

48th Annual Gopher Tortoise Council Meeting

November 6-8, 2026

Gulf State Park Lodge, 21196 East Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulfview Ballroom II



Friday, Nov. 6

- 8:30-10:00 am *Registration (Lobby), Sign in Silent Auction Items (TBD)*
- 10:00-10:10 am **Welcome & Meeting Logistics.** Jeff Baker, GTC Co-Chair,
Alabama Power
- 10:10-10:20 am **Brief introduction to the Gopher Tortoise Council** Kevin Loope* and Michelina Dziadzio
- 10:20-11:20 am **Keynote Presentation: Biology.** TBD
- 11:20-11:40 am **Technical Presentation 1** *[§]
- 11:40-12:00 am **Technical Presentation 2** *[§]
- 12:00-12:20 pm **Technical Presentation 3** *[§]
- 12:20 pm-1:30 pm **Lunch** (on your own or ordered during registration, Live Oak Room (I, II, II), Gulf State Park Lodge)
- 1:30-1:40 pm **Announcements**
- 1:40-2:10 pm **Technical Presentation 4**
- 2:10-2:30 pm **Technical Presentation 5** *[§]
- 2:30-2:50 pm **Technical Presentation 6** *[§]
- 2:50-3:10 pm **Technical Presentation 7** *[§]
- 3:10-3:30 pm **Technical Presentation 8** *[§]
- 4:30-6:00 pm **Poster Session** (Gulfview Ballroom II)
- 6:00-9:00 pm **Social and Dinner** at Live Oak Room (I, II, II), Gulf State Park Lodge

Saturday, Nov. 7

- 7:30-9:00 am *Registration, Sign in Silent Auction Items (Gulfview Ballroom II)*
- 9:00-9:10 am **Announcements**

Special Session – Conservation Easements – The Benefits and Disadvantages of Using Conservation Easements to Achieve Conservation Successes

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9:10-9:25 am	Technical Presentation 1*
9:25-9:40 am	Technical Presentation 2*[§]
9:40-9:55 am	Technical Presentation 3*[§]
9:55-10:10 am	Technical Presentation 4*
10:10-10:25 am	Special Session Panel Q & A or Lighting Talks
10:25-10:40 am	Break
10:40-11:00 am	Technical Presentation 5*
11:00-11:20 am	Technical Presentation 6*
11:20-11:40 am	Technical Presentation 7*
11:40 am-12:00 pm	Technical Presentation 8*
12:00-1:10 pm Lodge)	Lunch (on your own or ordered during registration, Live Oak Room (I, II, II), Gulf State Park
1:10-1:30 pm	Technical Presentation 9*
1:30-1:50 pm	Technical Presentation 10*
1:50-2:10 pm	Technical Presentation 11*
2:10-2:30 pm	Technical Presentation 12*
2:30-2:50 pm	Technical Presentation 13*
2:50-3:10 pm	Technical Presentation 14*
3:10-4:00 pm	GTC Business Meeting
4:00-4:30 pm	Pick up and pay for Silent Auction Items Committee business (as needed)
5:00-9:00 pm	Awards Dinner at Live Oak Room (I, II, II), Gulf State Park Lodge

Sunday, Nov. 8

8:00 am	FIELD TRIPS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gulf State Park Pier Guided Fishing or Graham Creek Nature Preserve Tour
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