

2/8/2012

**AGENDA
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
SPECIAL CORAL
SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE
GULF COUNCIL CONFERENCE ROOM
TAMPA, FLORIDA**

Thursday, March 8, 2012: 8:30 am – 4:30 pm

- I. Introductions – *Staff*
- II. Election of Chair – *Staff*
- III. Adoption of Agenda – *Chair*
- IV. Approval of Minutes from May 25, 2005 Meeting – *Chair*
- V. Charge to the Coral SSC – *Staff/Chair*
- VI. Coral SSC History – *Staff/Chair*
- VII. Overview / Objectives of Coral Reef Conservation Program grant: “A Collaborative, Three-Year Proposal Addressing the Relationship between Trends in Coral Reef Communities and Their Associated Fisheries” – *Staff*
 - a. Presentation on Project 1 “Progressing from data to information: incorporating GIS into spatial planning and management of coral and fisheries resources in the Gulf of Mexico” – *Mueller/Froeschke*
 - i. Anticipated outcomes / products
 - ii. Methodologies
 - iii. Existing datasets / data sources
 - iv. Timeline
- VIII. *BREAK (15 mins)*
- IX. SSC Discussion about Project 1 – *Staff / Chair*
 - i. Data gaps and needs
 - ii. Existing datasets / data sources
 - iii. Ongoing research
 - iv. Discussion and recommendations
- X. *LUNCH (12:00 – 1:00)*
- XI. “Workshop on interrelationships between coral reefs and fisheries relative to long-term trends in coral condition.”
 - a. Overview – *Bortone*
 - i. Objectives of conference
 - ii. Anticipated outcomes
 - iii. Timeline

- b. SSC Discussion and Input – *Staff / Chair*
 - i. Most valuable outputs of conference?
 - ii. Themes / Topics
 - 1. Mapping / distribution in Gulf of Mexico
 - 2. Habitats
 - 3. Trends in coral condition
 - a. Relationship to fisheries
 - b. Linkages to other geographic areas
 - 4. Threats to coral health:
 - a. Fishing impacts (emphasis on gear types used in Gulf of Mexico)
 - b. Oil spill impacts
 - c. Invasive species
 - d. Climate effects
 - e. Coral diseases
 - f. Other?
 - 5. GIS, habitat suitability, and statistical modeling of coral habitats and associated fisheries
 - 6. Management
 - a. Habitat Areas of Particular Concern
 - 7. Emerging topics / new research
 - 8. Other themes / topics?
 - iii. Participants
 - 1. Keynote speakers
 - a. Internationally-recognized experts
 - 2. Presenters
 - 3. Panelists
 - 4. Target audience
 - iv. Length of workshop
 - v. Discussion and recommendations

XII. Other Business – *Chair*

For meeting materials see folder “Coral SSC” on Gulf Council ftp server:
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Special Coral SSC:

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Chairmanship will be determined by election at start of this meeting.