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AGENDA

(5/15/07)

DOUBLETREE GRAND KEY RESORT

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JUNE 10-15, 2007

Sunday, June 10

SSC MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher
(TAB 1)(See separate SSC and Subcommittee Agendas)

Monday, June 11

SSC MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher
(TAB 1)(See separate SSC and Subcommittee Agendas)

Concurrent Sessions

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

SOPPs Committee/George Geiger (TAB 2)

1. Status of Secretarial review of Council SOPPs
2. Develop changes to SOPPs as necessary - **ACTION**

3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Economics Committee/Robert Boyles (TAB 3)

1. Presentation on "Economic Analysis of Allocation Methodologies for Gulf of Mexico Grouper Species"/Drs. Jim Waters and Juan Agar
2. Discussion regarding a timeline for development of the Socioeconomics Guidance Document

4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Personnel Committee/Susan Shipman (Tab 4)
(CLOSED SESSION)

1. Executive Director briefing on staffing and personnel - **ACTION**

Tuesday, June 12

SSC MEETINGS

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

Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher
(TAB 1)
(See Separate SSC Committee and Subcommittee Agendas)

LAP PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Limited Access Privilege Program Working Group/Kate Quigley (TAB 5)
1. Presentation and panel discussion of development of the Gulf of Mexico Grouper IFQ Program
2. Update on LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup information requests

Concurrent Sessions

Tuesday, June 12

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to Noon

Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin
(TAB 6)
1. Gag grouper SEDAR assessment, SSC recommendations and Committee action - **ACTION**
2. Vermilion snapper assessment update, SSC recommendations and Committee action - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin
(TAB 6)
3. Review Final Snapper Grouper Amendment 14 and approve sending for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
4. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 15 new material, SSC recommendations and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Shrimp Committee/David Cupka
(TAB 7)
1. Review input and recommendations from Rock Shrimp AP
2. Law enforcement concerns/Karen Raines and Richard Chesler
3. Review draft options paper and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 13

LAP PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

- 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Limited Access Privilege Program Working Group cont./Kate Quigley (TAB 5)**
- 3. Review and approval of LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup draft working document - **ACTION**
 - 4. Prioritize LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup objectives - **ACTION**

-----**Concurrent Sessions**-----

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

- 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Mackerel Committee/David Cupka (TAB 8)**
- 1. Review Amendment 18 public comments and approve final actions (Atlantic king & Spanish mackerel TAC & Spanish trip limits) - **ACTION**
 - 2. Review and approve Amendment 19 scoping document (boundary/mixing, permits, & separate FMP) - **ACTION**
 - 3. Develop input for SEDAR terms of reference and appointments - **ACTION**

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

LAP PROGRAM WORKING GROUP

- 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Limited Access Privilege Program Working Group cont./Kate Quigley (TAB 5)**
- 5. Develop LAP Program duration options - **ACTION**
 - 6. Develop LAP Program options for species to be included in an LAP Program - **ACTION**
 - 7. Discuss gear sectors to be included in a LAP Program

-----**Concurrent Session**-----

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Joint Spiny Lobster Committee and Advisory Panel/Tony Iarocci (TAB 9)**
- 1. Update from the State of Florida/John Hunt and Tom Mathews
 - 2. Briefing on NMFS Law Enforcement issues/Paul Raymond
 - 3. Briefing on NOAA GC issues/Monica Smit-Brunello
 - 4. Update from the Florida State Lobster Advisory Board/Bruce Irwin
 - 5. Develop items for Plan Amendment - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

LAP Program Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 10)

1. Report from the LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup/Ben Hartig
2. Discussion of non-LAP alternatives - **ACTION**
3. Reconsideration of the use of proxies by Workgroup members - **ACTION**
4. Replacement and appointment of new Workgroup Members - **ACTION**

6:30 P.M.

Public comment on Bluewater Fishermen's Association Exempted Fishery Permit (EFP) request

Thursday, June 14

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 11)

1. Review Energy and Offshore Aquaculture Policy Statements - **ACTION**
2. Update on Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP)
3. Update on FEP Comprehensive Amendment

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

SEDAR Committee/George Geiger (TAB 12)

1. Review actions from the Steering Committee
2. Develop "Scientific Research Priorities" as required by MSA - **ACTION**
3. Review & finalize Council appointees for SEDAR 15 (Greater Amberjack & Red Snapper), SEDAR 15A (Mutton Snapper), SEDAR 16 (SA and GM King Mackerel) and appointment of "outside" individuals to SEDAR 16 - **ACTION**
4. Status of Vermilion Snapper Assessment Update, Gag SEDAR Assessment and King Mackerel SEDAR Assessment - **ACTION**
5. Review outline for Trends Report and SAFE Report - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Joint Executive and Finance Committee/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 13)

1. Finalize CY 2007 FMP/Amendment/Framework Timelines - **ACTION**
2. Develop and approve CY 2007 activities schedule and budget - **ACTION**
3. Discuss/appoint an Ad Hoc MRFSS Advisory Panel - **ACTION**

Thursday, June 14

3:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)

- 3:30 - 3:45 Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of March 2007 Minutes/George Geiger
- 3:45 - 4:15 Review Experimental Fishing Permit applications from:
Bluewater Fishermen's Association, South Carolina Aquarium
and any others received prior to the meeting/Dr. Roy Crabtree
(Attachment 1) - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30 SSC Report/Carolyn Belcher - **ACTION**
- 4:30 - 4:45 Economics Committee Report/Robert Boyles (TAB 3)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action
as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:45 - 5:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 6)
➤ Public Comment on Amendment 14 (**4:45 P.M.**)
➤ Approve Amendment 14 for submission to the
Secretary - **ACTION**
➤ Consider Committee other recommendations and take
action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 5:30 - 5:45 Shrimp Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 7)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action
as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 5:45 - 6:00 Mackerel Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action
as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, June 15

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

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)

- 8:00 - 8:30 Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello
(**CLOSED SESSION**)
- 8:30 - 8:45 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 9)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action
as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00 LAP Program Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 10)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action
as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, June 15

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

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)

- 9:00 - 9:15 Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 11)
 ➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30 SEDAR Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 12)
 ➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 13)
 ➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:15 Briefing on the Green Stick issue and the status of the petition to list white marlin/Randy Blankenship
- 10:15 - 10:30 Report on the CCC meeting (Attachment 2)
- 10:30 - 10:45 Discussion of Annual Catch Limits/Gregg Waugh (Attachment 3)
- 10:45 - 11:00 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 4)
 1. Quotas
 ❖ Atlantic king mackerel
 ❖ Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone)
 ❖ Atlantic Spanish mackerel
 ❖ Wreckfish
 ❖ Greater amberjack
 ❖ South Atlantic Octocorals
 ❖ Dolphin (soft quota ratios)
 2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C quotas
 3. Status of Red Drum transfer
- 11:00 - 11:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir
 1. Status of Stock Assessment Improvement Plan
 2. Status of data collection programs to address the red porgy, black sea bass, vermilion snapper and king mackerel (aging and fecundity) assessments.
 3. Data collection improvement program
 4. Status of head boat program/Ken Brennan
 5. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations:
 ❖ Atlantic King Mackerel
 ❖ Atlantic Spanish Mackerel
 ❖ Black Sea Bass
 ❖ Dolphin

Friday, June 15

11:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)**

11:15 - 11:45 Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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