhaden Season – *R. Mroch*
6. Update on the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery – *R. Mroch*
7. SEDAR63 Gulf Menhaden Assessment Draft Report – *A. Schueller*

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8. Texas Cap for 2018 – *J. Mambretti/R. Mroch*
 9. Review of Port Sample Acquisition and Processing in 2018 – *R. Mroch/S. VanderKooy*
 10. Marine Stewardship Certification of Gulf Menhaden – *B. Landry/P. Himchak*
 11. Election of Chairman – *All*
 12. Other Business
 13. Public Comment
- Adjourn

Wednesday, October 17, 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 (March 13, 2018) – *C. Hebert/S. Bannon*
 4. Election of Joint Committee Chair and Vice-Chair – *All*
 5. State Management Amendments – *A. Lasseter*
 6. Commercial IFQ Program Modifications – *A. Lasseter*
 - a. Amendment Review
 - b. Landing Notification Issue
 7. Coral 9 HAPCs Update on Final Action – *A. Lasseter*
 8. New “Fish Rules” Regulations App – *A. Lasseter/E. Muehlstein*
 9. GMFMC Enforcement Team of the Year Award
 10. 2019-2020 Operations Plan – *S. VanderKooy*
 11. Overview of Current IUU Fishing Issues – *All*
 - a. Texas/Mexico Lanchas
 - b. Domestic Fishing
 12. Future of JEAs and JEA Funding Discussion – *All*
 13. Fish Attracting Devices (FADs): Misuse and Management – *All*
 14. IJF Program Activity – *S. VanderKooy*
 - a. Cobia Profile
 - b. New Species TBD
 - c. Annual License and Fees
 - d. Law Summary (Red Book)
 15. State Report Highlights – *All*
 - a. Florida
 - b. Alabama
 - c. Mississippi
 - d. Louisiana
 - e. Texas
 - f. USCG
 - g. NOAA OLE
 - h. USFWS
 16. Other Business
- Adjourn

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

**General Session
“Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtles”
8:00am – 12:00pm**

1. Welcome and Program Overview – *D. Donaldson/J. Rester*
2. The Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtle: A 71 Year History of Conservation – *J. Pena*
3. Arribada Behavior and Nesting Biology of the Kemp’s Ridley – *T. Wibbels*
4. Spatial and Temporal Variation in Kemp’s Ridley Abundance: Patterns, Mechanisms, and Implications – *N. Putman*
5. Inter-nesting, Migration, and Foraging Distribution of Adult Female Kemp’s Ridley Turtles – *D. Shaver*

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6. Pre-2010 Evidence of Declining Gulf of Mexico Carrying Capacity for Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtles (*Lepidochelys kempii*) – *C. Caillouet*
7. Summary of Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Effects on Kemp’s Ridleys – *B. Wallace*
8. Some Thoughts Regarding the Status of the Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtle Stock: A Call for an Assessment Workshop – *B. Gallaway*
9. General Q&A on the Status of Kemp’s Ridley Sea Turtles – *All*
Adjourn

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

**Sea Grant – Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel
1:30pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *L. Picariello*
 2. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2018) – *All*
 3. Gulf Sea Grant Fisheries Extension State Reports
 - a. Florida – *B. Staugler*
 - b. Mississippi/Alabama
 - c. Louisiana – *J. Falgout/N. Lundberg*
 - d. Texas – *L. Picariello*
 4. Guest Reports
 - a. GULF Audubon – *J. Fallon*
 5. Other Business
 - Next Meeting Topic
- Adjourn

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Technical Coordinating Committee

1:30pm – 3:00pm

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *D. Topping, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (March 14, 2018) – *All*
 4. Overview of Year One of the Red Snapper Exempted Fishing Permits – *All*
 5. Presentation on the Draft Cobia Profile – *J. Mareska*
 6. Subcommittee Reports
 - a. Data Management
 - b. Crab
 - c. SEAMAP
 7. State/Federal Reports
 - Questions/Comments
 8. Election of Officers
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Vice-Chairman
 9. Other Business
- Adjourn

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

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

1. Call to Order – *S. Bannon, Chairman*
 2. Adoption of Agenda – *All*
 3. Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2017) – *All*
 4. Discussion and Final Approval of GulfFIN Funding Activities for 2019 – *G. Bray*
 5. Discussion and Final Approval of SEAMAP Funding Activities for 2019 – *J. Rester*
 6. GFID Database – *S. VanderKooy*
 7. Next IJF Species for Revision or Profile Development – *S. VanderKooy*
 8. Election of Officers – *All*
 9. Other Business
- Adjourn

Thursday, October 18, 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 (March 15, 2018) – *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. Crab Subcommittee
 3. SEAMAP Subcommittee
 - 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 – *S. Herbert*
6. Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Meeting Report – *L. Picariello*
7. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Comments – *R. Crabtree*

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8. USFWS Region 4 Office Comments – *D. Donaldson*
9. Briefing on Sea Turtle General Session – *J. Rester*
10. Status and Overview of Aquaculture Activities – *S. VanderKooy*
 - a. Oyster Aquaculture
 - b. Regional Pilot Projects
11. NOAA Fisheries Budget Update – *D. Donaldson/R. Crabtree*
12. Discussion of Legislative Issues and Actions – *D. Donaldson*
 - a. H.R. 200 – Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act
 - b. S. 3138 – Advancing the Quality and Understanding of American Aquaculture (AQUAA) Act

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Thursday, October 18, 2018

**Commission Business Meeting
9:00am – 5:00pm (continued)**

13. Update on Gulf United for Lasting Fisheries (G.U.L.F.) – *J. Fallon*
14. Presentation of NOAA RESTORE Sargassum Project Findings – *F. Hernandez*
15. Update on Red Snapper Research Program – *G. Stunz*

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16. GSMFC Program Reports
 - a. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Program – *S. VanderKoooy*
 - b. SEAMAP – *J. Rester*
 - c. Sportfish Restoration Program – *J. Ballard*
 - d. Fisheries Information Network – *G. Bray*
 - e. Aquatic Nuisance Species Program – *J. Ballard*
17. Executive Committee Report – *B. Allain*
 - a. Audit
 1. GSMFC
 2. NOAA Inspector General
 - b. Financial Statement (9/2018)
 - c. FY2019 Budget
 - d. Staff Compensation
18. State Directors' Reports
 - a. Florida – *D. Ellinor*
 - b. Alabama – *S. Bannon*
 - c. Mississippi – *J. Spraggins*
 - d. Louisiana – *J. Froeba*
 - e. Texas – *L. Robinson*
19. Future Meetings – *N. Marcellus*
 - a. March 19-21, 2019 – Louisiana
 - b. October 15-17, 2019 – Mississippi
20. Publications List and Web Statistics
 - a. Publications
 - b. GSMFC Website – *J. Ferrer*

Thursday, October 18, 2018

**Commission Business Meeting
9:00am – 5:00pm (continued)**

21. Election of Officers
 - a. Chair – Mississippi Rotation
 - b. 1st Vice-Chair – Florida Rotation
 - c. 2nd Vice-Chair – Texas Rotation
 22. Other Business
- Adjourn

SOCIAL EVENTS*

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

Room

5:30pm – 6:30pm Reception

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

12:00pm – 1:30pm *Lyles-Simpson Award Luncheon*

5:30pm – 6:30pm Reception

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

Name badge required.

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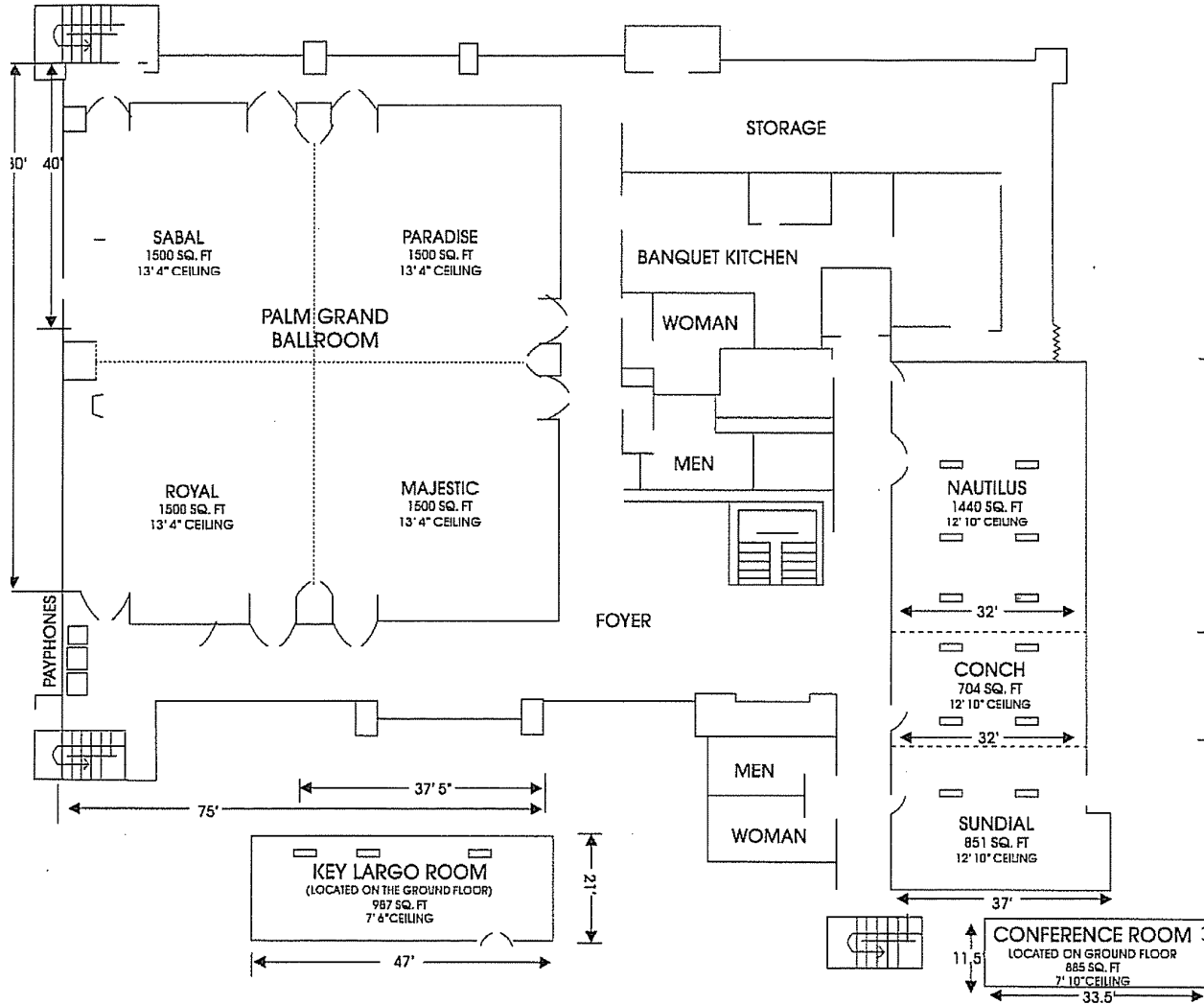
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