

Agenda
Joint Special Coral Scientific and Statistical Committee and Coral Advisory Panel
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
Tampa, Florida

Thursday, April 24, 2014
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- I. Election of Coral AP, Coral SSC, and joint meeting chair – Council Staff
- II. Adoption of agenda – Chairs
- III. Approval of minutes from last meetings
 - a. Coral SSC, March 8, 2012 – SSC chair
 - b. Joint Coral AP/Coral SSC, September 2, 2004 – AP chair
- IV. Council charge and action guide – Mueller
- V. Summary presentation of Workshop on Interrelationships between Corals and Fisheries
 - a. Review the findings and recommendations of the workshop report - Mueller
 - b. Gulf of Mexico management overview - Simmons
- VI. Discussion of workshop recommendations and new information
 - a/b. Summary of new habitat/ecological data and discussion of Coral Essential Fish Habitat – Mueller
 - c. Live rock areas – Beck-Stimpert
 - d. Discussion on Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs)
 - i. Habitat suitability model – Kinlan
 - ii. Gulf of Mexico Coral Database – Etnoyer
 - iii. Deep coral reef distribution and conservation priorities – Brooke
 - iv. Pulley Ridge and other Gulf cruises – Reed
 - v. Council staff recommendations to OE – Kilgour
 - vi. Potential fishing gear interactions – Nance
 - vii. Discussion of potential boundary options
 - e. Recommendations- Chairs
- VII. Update on endangered and threatened species listing status- Jennifer Lee
- VIII. Other Business

Coral SSC Members

Walter Jaap, Chair
 Sandra Brooke, Ph.D.
 Thomas Cuba, Ph.D.
 Judith Lang, Ph.D.
 Richard Ruzicka
 Paul Sammarco, Ph.D.
 George Schmahl

Coral AP Members

Carrie Caignet
 Martin Moe
 Portia Sapp
 John Talbott

 Council Staff: Morgan Kilgour / Mark Mueller