

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Technical Coordinating Committee

**Draft Agenda**

New Orleans, LA

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Introductions – Beverly Sauls, Chair
2. Adoption of Agenda – Beverly Sauls
3. Approval of Minutes (October 18, 2022) – Beverly Sauls

**General Session – Aquaculture (8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.)**

4. Welcome Remarks – Dave Donaldson
5. Presentations
  - a. Advancement of Atlantic Croaker (*Micropogonias undulatus*) aquaculture – Dr. Nicole Kirchhoff (*Live Advantage Bait LLC*)
  - b. Overcoming Challenges in Commercial U.S. Marine Aquaculture: Development of Post-Harvest Processing and Value-Add Methods for Tropical Seaweed Species in the Gulf and U.S. Caribbean – Dr. John D. Stieglitz (*University of Miami – RSMAS*)
  - c. Intensive practical training of women in Integrative Multi-Trophic Aquaculture: Towards a sustained mariculture workforce in Puerto Rico – Dr. Ralph Turingan (*Florida Institute of Technology*)
  - d. Continued development of innovative hatchery technology for black grouper (*Mycteroperca bonaci*) including integrated multi-trophic aquaculture (IMTA) with oysters (*Crassostrea virginica*) and seaweed (*Asparagopsis taxiformis*). – Dr. Patrick Rice (*College of the Florida Keys*)
- BREAK -
- e. Develop education and outreach tools, strategies or initiatives aimed at improving stakeholder understanding and perceptions of marine aquaculture – Dr. Portia Sapp (*Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services*)
- f. Reevaluating Co-Culture of Eastern Oysters with Sea Urchins Using Hatchery-produced Juveniles on Florida’s Gulf of Mexico Coast – Dr. Leslie Sturmer (*University of Florida - Nature Coast Biological Station*)
- g. Dauphin Island Sea Lab (DISL) Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) North Central Gulf of Mexico, Integrated Multitrophic Aquaculture (IMTA) Demonstration, Research, Training, and Outreach-Phase I. - Dr. John Valentine (*Dauphin Island Sea Lab*)

- ADJOURN FOR LUNCH -

**Business Meeting (1:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.)**

6. Update on the Status of Gulf of Mexico Wind Energy – Mike Celata
7. A Statewide Survey of Pharmaceutical Exposure: Red Drum Across Florida Estuaries – Andy Distrubell
8. Discussion of Creating a Universal State-managed Recreational Fishing Permit – Trevor Moncrief
9. Inflation Reduction Act Update – Gregg Bray
10. Next Species for FMP Development – Steve Vanderkooy
11. SuRF Updates – Steve VanderKooy

-BREAK-

12. Subcommittee Reports
  - a. Artificial Reef – Travis Williams
  - b. GulfFIN – Beverly Sauls
  - c. Crab – Jason Saucier
  - d. Molluscan Shellfish – Jason Herrmann
  - e. SEAMAP – Ted Switzer
13. State/Federal Highlights - All
14. Other Business

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