

# **GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION**

## **72<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SPRING MEETING**



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**MARCH 14 - 17, 2022**

**SHERATON PANAMA CITY BEACH  
GOLF & SPA RESORT**

**PANAMA CITY BEACH, FLORIDA**

**Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Spring Meeting**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Monday, March 14, 2022**

**Room**

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

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**Room**

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

8:30am – 5:00pm      FIN Committee Meeting  
*Beverly Sauls, Chair*      **Grand Lagoon Ballroom E**

8:30am – 12:00pm      TCC Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee  
*Evan Pettis, Chair*      **Grand Lagoon Ballroom F**

8:30am – 12:00pm      S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee  
*Trevor Moncrief, Chair*      **Grand Lagoon Ballroom G**

1:00pm – 5:00pm      TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee  
*Ted Switzer, Chair*      **Grand Lagoon Ballroom F**

1:00pm – 5:00pm      TCC Crab Subcommittee  
*Ryan Gandy, Chair*      **Grand Lagoon Ballroom G**

5:30pm – 6:30pm      Reception      **St. Andrews Pavilion**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

**Room**

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

8:30am – 5:00pm      Technical Coordinating Committee      **Grand Lagoon Ballroom E**

General Session: “*ANS Small Grants Program*”

Business Meeting  
*Darin Topping, Chair*

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022 (continued)**

**Room**

12:00pm – 1:00pm	Luncheon	Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH
1:30pm – 5:00pm	Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel <i>Laura Picariello, Chair</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom F
5:30pm – 6:30pm	Reception	Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**Room**

8:00am – 12:00pm	Registration	Grand Lagoon Ballroom Foyer E
8:00am – 9:00am	Commissioners' Breakfast	Grand Lagoon Ballroom FG
9:15am – 12:00pm	Commission Business Meeting <i>Doug Boyd, Chair</i>	Grand Lagoon Ballroom E



**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *Beverly Sauls, Chair*
  2. Adoption of Agenda – *Beverly Sauls*
  3. Approval of Minutes (July 13-14, 2021 - Virtual) – *Beverly Sauls*
  4. Discussion of GulfFIN Storage and Dissemination of State Survey Data – *All*
  5. Discussion of Review/Update of MRIP Regional Implementation Plan – *All*  
    GulfFIN Strategic Planning
  6. MRIP Update
    - a. Survey-Related Changes for 2023 – *Richard Cody*
    - b. Program Updates – *Richard Cody*
    - c. Feedback from Gulf Transition Team Workshop – *Richard Cody*
    - d. Proposal for Increasing APAIS Allocations in AL and MS – *Gregg Bray*
  7. Update of Fish Descender Device Project – *Charlie Robertson*
  8. Update on GulfFIN Oracle Cloud Transition – *Gregg Bray*
  9. Developing Detailed Specifications for Remaining VESL Development – *All*
  10. State-Managed Priority Species for Bycatch Monitoring – *Gregg Bray*
  11. SEFHIER Update – *Jessica Stephen*
  12. Gulf Conversion Factor Research Update – *All*
  13. State/Federal Partner Updates – *All*
  14. 2023 FIN Funding Priority Discussion – *Gregg Bray*
  15. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom E*

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**TCC Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee  
8:30am – 12:00pm**

1. Call to Order and Introductions – *Evan Pettis, Chair*
  2. Adoption of Agenda – *Evan Pettis*
  3. Approval of Minutes (October 12, 2021 – Virtual) – *Evan Pettis*
  4. Summary of Gulf Oyster Restoration Projects Funded by DWH – *Sandra Brooke*
  5. Discussion of Hurricane Impacts to Alternative Oyster Aquaculture – *All*
  6. Oyster Shell Recycling Program Highlights – *All*
  7. Discussion of State Oyster Management Plans – *All*
  8. Discussion of State Oyster Restoration Plans – *All*
  9. State Oyster Highlights for On and Off-Bottom Aquaculture – *All*
  10. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom F*

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**S/FFMC Menhaden Advisory Committee**

**8:30am – 12:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *Trevor Moncrief, Chair*
  2. Adoption of Agenda – *Trevor Moncrief*
  3. Approval of Minutes (October 5, 2021 - Virtual) – *Trevor Moncrief*
  4. Review of 2021 Gulf Menhaden Season and Forecast for 2022 – *Ray Mroch*
  5. Update on the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery – *Ray Mroch*
  6. Updated Indices of Abundance from LA. Fishery-Independent Sampling – *Jason Adriance*
  7. Pre-Season Forecast Accuracy – *Ray Mroch*
  8. Port Sample Acquisition and Processing in 2022 – *Ray Mroch/Steve VanderKooy*
  9. Marine Stewardship Certification of Gulf Menhaden Updates
    - a. Gulf Certification – *Peter Himchak*
    - b. NOAA Observer Steering Committee – *Francois Kuttel*
  10. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom G*

**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**TCC SEAMAP Subcommittee**

**1:00pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *Ted Switzer, Chair*
  2. Adoption of Agenda – *Ted Switzer*
  3. Approval of Minutes (October 19, 2021 - Virtual) – *Ted Switzer*
  4. Administrative Report – *Jeff Rester*
  5. Using Saldrones for Ocean Data Collection – *Matt Womble*
  6. Review of the SEAMAP Trawling Operations Manual – *Jeff Rester*
  7. Review of the Bottom Longline Operations Manual – *Jeff Rester*
  8. Review of the Trawl Sampling Universe – *All*
  9. SEAMAP Survey Costs by Survey – *All*
  10. Proposed 2022 SEAMAP Fishery Independent Sampling – *All*
  11. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom F*



**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

**TCC Crab Subcommittee  
1:00pm – 5:00pm**

1. Call to Order – *Ryan Gandy, Chair*
  2. Adoption of Agenda – *Ryan Gandy*
  3. Approval of Minutes (March 11, 2021 – Virtual) – *Ryan Gandy*
  4. The Role of Predator & Meso-Predator Abundance in Blue Crab Trends in TX – *Zachary Olsen*
  5. MDMR Red Drum Stomach Content Project – *Jason Saucier*
  6. Terrapin Updates in the Region – *All*
  7. Blue Crab Use of Turtlegrass Across the Northern Gulf of Mexico: The Influence of Plant Complexity on Abundance, Growth, and Mortality – *Zack Darnell*
  8. Summary of Written Reports
    - a. Derelict Trap Clean-Ups
    - b. State Status and Trends (IOA)
  9. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom G*

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *Darin Topping, Chair*
  2. Adoption of Agenda – *Darin Topping*
  3. Approval of Minutes (October 20, 2021 – Virtual) – *Darin Topping*
  4. General Session: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service ANS Small Grants Program
    - a. Welcome Remarks – *Dave Donaldson*
    - b. Overview of Region 4 FWS ANS Small Grants Program – *Allan Brown/Cindy Williams*
    - c. USGS NAS Projects and NAS Database Tools – *Matt Neilson*
    - d. Southeast Cooperative Fish Parasite & Disease Project – *Stephen Bullard*
    - e. Invasive Carp in the Lower Mississippi Watershed – *Michael Eggleton*
    - f. Status of Invasive Carps in the Tennessee and Cumberland River Basins – *Mark Rogers*
    - g. Impacts of a Novel Cyanotoxin on Fauna in the Southeast – *Susan Wilde*
  5. DWH Fish & Water Column Invertebrate Strategic Planning Update – *Jamie Reinhardt*
  6. USGS Wetland and Aquatic Research Center/GSMFC Collaboration on Science & Research Needs in Gulf of Mexico – *Deke Tompkins/Deborah Epperson/Matt Neilson/Meg Lamont*
  7. BOEM Wind Energy Status – *Mike Celata*
  8. IJF Updates – *Steve VanderKooy*
    - a. 2023 SuRF Project Funding
    - b. Red Drum Profile
    - c. Mangrove Snapper TTF
  9. CARES Act Program Update – *Jeff Rester*
  10. Subcommittee Reports
    - a. Artificial Reef – *James Ballard*
    - b. Crab – *Ryan Gandy*
    - c. GulfFIN – *Beverly Sauls*
    - d. Molluscan Shellfish – *Evan Pettis*
    - e. SEAMAP – *Jeff Rester*
  11. State/Federal Reports
  12. Discussion of Election of Officers
  13. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom E*

**Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

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

1. Call to Order/Introductions – *Laura Picariello, Chair*
  2. Approval of Minutes – *All*
  3. Gulf Sea Grant Fisheries Extension State Reports
    - a. Florida – *Angela Collins/Andy Ropicki*
    - b. Mississippi/Alabama – *Marcus Drymon/Amanda Jefferson*
    - c. Louisiana – *Julie Lively/Dominique Seibert*
    - d. Texas – *Laura Picariello/Tony Reisinger*
  4. Regional Topics Discussion – *All*
    - a. Regional Projects and SG Collaborations
    - b. Other
  5. Other Business
- Adjourn

*Meeting Room: Grand Lagoon Ballroom F*

**Thursday, March 17, 2022**

**Commission Business Meeting**

**9:15am – 12:00pm**

1. Call to Order, Introductions, Opening Comments – *Doug Boyd, Chair*  
- Brief Overview of Commission Voting Procedures – *Dave Donaldson*
2. Adoption of Agenda – *Doug Boyd*
3. Approval of Minutes (October 21, 2021 – Virtual) – *Doug Boyd*
4. GSMFC Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Technical Coordinating Committee – *Darin Topping*
    1. Artificial Reef Subcommittee
    2. Crab Subcommittee
    3. GulfFIN Committee
    4. Molluscan Shellfish Subcommittee
    5. SEAMAP Subcommittee
    6. Briefing on Invasive Species General Session
  - b. State-Federal Fisheries Management Committee – *Scott Bannon*
    1. Menhaden Advisory Committee – *Trevor Moncrief*
    2. Other Issues
5. Sea Grant Fisheries Extension Advisory Panel Meeting Report – *Laura Picariello*
6. NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office Comments – *Andy Strelcheck*
7. USFWS Region 4 Office Comments – *Allan Brown/Glenn Constant*
8. NOAA Fisheries and USFWS Budget Updates – *Brian Pawlak/Allan Brown*
9. GSMFC Program Reports
  - a. Interjurisdictional Fisheries Program – *Steve VanderKooy*
  - b. Aquaculture Program – *Steve VanderKooy*
  - c. SEAMAP – *Jeff Rester*
  - d. CARES Act – *Jeff Rester*
  - e. Sportfish Restoration – *James Ballard*
  - f. Aquatic Nuisance Species Programs – *James Ballard*
  - g. Fisheries Information Network – *Gregg Bray*
  - h. Fisheries Restoration – *Charlie Robertson*
10. State Directors' Reports
  - a. Florida – *Dan Ellinor*
  - b. Alabama – *Scott Bannon*
  - c. Mississippi – *Joe Spraggins*
  - d. Louisiana – *Jason Froeba*
  - e. Texas – *Robin Riechers*

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**Commission Business Meeting  
9:15am – 12:00pm (continued)**

11. Future Meetings – *Nancy Marcellus*
    - a. October 18-20, 2022 – Texas
    - b. March 14-16, 2023 – Louisiana
  12. Review of Committee Listings – *All*
  13. Publications List and Web Statistics
    - a. Publications – *Dave Donaldson*
    - b. GSMFC web site – *Dave Donaldson*
  14. Other Business
- Adjourn

## **SOCIAL EVENTS\***

### **Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

### **Room**

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

### **Wednesday, March 16, 2022**

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

5:30pm – 6:30pm          Reception          Grand Lagoon Ballroom GH

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

**Name badge required.**

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