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AGENDA

Coral Advisory Panel
Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel
Meeting (Via Webinar)

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.
(Times subject to change)
Note: Public comment will be requested at the beginning and end of the webinar

Approval of the Agenda
Approval of Coral Minutes ***(Attachment 1)***

Tuesday Nov. 10, 2020 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

1. **Coral Amendment 10**
   a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
   b. Review of Draft Options and Supporting GIS ***(Attachment 3)***– Roger Pugliese

2. **Deepwater Shrimp Panel Review**
   a. Panel Discussion
   b. Develop Member Comments – Mike Merrifield, Panel Chair

3. **Coral Advisory Panel Review**
   a. Panel Discussion
   b. Develop Member Comments – Jocelyn Karazsia, NOAA Fisheries SERO, Panel Chair

Other Business

Adjourn

Attachments

1. Coral Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes May 2018
2. Jt. Deep Water Shrimp /Golden Crab Advisory Panel Minutes 2018
3. Draft Coral Amendment 10 Options Paper October 2020
4. Coral Amendment 8
5. Coral Amendment Appendices
6. Expedition Report: 2017 Southeast Deep Coral Initiative (SEDCI) expedition aboard NOAA Ship Nancy Foster

OVERVIEW

Coral Advisory Panel and Deep Water Shrimp Advisory Panel

The Coral Advisory Panel will approve minutes of May 2018 ***(Attachment 1)***.

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

1. **Coral Amendment 10** ***(Attachment 3)***
   Description: Roger Pugliese will provide an overview of the issue and review a draft options paper for Coral Amendment 10 to address establishing a Shrimp Fishery Access Area (SFAA) along the Eastern boundary of the Northern extension of the OHAPC.
   Status: Coral Amendment 8 expanded portions of the northern and western boundaries of the OHAPC, allowed transit through the OHAPC by fishing vessels with rock shrimp on board, and modified vessel monitoring system (VMS) requirements for rock shrimp fishermen transiting through the OHAPC with rock shrimp on board. During development of Coral Amendment 8, the Council worked with the Habitat and Ecosystem, Coral, and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels to find ways to best protect deepwater coral ecosystems while allowing for the fishery to operate in historic fishing areas. In response to comments received during the scoping and public hearing process, the Council modified the eastern boundary of the northern extension of the Oculina Bank two separate times at the request of industry and in the final version approved by the Council. However, after approval of Coral Amendment 8, some rock shrimp fishermen were concerned with the eastern edge of the northern expansion of the OHAPC line moved further westward because at times the fishery operated slightly inshore of the boundary. Subsequently rock shrimp fishermen requested the eastern edge of the northern extension of the Oculina Bank created in Coral Amendment 8 be reviewed to determine if historic trawling areas could be reopened to rock shrimp fishing. In September the Council recommended proceeding to develop Coral Amendment to include one action considering establishing a Shrimp Fishery Access Area (SFAA) along the Eastern boundary of the Northern extension of the OHAPC. The Habitat and Ecosystem, Coral and Deepwater Shrimp APs will meet and provide comments. The Council will review the AP comments, options and consider scoping approval in December.

4. **Deepwater Shrimp Panel Review**
   Description: Mike Merrifield, Panel Chair will lead member discussion on establishing a Shrimp Fishery Access Area (SFAA) along the Eastern boundary of the Northern extension of the OHAPC.
   Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide comments.

5. **Coral Advisory Panel Review**
   Description: Jocelyn Karazsia, Panel Chair will lead member discussion on establishing a Shrimp Fishery Access Area (SFAA) along the Eastern boundary of the Northern extension of the OHAPC.
   Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide comments.

Coral Advisory Panel:
Jocelyn Karazsia (Chair)
Dr. Sandra Brooke
Dr. Kenneth Banks
John Cramer
Dr. Henry Feddern
Dr. Roland Ferry
Dr. Nicole Fogarty
Dr. David Gilliam
Jamie Monty
Ken Nedimyer
Kim Puglise
Dr. Steve Ross
Stephanie Schopmeyer
Margot Stiles
Dr. Joshua Voss
Mike Merrifield
Brad Whipple

Deep Water Shrimp Advisory Panel:
Mike Merrifield (Chair)
Laurilee Thompson
Brent Zirlott
Nancy Jones
Richard Reed
Marilyn Solorzano
Jason Vogelsong
Lee Vogelsong
John Williams
Damien Solorzano