



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

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Monday, March 6, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 1)

(1) Review applications and make recommendations – **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 2)

(1) SEDAR Projects Update – **ACTION**

- a. Vermilion Snapper Participant and TOR request
- b. Ongoing projects status

(2) Long Term Assessment Priorities – **ACTION**

- a. Review NMFS Prioritization Tool application

(3) SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance – **ACTION**

- a. 2020 preliminary assessment priorities
- b. Research Track process

11:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)

(1) Update from SERO (including oceanic whitetip shark & any other sharks being reviewed for listing – **ACTION**

(2) Update on Atlantic Sturgeon ASMFC Stock Assessment – **ACTION**

(3) Update from FWS (red knot) – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Monday, March 6, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)

- (1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4
 - a. Committee review and provide direction to staff – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

**Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/
Doug Haymans & Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 5)**

- (1) Review FEP II Sections – **ACTION**
- (2) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development – **ACTION**
- (3) South Atlantic Regional Climate Action Plan/SEFSC – **ACTION**
- (4) Council Actions on Habitat as Necessary – **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 6)

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- (2) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Definition of OY/quota sharing/operator card requirement/allowable gears)
 - a. Overview of the amendment – John Hadley
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

- (1) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
 - b. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - c. Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - d. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
- (2) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- (3) Guidance on reopenings when landings are close to the ACL – Myra – **ACTION**

12:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

- (4) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational
 - a. Review of Public Scoping comments – Myra
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
- (5) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial
 - a. Review of Public Scoping comments – Myra
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper & Recreational Reporting)
 - a. Overview of discards-only projections – NMFS SEFSC – **ACTION**
 - b. Overview of discard mortality literature review – Chip – **ACTION**
 - c. Overview of southeast barotrauma workshops – NMFS SEFSC – **ACTION**
 - d. Review of Public Scoping comments – Chip
 - e. Overview of Options Paper – Chip
 - f. Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Yellowtail Snapper)
 - a. Review of Public Hearing comments – John Hadley
 - b. Overview of Decision Document – John Hadley
 - c. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval

- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 45 (Golden Tilefish)
 - a. Projection results – SEFSC – **ACTION**
 - b. Committee discussion and direction to staff on guidance to SSC on phase-in of ACL – **ACTION**
- (9) White Paper on Snapper Grouper For-Hire Limited Entry
 - a. Review white paper – Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Mackerel Cobia/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- (1) ASMFC Updates on Interstate Cobia Plan – Louis Daniel/Bob Beal
- (2) Atlantic Cobia 2017 Recreational Fishing Season – **ACTION**
 - a. 2017 Recreational Fishing Season for Federal Waters – SERO
 - b. State regulations and management for 2017

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

4:30 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment will first be accepted on items before the Council for approval for formal review, public hearings, or scoping:

Approval for Formal Review:

- (1) CMP Amendment 29
- (2) Gulf Council’s For-Hire Amendment

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) ?

Approval for Public Hearings:

- (1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

Public comment will then be accepted regarding any of the other items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Thursday, March 9, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Mackerel Cobia Continued/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- (3) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- (4) Status of Amendments Under Review
 - a. Framework Amendments 4 (Atlantic Cobia) – sent July 7, 2016
 - b. Framework Amendment 5 (permit restrictions) – sent October 28, 2016
 - c. CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – sent December 2, 2016
- (5) Tracking CMP Landings in a Common Unit – **ACTION**
- (6) Report from Gulf Council January/February 2017 meeting – Kari MacLauchlin/Mark Brown
- (7) CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations)
 - a. Overview of amendment – Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Committee review document, select preferred alternatives, and approve for formal review – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**
- (8) Items for Mackerel Cobia AP spring meeting – guidance for agenda items and direction for inclusion of cobia sub-panel – **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Citizen Science Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 9)

- (1) Program Update – Amber
 - a. Review of Draft SAFMC Citizen Science Program – year 1 plan of work – **ACTION**
 - b. Program Development Discussion – Transition Team – **ACTION**
- (2) Research priorities to include in SA research plan – John Carmichael – **ACTION**
- (3) Committee review and action as necessary – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- (1) Report from CCC Meeting (Feb 27-March 1, 2017) – Gregg Waugh/Dr. Michelle Duval/Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
- (2) Final CY 2016 Expenditures and Draft CY 2017 Budget – Mike Collins/Gregg Waugh (approve budget if numbers available) – **ACTION**
- (3) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Dr. Chip Collier/Gregg Waugh – **ACTION**
- (4) System Management Plan AP – Dr. Chip Collier – **ACTION**
- (5) Standards and Procedures for Webinar Meetings – Gregg Waugh – **ACTION**
- (6) Council Meeting Materials Discussion – How well are these meeting Council member's needs? – **ACTION**
 - a. Structure of Council Documents
 - b. Committee Overviews – paper & presentation
 - c. Scoping & Public Hearing Summaries

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 P.M.

Thursday, March 9, 2017

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**) if needed]

- 1:30 - 1:45 Call to Order and Introductions/Dr. Michelle Duval
Adoption of Agenda/Dr. Michelle Duval
Approval of December 2016 Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval
Awards/Recognition/Dr. Michelle Duval
- 1:45 – 2:45 Council Staff Reports (as needed) – **ACTION**
(a) Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 11, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
(b) Status of SAFMC/ACCSP For-Hire Electronic Logbook Pilot Project (**TAB 11, Attachment 2; available at meeting**) – Dr. Mike Errigo
(c) Gulf Council’s For-Hire Amendment & Codified Text (**TAB 11, Attachment 3**)
i. Overview – John Carmichael
ii. Approve/Disapprove for Formal Review – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 2:45 – 3:00 NMFS SEFSC Presentation on Status of Bycatch Collection Programs (**TAB 11, Attachment 4**) – **ACTION**
- 3:00 – 3:15 BREAK
- 3:15 – 5:00 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION as necessary**
(a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs (**TAB 11, Attachments 5 & 6**)
(b) SBRM Final Rule (**TAB 11, Attachment 7**)
(c) Status of South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment
(d) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (**TAB 11, Attachments 8a-8d**) – **ACTION**
i. Background (**Attachment 8a**) – NMFS SERO
ii. Lionfish EFP (**Attachment 8b**) – NMFS SERO
iii. Pelagic Longline EFP (**Attachment 8c**) – Rick Pearson, NMFS HMS
iv. South Atlantic Collaborative EFP (**Attachment 8d**) – NMFS SERO
v. Discuss and Develop Recommendations after each EFP – Dr. Michelle Duval

Friday, March 10, 2017

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

- 8:30 – 9:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)
- Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:10 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)
- Approve/Disapprove Spiny Lobster Amendment 4 for Public Hearings – **ACTION**
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:10 - 10:20 Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:20 – 10:30 BREAK
- 10:30 - 10:40 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:40 - 10:50 SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:50 - 11:00 Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:10 Citizen Science Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:10 - 11:30 Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:30 – 11:45 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 11, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**
- 11:45 – 11:55 Other Business – **ACTION**
- 11:55 – 12:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 11, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**
- 12:00 noon ADJOURN