



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

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Monday, December 5, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. **AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (TAB 1)**

- (1) Review applications for the SEDAR Advisory Panel and provide recommendations
(CLOSED SESSION) – ACTION
- (2) System Management Plan (SMP) Advisory Panel – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. **Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 2)**

- (1) Report on level of commercial logbook reporting at time of permit renewal – SEFSC – **ACTION**
- (2) Compliance with reporting requirements – **ACTION**
- (3) Follow up on items from Joint LEAP/ LE Committee meeting – **ACTION**

10:30 A.M. – 12 Noon **SSC Selection Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 3)**

- (1) SSC Conflict of Interest Policy – **ACTION**
- (2) SSC Update on complex analysis review process – **ACTION**
- (3) SSC Public Comment Policy – **ACTION**

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

Monday, December 5, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. **Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)**

- (1) Update from SERO – **ACTION**
- (2) Snapper Grouper BiOp – **ACTION**
- (3) Appoint Council Member to the Large Whale Take Reduction Team – **ACTION**
- (4) Update from FWS – **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) Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management AP Report – **ACTION**
- (2) Review and Approve SAFMC EFH Policy Statements for FEP II – **ACTION**
- (3) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (4) Council Actions on Habitat – **ACTION**
- (5) Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force – Final Report – **ACTION**

Monday Reception hosted by Lenfest – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

- (1) Recommend appointments to the following (**CLOSED SESSION**): – **ACTION**
 - a. SEDAR 50, Blueline tilefish
 - b. SEDAR 48, Black Grouper
 - c. SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass
 - d. SEDAR Stock ID and Meristics Workshop
- (2) SEDAR projects Update & Approvals – **ACTION**
 - a. SEDAR 48, Black Grouper, TORS & Schedule
 - b. SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass, TORs & Schedule
 - c. Ongoing Project Updates
- (3) Review SEDAR Steering Committee Report – **ACTION**
- (4) Assessment priorities – **ACTION**
 - a. SSC assessment prioritization recommendations
 - b. Long-term assessment plan

10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)

- (1) FWC presentation on spiny lobster regulations in Florida – **ACTION**
- (2) Discussion Document on action to restrict recreational traps in the South Atlantic EEZ – **ACTION**
- (3) SSC recommendations for OFL and ABC – **ACTION**

11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Lunch

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel Cobia

Committee/Anna Beckwith, Dr. Michelle Duval, & Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- (1) Overview of Commercial & Recreational Dolphin Wahoo Catches versus ACLs – NMFS – **ACTION**
- (2) Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 - NMFS
- (3) Status of 2015 Commercial Yellowtail Snapper Catch – **ACTION**
- (4) DW Amendment 10/SG Amendment 44 (Dolphin and Yellowtail Snapper Allocation)
 - a. Discuss and approve for public hearings – **ACTION**
- (5) DW Amendment 11/SG Amendment 45/CMP Amendment 31 (For-Hire Limited Entry)
 - a. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**

Tuesday, December 6, 2016

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Information & Education Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 9)

- (1) Report from I&E Advisory Panel – **ACTION**

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 16)

- (1) National Standard 1 Final Rule
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (2) Electronic Reporting Project Proposals
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- (1) Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- (2) Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure) – submitted 3/4/16
 - b. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – submitted 8/30/16
 - c. Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – submitted 9/23/16
- (3) Advisory Panel Report – Kenneth Fex, AP Chair
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (4) Scientific & Statistical Committee Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (5) Evaluating the efficacy of descending devices in increasing the survival of deepwater groupers – Brendan Runde, NCSU
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (6) Red Grouper discards from the commercial discard logbook data
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for formal review– **ACTION**
- (8) Annual review of Vision Blueprint
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval

- (9) Recreational Visioning Amendment (Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for scoping – **ACTION**
- (10) Commercial Visioning Amendment (Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for scoping – **ACTION**
- (11) Red Snapper Landings by County in Florida – NMFS SEFSC
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (12) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for scoping – **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:30 P.M. 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) Atlantic For-Hire Amendment
- (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton)
- (3) CMP 29 – Gulf King Mackerel Allocations
- (4) CMP 30 – Cobia Fishing Year

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) (in-person)
- (2) Recreational Visioning Amendment (webinar)
- (3) Commercial Visioning Amendment (webinar)

Approval for Public Hearings (in-person):

- (1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Allocations)

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, December 8, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11) (CLOSED)

- (1) Executive Director’s Performance Review
 - a. Discuss and take action – **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting Continued /Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- (15) Golden Tilefish
 - a. Consider emergency rule for 2017 season – **ACTION**
 - b. Direction to staff on how to proceed for amendment development – **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. HMS Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 12)

- (1) Draft Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP (Dusky Shark) – NMFS HMS
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 13)

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs (for cobia include the number of MRIP intercepts, catch, and PSE by wave by state for 2015 and 2016) – NMFS SERO
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (3) Framework Amendments 4 & 5/CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – status of review
- (4) Report from October 2016 Gulf Council meeting
- (5) CMP Amendment 30 (Cobia Fishing Year)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for formal review – **ACTION**
- (6) Cobia Public Information Document (ASMFC Document) – Dr. Louis Daniel, ASMFC
 - a. Discuss and develop any comments/guidance – **ACTION**
- (7) CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for formal review – **ACTION**

Thursday, December 8, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 P.M.

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Citizen Science Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 14)

- (1) Status of Citizen Science Program
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 15)

- (1) Bycatch Reporting Amendment: Status Update/Review SBRM Rule – NMFS SERO
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (2) Voluntary Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Status Update – NMFS SEFSC
 - b. Reporting Options and Advances – Mike Cahall, ACCSP
 - c. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (3) Status of SAFMC/ACCSP Pilot – Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (4) SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Headboat electronic reporting status and implementation outreach – Ken Brennan, SEFSC
 - b. Overview of document – John Carmichael
 - c. Committee reviews and approves for formal review (GMFMC approve Jan 2017) – **ACTION**

4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Executive Finance Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 16)

- (1) Status of Expenditures for CY 2016
- (2) Draft CY 2017 Activity Schedules & Budget
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (3) Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- (4) Standards and Procedures for Webinar Meetings
 - a. Discuss and provide guidance – **ACTION**

ASMFC Public Hearing (Cobia PID) – beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 17)

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

- 8:30 - 8:45 Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of September 2016 Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval
Presentations:
 (1) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award
 (2) Dr. Louis Daniel
- 8:45 - 9:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
 - Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 26 (Recreational Vision Blueprint) for Scoping – **ACTION**
 - Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial Vision Blueprint) for Scoping – **ACTION**
 - Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) for Scoping – **ACTION**
 - Approve/Disapprove Golden Tilefish Emergency Action and Provide Guidance on Amendment Development – **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 10:00 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 13)
- Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 30 (Atlantic Cobia Recreational Fishing Year) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
 - Discuss/Approve Comments on ASMFC Cobia PID – **ACTION**
 - Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 29 (Gulf King Mackerel Quota Share) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 15)
- Approve/Disapprove For-Hire Reporting Amendment for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30 Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Anna Beckwith, Dr. Michelle Duval, & Ben Hartig (TAB 8)
- Approve/Disapprove DW Amendment 10/SG Amendment 44 (Dolphin & Yellowtail Snapper Allocation for Public Hearings – **ACTION**
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:40 Information & Education Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, December 9, 2016
8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 17)

- 10:40 - 10:50 Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:50 - 11:00 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:10 SSC Selection Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:10 - 11:20 SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:20 - 11:30 Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:40 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:40 - 11:50 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:50 - 12:00 HMS Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 12)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 12:10 Citizen Science Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 14)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:10 - 12:20 Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 16)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities – **ACTION**
 - Approve Regional Operations Agreement – **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:20 - 12:25 SERO Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (**Attachment 1**)

Friday, December 9, 2016
8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 17)

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| 12:25 - 12:30 | SEFSC Report/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 2) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Status of Bycatch Collection Programs• Annual Headboat Report |
| 12:30 – 12:40 | Review Experimental Fishing Permit requests as appropriate (Attachment 3) – ACTION <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comment on South Carolina Aquarium Request – ACTION |
| 12:40 - 12:50 | Agency and Liaison Reports and additional information (Attachment 4) – ACTION |
| 12:50 – 12:55 | Other Business – ACTION |
| 12:55 – 1:00 | Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5) – ACTION |
| 1:00 P.M. | ADJOURN |