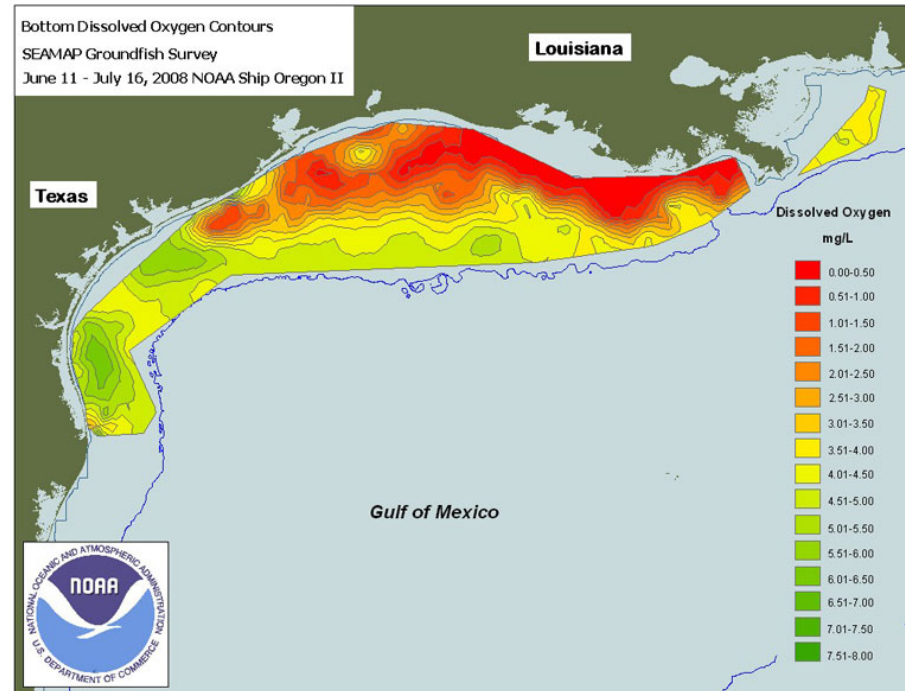


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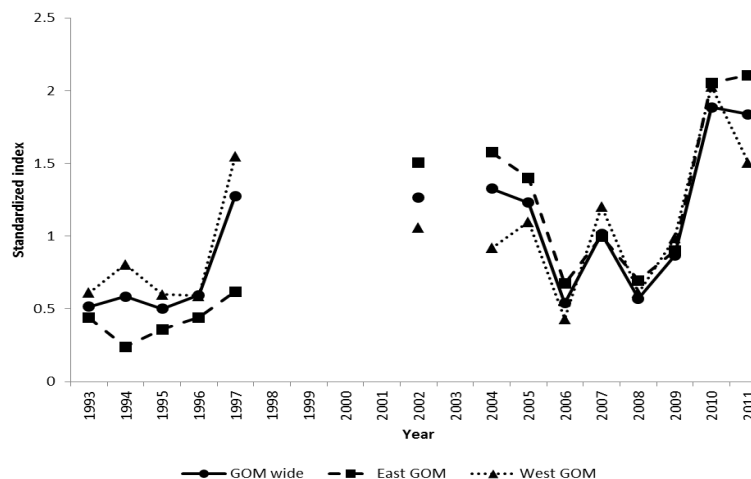
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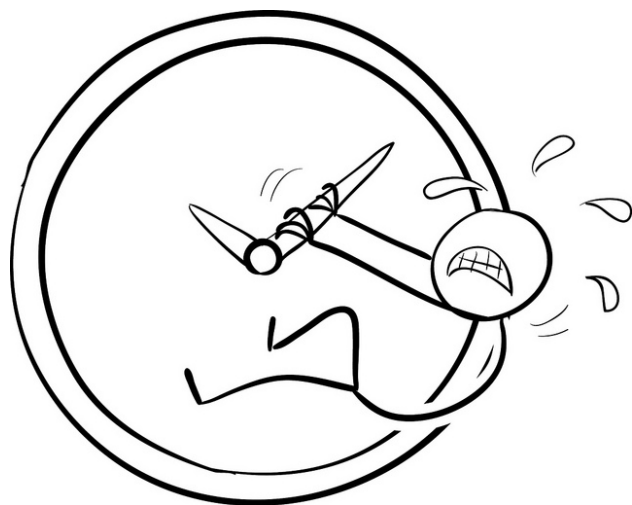
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# Time Commitment

- Funding period: September 2016 – August 2020
- Participation in four conference calls per year
- Participation in three workshops to be held over the four years
- Might be some need to help coordinate activities for scheduled assessments (e.g. data calls, schedules etc.)

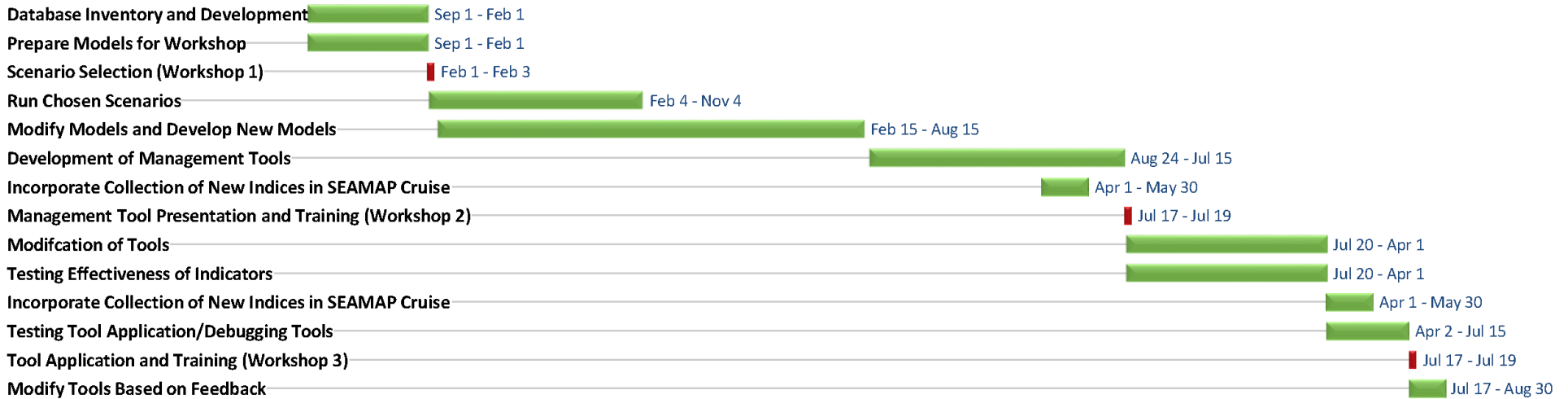


# Milestone Chart

■ APCC: Advisory Panel Conference Call

\*We aim to align Workshop 1 with the 2017 Gulf of Mexico Oil Spill and Ecosystem Science Conference

\*\*We aim to align Workshops 2 and 3 with the 2019 and 2020 NOAA/NGI Hypoxia Research Coordination Workshops



## SEDAR and Shrimp Assessment Schedules (2017)

Title	Assessment species	Assessment track	Terminal year	Organizing entity	Data workshop	Assessment workshop	Contact
51	Gulf of Mexico Gray Snapper	Benchmark (new data sets)	2015	SEDAR	April 24-28, 2017	February 13-15, 2018	<a href="mailto:julie.neer@safmc.net">julie.neer@safmc.net</a>
52	Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper	Standard (update from benchmark)	2016	SEDAR	Undecided	Undecided	<a href="mailto:julie.neer@safmc.net">julie.neer@safmc.net</a>
54	Sandbar Shark (HMS)	Standard (update from benchmark)	2015	SEDAR	May-Aug, 2017	Late 2017	<a href="mailto:julie.neer@safmc.net">julie.neer@safmc.net</a>
	White shrimp			SEFSC Galveston			<a href="mailto:Rick.Hart@noaa.gov">Rick.Hart@noaa.gov</a>
	Brown shrimp			SEFSC Galveston			<a href="mailto:Rick.Hart@noaa.gov">Rick.Hart@noaa.gov</a>
	Pink shrimp			SEFSC Galveston			<a href="mailto:Rick.Hart@noaa.gov">Rick.Hart@noaa.gov</a>
	Royal Red?			SEFSC Galveston			<a href="mailto:Rick.Hart@noaa.gov">Rick.Hart@noaa.gov</a>
For further information on assessment scheduling etc visit:							
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\* Need information on any state assessments that are on the horizon



# Advisory Panel

Name	Affiliation	Advisory Panel Member	Workshop 1 participant
Robert Twilley	Louisiana State University & Louisiana Sea Grant	Yes	Yes
Mandy Karnouskas	NMFS-SEFSC-Miami	Yes	No
John Walter	NMFS-SEFSC-Miami	Yes	No
Skyler Sagarese	NMFS-SEFSC-Miami	Yes	No
Bonnie Ponwith	NMFS-SEFSC-Miami	Yes	No
Shannon Martin	NMFS	Yes	Yes
Steve Giordano	NMFS - SERO	Yes	?
James Nance	NMFS SEFSC-Galveston	Yes	No
Rick Hart	NMFS SEFSC-Galveston	Yes	No
Steve Ashby	Northern Gulf Institute	Yes	Yes
Pat Montanio	NOAA Habitat Program	?	?
James Tolan	TPWD - Coastal Fisheries Division	Yes	Yes
Luiz Barbieri	Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission	Yes	?
Lisa Desfosse	NMFS-SEFSC-Mississippi Laboratories	Yes	No
Jeff Rester	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission	Yes	Yes
James H. Cowan	Louisiana State University	Yes	Yes
Andy Fisher	Louisiana Dept. Wildlife and Fisheries	Yes	No
Dave Lindquist	CPRA	No	Yes + 2

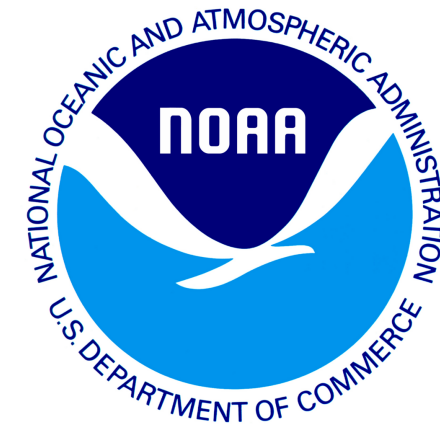
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# Thank You!



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