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AGENDA

SHRIMP COMMITTEE

Doubletree Grand Key Resort
3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard; Key West, FL

Tuesday, June 12, 2007 4:00 PM – 5:30 PM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – David Cupka
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – David Cupka
3. OVERVIEW OF MEETING MATERIALS – Gregg Waugh
4. PRELIMINARY SHRIMP OPTIONS PAPER (**Attachment 1**)
 - A. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action – David Cupka
 - (i) Use-it or Lose-it Provision
 - (ii) Transit Provision
 - (iii) Other Provisions?
5. LAW ENFORCEMENT ISSUES
 - A. Jake Flowers, Chair, SAFMC Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel
 - B. Karen Raines, NOAA GC SE
 - C. Richard Chesler, NOAA Law Enforcement
6. OTHER BUSINESS – David Cupka
 - A. Name and Structure of the Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel
7. ADJOURN – David Cupka

Committee Members:

David Cupka, Chair
Rita Merritt
Susan Shipman

George Geiger
Mark Robson
John Wallace

DATE: 5/22/2007 FISHERY: Shrimp SUBJECT: Briefing Info STAFF: Waugh SOURCE: SAFMC

OVERVIEW

Shrimp Committee Meeting

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The Shrimp Committee needs to discuss: (A) Recommendations from the Rock Shrimp AP; (B) Preliminary Options Paper; (C) Law Enforcement Issues; and (D) Name and Structure of the Rock Shrimp AP.

Rock Shrimp AP Motions

The Rock Shrimp AP met May 1-2, 2007 in Charleston, SC and approved the following motions:

MOTION 1. RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL:

- REMOVE THE 15,000 POUND REQUIREMENT
- REINSTATE PERMITS THAT MAY BE LOST DUE TO NOT MEETING THE 15,000 POUND REQUIREMENT
- REINSTATE PERMITS LOST THROUGH FAILURE TO RENEW THE LIMITED ENTRY ROCK SHRIMP ENDORSEMENT

APPROVED BY ROCK SHRIMP AP

MOTION #2. RENAME THE ROCK SHRIMP AP THE DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP AND ADD ROYAL RED FISHERMAN TO THE AP

APPROVED BY ROCK SHRIMP AP

MOTION #3. REMOVE THE PROHIBITION FOR POSSESSING ROCK SHRIMP IN THE OCULINA CLOSED AREA PROVIDED A VESSEL IS IN TRANSIT (AS MONITORED BY THE VMS TRACKS).

APPROVED BY ROCK SHRIMP AP

The Rock Shrimp AP also raised a number of law enforcement issues (see AP minutes; included on CD).

Preliminary Shrimp Options Paper (will be mailed on June 4th)

The options paper (**to be mailed on June 4th**) will present preliminary alternatives for the committee to review and provide direction to staff. Should the committee wish to explore these issues, staff will prepare an expanded options paper for scoping and for the committee and Council to consider at the September meeting.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Should the committee and Council decide to proceed, guidance should be provided to staff on what alternatives should be included in the scoping document and timing/locations for scoping.

Law Enforcement Concerns

The Rock Shrimp AP raised a number of law enforcement issues and requested the Council examine these issues. Jake Flowers (Rock Shrimp AP Chair) will attend to present the AP's concerns. Karen Raines (NOAA GC SE) and Richard Chesler (NOAA Law Enforcement SE) will be present to discuss these issues.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee should provide direction to staff.

Name & Structure of the Rock Shrimp AP

The Rock Shrimp AP requested that the Council rename the Rock Shrimp AP as the Deepwater Shrimp AP and add royal red fisherman to the AP. They felt that the same fishermen catch both rock shrimp and royal red shrimp and that both should be included in all discussions about the deepwater shrimp fishery.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee should provide direction to staff.