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## AGENDA

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December 2-6, 2013

{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

#### Monday, December 2

#### WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**9:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M.**

**Swearing-In of new Council member/Dr. Roy Crabtree**

**9:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Council Member Visioning Workshop/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)**

1. Introduction and recap of September 2013 Workshop results
2. Review and continue discussion of revised Strategic Goal Statements, Goals, and Snapper Grouper FMP Objectives - **ACTION**
3. Discuss and provide staff direction on Port Meetings (structure, format, organization and locations) - **ACTION**
4. Discuss facilitation questions for the Port Meetings - **ACTION**
5. Review of Outreach Strategies for Port Meetings - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Council Member Data Workshop (TAB 2)**

1. Regional Electronic Monitoring Input for NOAA's Policy on Electronic Technologies and Fishery-Dependent Data Collection/George LaPointe;
2. Commercial Quota Monitoring Program/Steve Turner, SEFSC
3. ACCSP presentation and hands-on demonstrations/Mike Cahill, ACCSP
4. One-on-one demonstrations on decision tool and IMS System (Roger) and Mike Larkin, SERO

**Tuesday, December 3**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.  
Haymans and Dr.**

**Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Wilson Laney (TAB 3)**

1. Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) and Transit through the Oculina Bank HAPC)
2. Briefing on the Coral Reef Cooperative Agreement with Coral Reef Conservation Program
3. Report from November 5-6th, 2013 Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel Meeting - **ACTION**
4. Update on Ecosystem Activities - **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

**Protected Resources Committee/David Cupka (TAB 4)**

1. Update on ongoing consultations
2. Overview of ESA Working Group report - **ACTION**
3. American eel update

**10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**SEDAR Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 5)**

1. SEDAR activities update and Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Develop guidance to SEDAR Steering Committee members for both the SEDAR process and 2015 assessment priorities as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Discuss presentation of SEDAR assessments to the SSC
4. Review Gag update and SEDAR 41 TORs and Schedule - **ACTION**
5. Develop recommendations for SEDAR 41 participants - **ACTION (Closed Session)**

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

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

**Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 6) (Closed Session)**

1. Review advisory panel applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**

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

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

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
3. Status of Amendments under Formal Review/NMFS SERO
4. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report/Dr. Luiz Barbieri, SSC Chair
5. Advisory Panel Report/Robert Johnson, AP Chair
6. Oculina Experimental Closed Area Presentations/Council Staff, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, Coast Guard, Florida Marine Law Enforcement and SEFSC Staff - **ACTION**

7. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 11 (will be addressed if necessary) - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, December 4**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

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

8. Presentations on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs)/ Council Staff, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, Coast Guard, Florida Marine Law Enforcement and SEFSC Staff - **ACTION**
9. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 17 Actions/Alternatives
10. Review and discuss MPA sites for scoping (input from SEFSC, MARMAP/SEAMAP/SEFIS, and MPA Expert Workgroup) - **ACTION**
11. Approve Regulatory Amendment 17 for scoping -**ACTION**
12. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
13. Provide guidance to staff and approve Amendment 16 for scoping - **ACTION**
14. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)

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

**Lunch**

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

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

15. Provide guidance to staff and approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 for scoping - **ACTION**
16. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS & Management Measures)
17. Provide guidance to staff and approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 for public hearings - **ACTION**
18. Overview and review of scoping comments for Snapper Grouper Amendment 31 (Blueline Tilefish)
19. Provide guidance to staff, approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 31 for public hearings and consider an emergency rule request - **ACTION**
20. Status of Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper) - **ACTION**
21. Overview of the Comprehensive Allocation/Accountability Measure Amendment
22. Committee provide guidance for snapper grouper species and approve the Comprehensive Allocation/Accountability Measure Amendment for scoping - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig**

**Thursday, December 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

**Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel and Cobia/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review/NMFS SERO
3. Overview of Joint Amendment 20B
4. Review and develop preferred alternatives and modify the amendment as appropriate
5. Develop recommendation for approval of Joint Amendment 20B for formal Secretarial review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**
6. Overview of Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Action 2014 (Spanish Mackerel ABC and ACL)
7. Presentation of SSC Recommendations for Spanish Mackerel ABC/Dr. Luiz Barbieri, SSC Chairman
8. Committee select preferred alternatives, modify as appropriate and approve Mackerel Framework Action 2014 for public hearings - **ACTION**
9. Overview of options paper for Joint Amendment 24 (Allocations)
10. Committee provide guidance to staff and approve Joint Amendment 24 for scoping - **ACTION**
11. Overview of options paper for Joint Amendment 26 (Separate Commercial Permits)
12. Committee provide guidance to staff and approve Joint Amendment 26 for scoping - **ACTION**
13. Overview of other Gulf Council actions - **ACTION**

**Thursday, December 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.**

**Executive Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 9)**

1. Status of our CY 2013 budget expenditures
2. Proposed CY 2014 budget
3. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
4. Update on the Joint Committee for South Florida Management Issues and the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee activities - **ACTION**
5. Review and approve the Regional Operating Agreement - **ACTION**
6. Report on the CCC meeting
7. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

**11:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**    **Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (Closed Session)**  
(TAB 10)  
1. Executive Director Performance Review

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

**Thursday, December 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**    **Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 11)**  
1. Status of commercial catches versus ACLs - NMFS SERO  
2. Status of recreational catches versus ACLs - NMFS SERO  
3. Status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5  
4. Overview of Amendment 7 Public Hearing Comments  
5. Review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7, modify the amendment as appropriate, approve for formal Secretarial review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**  
6. Overview of Comprehensive Allocation Amendment  
7. Committee provide guidance to staff and approve for scoping - **ACTION**

**2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**    **Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 12)**  
1. Status of Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit/NMFS SERO  
2. Status of Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment (For-hire reporting in SAFMC's area)/NMFS SERO  
3. Status of Gulf Framework for For-Hire Reporting/NMFS SERO  
4. Discuss Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Bycatch) - **ACTION**  
5. Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study/SEFSC  
6. Overview, status, and results of GMFMC Actions for GMFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment  
7. Committee guidance to staff - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M.**    **Public comment will be accepted on the following items scheduled for final Council action at this meeting: (1) Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20B and (2) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7.** Following comment on these specific items, public comment will be accepted regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The Chairman, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

**Friday, December 6**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

**8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of September 2013 Minutes/Ben Hartig

8:45 - 9:15

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

- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 31 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 for scoping - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 for scoping - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove SG Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) for scoping - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Generic Allocation/AM Amendment (Snapper Grouper) for scoping - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:45

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- Approve/Disapprove Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Amendment 20B for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove the South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Framework for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Amendment 24 for scoping - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Amendment 26 for scoping - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:45 - 10:00

Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 11)

- Approve/Disapprove Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Generic Allocation/Accountability Measures Amendment (Dolphin Wahoo) for scoping - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Friday, December 6**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

**10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

10:00 -10:15

Council Member Visioning Workshop Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)

- Consider recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:15 -10:30

Council Member Data Workshop Report (TAB 2)

- Consider recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:30 - 10:45

Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans and Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:45 - 11:00

Protected Resources Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 4)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:00 - 11:15

SEDAR Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 5)

- Approve the SEDAR 41 Participants - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:15 - 11:30

Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)

- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of AP members and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:30 - 11:45

Executive Finance Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**

- Take action on the South Florida Management issues as appropriate - **ACTION**
- Approve the Regional Operating Agreement - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:45 - 12:00

Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 12)

- Approve/Disapprove SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit Amendment for formal Secretarial review- **ACTION**
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch

**Friday, December 6**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

1:30 - 1:45

Update on MREP

1:45 - 2:00

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
- Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

2:00 - 2:15

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)

- Update on bycatch data collection activities
- Update on headboat data entry

2:15 - 2:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

2:45 - 3:00

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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