



Agenda Item: Presentation on the Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research (Dr. Christopher Marshall, 30 Minutes)

Background: The Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research was created to address the data gaps and research needs to conserve sea turtles in Texas, the western Gulf, and throughout the Gulf of Mexico through a partnership with Texas A&M University, the National Park Service, Texas Parks and Wildlife, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research responds to the reports of sea turtles and their nests on the beaches of Galveston Island. From there, volunteers and employees will take the turtle to be rehabbed if necessary and take all eggs from the nest to Texas Sealife Center in Corpus Christi, ensuring a higher rate of survival.

Dr. Christopher Marshall with the Gulf Center for Sea Turtle Research will present on the nesting sea turtle research the Center has been working on.

Staff Recommendation: N/A