



## **SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES**

### **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: DECEMBER 5-9, 2016 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **TIMING:**

✓SAFMC Draft Follow Up Agreement by: 12/16/16. Done 12/16/16.

✓Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 12/16/16. Done 12/16/16.

Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 1/4/17. Done 1/4/17

✓SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 12/16/16.

✓NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 12/21/16. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

Distribute to Council members & others:

✓Approved Version by 1/6/17. Done 1/6/17.

Revised to indicate completed items 2/16/17



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## **I. SNAPPER GROUPER**

Lead Staff: Myra Brouwer

### **1. Amendment 13A (*Oculina Experimental Closed Area*) – Chip Collier**

**Note:** This amendment is listed under the separate heading for System Management Plan

### **2. Regulatory Amendment 16/EIS – Brian Cheuvront**

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL STOPPED WORK ON GOLDEN TILEFISH IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 16 AND DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE BSB POT CLOSURE (IF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 19 IS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED). BRING THE DRAFT DOCUMENT TO THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2013.

1. ✓Assign Team –
  - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brower, Kari MacLauchlin, Gregg Waugh, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
  - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead); Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern; Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Tony Lamberte (Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); Andy Herndon and Jessica Powell (Protected Resources); ~~Heather Blough~~ Noah Silverman (NEPA); Nick Farmer (Data Analyst); and Jeff Radonski (OLE).
  - c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson (Economist) & Lance Garrison (Protected Resources Research Biologist)
  - d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined RA 16 will be an EIS.

Timing for BSB Pot Removal RA 16: Regulatory Amendment 16 reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting. Council to provide guidance on steps and timing

#### **Timing 2013/14/15:**

- a. ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓If EIS required, Draft Regulatory Amendment 16: review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- d. ✓Scoping – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- e. ✓Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2014

- f. ✓Based on the time necessary for Protected Resources to complete their analyses, a timing change was approved by the Council at the June 2014 meeting:  
Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.
- g. ✓IPT meeting: 7/21/2014
- h. ✓IPT meeting: 11/20/2014
- i. The Council approved the following revised timing change for RA 16 at the December 2014 meeting:  
  - ✓DEC 2014 – ADD/REMOVE ALTS
  - ✓JAN 2015 – TAKE TO LWTRT
  - ✓DEC 2014 – MAR 2015 – ADDITIONAL BIO AND ECON ANALYSIS OF ALTS
  - ✓MAR 2015 – REVIEW DOC, CHOOSE PREFERRED, DEIS STARTS
  - ✓MAR – JUN – REVISE DOC
  - ✓JUN – REVIEW DOC, VOTE TO SEND OUT TO PH
  - ✓AUG – PH
  - ✓SEPT – REVIEW PH COMMENTS & DRAFT BiOp
  - ✓DEC 2015 – FINAL VOTE ON SENDING TO THE SECRETARY FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT NC MEETING
  - ✓IPT meeting: 1/8/2015
- j. ✓Review/modify amendment, choose preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – June 2015
- k. ✓Public hearings – August 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- l. ✓Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015
- m. DEIS published October 23, 2015. DEIS comment period ends December 7, 2015.
- n. ✓Review final amendment and approved for formal review – December 2015
- o. ✓Document preparation for formal review: 1<sup>st</sup> BB version to Jack, Monica, Michelle & GTW for review.
- p. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 3/4/16.
- q. BiOp signed 12/1/16
- r. ✓FEIS published July 1, 2016. FEIS comment period ends August 1, 2016.
- s. Proposed Rule published 8/12/16.
  - 1. ✓Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. ✓Comments due by 9/12/16.
- t. ✓Final Rule published 12/29/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 12/28/16.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Post to web site
- u. ✓Regulations effective for size of area closed to black sea bass pots on 12/29/16 and for enhanced gear markings on 1/20/17.

### **3. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)/EIS – Gregg Waugh/Chip Collier/Roger Pugliese**

Note: At the June 2014 meeting, the Council changed directions and retired Regulatory Amendment 17 and started to use Amendment 36; timing does not change.

- A. ✓At the September 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff/IPT to develop alternatives for the following items:
  - a. MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper
- B. ✓At the September 2012 meeting, the Council approved the following schedule:
  - a. Council Approves for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
  - b. Public hearings August 2013
  - c. Public comment at September 2013 meeting
  - d. Council final approval at September 2013 meeting
  - e. Send to Secretary of Commerce September 27, 2013
  - f. Final regulations effective asap in the 2014 fishing year.
- C. ✓At the September meeting the Council directed staff to have the SERO present Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs at the December 2012 meeting and to discuss timing and further guidance at that time.
- D. ✓At the December 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff to conduct a second MPA Expert Working Group meeting prior to the March 2013 meeting. The Committee/Council will provide guidance on options and timing at the March 2013 meeting.

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 17 will be an EIS. NOI published: 4/8/15.

Note: NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AMENDMENT 36 WILL BE AN EA OR EIS. After discussing with SERO NEPA, it was decided that the NEPA checklist would be re-sent to NMFS SERO IPT members as focus of the actions have changed. The checklist was sent Oct. 28 and NMFS SERO IPT surveys were due Nov. 12.

- E. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target speckled hind/warsaw grouper spawning sites.
- 1. Assign Team – TBD
    - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data). Ken Lindeman (Contractor)
    - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern (Biologist), David Records (Economist),

Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Adam Bailey (Regulations writer).

- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Mike Burton (Biologist) and Larry Perruso (Economist).
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELF-EDGE MPAs TO PROTECT SPECKLED HIND AND WARSAW GROUPER

- A. ✓MPA public workshops held in FL and NC in conjunction with public hearings in August 2012:

<b><u>August 7, 2012</u></b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	<b><u>August 8, 2012</u></b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b><u>August 9, 2012</u></b> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>August 16, 2012</u></b> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- B. ✓Public input presented to Council at September 2012 meeting in Charleston
- C. ✓SERO presentation at December 2012 meeting in Wilmington, NC on Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs.
- D. ✓MPA Expert Workgroup Meeting –

<b><u>February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013</u></b> Crown Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422
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- E. ✓Meeting arrangements
  - a. ✓Memo to Workgroup members – Roger to do on 12/11/12 with dates and city only (not hotel). Done 12/11/12.
  - b. ✓FR notice
  - c. ✓Briefing materials including presentation – done 1/2/13
- F. ✓Workgroup Report
  - a. ~~Draft completed at meeting.~~ Not completed during meeting.
  - b. ✓Final report for inclusion in 2<sup>nd</sup> BBook – 2/22/13. Draft of workgroup report distributed and posted on 2/27/13.
- G. ✓In preparation for the September 2013 Snapper Grouper Committee meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target spawning sites.
- H. ✓The Committee/Council will provide guidance on actions and timing at the September 2013 meeting.



**Timing 2013/14/15 (assuming EIS):**

- g ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- h ✓Staff/IPT to prepare Scoping Document for Regulatory Amendment 17 – September/November 2014
  - iii. First briefing book deadline – COB 11/8/13
  - iv. Second briefing book deadline – COB 11/22/13
- i ✓Review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting  
At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motion: TAKE ALL ALTERNATIVES TO SCOPING IN AUGUST (2014) AND HAVE THE AP RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL'S JUNE 2014 MEETING
- j ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- k ✓AP meeting – April 8 (1:30) to April 11 (noon); MPAs on April 9<sup>th</sup> all day (See XII. AP Meetings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)  
MPA Presentations on April 9<sup>th</sup>:
  - i. Kim Iverson – Outreach; confirmed
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ - Law Enforcement; Coast Guard confirmed; NMFS ?
  - iii. Stacey Harter – SEFSC; confirmed
  - iv. Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart – SERFS; confirmed
  - v. George Sedberry – MPA Expert Workgroup; confirmed
  - vi. Will Heyman – LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc.; confirmed
  - vii. Mike Burton – SEFSC; confirmed
  - viii. John Hunt – FL FWC; confirmed
- l ✓Review AP input and ~~approve alternatives/sites for scoping~~ – June 2014. At the June 2014 meeting the Council changed the approach to using Spawning SMZs through Amendment 36; timing remains the same.
- m ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- n ✓Review scoping comments and provide guidance for more complete analyses – September 2014. At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added two actions that result in more time for document preparation for public hearings.
- o ✓Staff revise document and prepare for AP review and for December Council meeting.
- p ✓AP review – October 21-22, 2014
- q ✓IPT meeting held – October 24, 2014
- r ✓Council provide guidance on actions and timing – December 2014
- s ✓Council provided revised guidance on actions and timing and approved for 1<sup>st</sup> Round of Public Hearings – March 2015
- t ✓Council staff prepares Public Hearing Summary document – March 2015
- u ✓Snapper Grouper AP review and input – April 13-14, 2015
- v ✓Informal workshop – April 13, 2015 beginning at 5:30 pm
- w ✓SSC review and input – April 28-30, 2015
- x ✓1<sup>st</sup> Round of Public Hearings – webinar and 1 in-person at June meeting (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – April 2015

- y ✓Council reviews AP, SSC, and public input; chooses alternatives for detailed analyses; chooses preferred alternatives if possible; and approves for 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of Public Hearings – June 2015
- z ✓Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – June 2015 – August 2015
- aa ✓Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – August 2015
- bb ✓Public hearings – 1 webinar and 5 in-person hearings (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – August 2015
- cc ✓Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve all actions – September 2015; the Council modified the schedule to move final approval from December 2015 to March 2016.
- dd ✓IPT meeting held – October 19, 2015.
- ee ✓Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – September-November 2015
- ff ✓Review/modify Amendment 36, choose remaining preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – December 2015
- gg ✓Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for DEIS review – December 2015
- hh ✓DEIS comment period ends prior to March 7-11, 2016 Council meeting
- ii ✓Review DEIS comments, modify Am 36 as required, and approve for formal review – March 2016
- jj Document preparation for formal review:
  - 1. ✓IPT leads review completed by 4/16.
  - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - 3. ✓Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on 4/16.
  - 4. ✓Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by 8/29/2016
  - 5. ✓Corrections made by 8/29/2016.
- kk ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by March 24, 2016 if no changes or March 31, 2016 if modified at the March meeting. Done 8/30/16.
- ll Notice of Availability
  - 1. ✓Published in FR on 1/4/17
  - 2. Comments due by on or before 3/6/17
- mm Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/16.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP
  - 2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/16.
- nn Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP
  - 2. Post to web site
- oo Proposed Spawning SMZs locations loaded to SAFMC Habitat and Ecosystem Atlas and Digital Dashboard Date \_\_\_\_/16
- pp Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/16.

#### **4. Amendment 37/ EIS (Hogfish) – Myra**

Notified in a letter dated 2/17/15 that the Council has 2 years to implement regulations.

##### **IPT:**

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Rick DeVictor, Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), David Dale (Habitat), Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Nick Farmer (Data), David Records (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data), Mark Fields (OLE), and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Katie Siegfried and Larry Perruso
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS determined EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council. The NEPA checklist was sent out to the IPT at SERO on May 11, 2015. SERO determined the document should be an EIS.

##### **Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2015
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2015
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- d. ✓NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes – July 31, 2015
- e. ✓Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)
- f. ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – September 2015
- g. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by January 12, 2016
- h. ✓Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – December 2015
- i. ✓Public Hearings – January/February 2016; in person
- j. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions - March 2016 and June 2016
- k. ✓Committee/Council approve for formal review September 2016. Note: due to statutory deadline to end overfishing; want regulations in place 2/1/17.
- l. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. IPT leads review completed by 9/21/16.
  - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by 9/22/16 .
  - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 23, 2016. Done 9/23/16.
- m. ✓DEIS published 6/17/2016. Comment period ends 8/1/2016.
- n. ✓Proposed Rule published 12/16/16.
  - a. Send to Council &AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Comments due by 1/17/17.
- o. ✓Decision Day 1/5/17. Approved on 12/28/16.
- p. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/17.

- a. Send to Council & AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Post to web site. Date posted \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/16.

## ***5. Amendment 38 (Blueline Tilefish) – Roger***

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council approved the following emergency request:

MOTION: DIRECT THAT THE SSC DETERMINE, AT ITS APRIL 2015 MEETING, THE GEOGRAPHIC RANGE COVERED BY THE SEDAR 32 ASSESSMENT. IF WARRANTED, REQUEST EMERGENCY ACTION TO EXTEND REGULATIONS PROPOSED IN AMENDMENT 32, ONCE THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED, TO THE AREAS THAT THE SSC CONSIDERS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE STOCK ASSESSMENT.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE (9 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS)

APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

✓SSC met April 28-30, 2015 and concluded:

- **SSC Consensus: After reconsideration of the SEDAR 32 assessment and all the supplemental information provided, the SSC still agrees that the SEDAR 32 assessment applies to the entire coast wide stock and is still considered BSIA.**

✓SAFMC Emergency Request – send to NMFS 5/6/15. The Council's request is currently being reviewed by NMFS.

✓The Council will review the SSC recommendation and determine how to move forward with Amendment 38 at the June 2015 meeting. At the June meeting, the Council did not discuss Amendment 38 and indicated they would address this amendment at the September 2015 meeting. At the September meeting, the Council deferred action until the genetic results are presented at the December 2015 meeting.

In September 2015, the Snapper Grouper Committee reviewed an Options Paper for a possible amendment, Amendment 38, to extend the snapper grouper fishery management unit north of the NC/VA border and adjust fishing levels for blueline tilefish to account for landings in the area north of the Council's jurisdiction. The Council had considered extending the FMU previously (during development of Amendment 18) but did not take action at the time. In September 2015 the Council opted to not move forward with development of Amendment 38 pending the completion of studies on the stock structure of blueline tilefish and to allow time for the MAFMC to develop a management strategy for blueline tilefish in their jurisdiction. Instead, actions to adjust fishing levels for blueline tilefish (based on the SSC's recommendations) and revise management measures were moved to Regulatory Amendment 25 (submitted to NMFS on 3/4/16).

**Details to be added if the decision is to move forward.**

**IPT:**

- ✓SAFMC Team: Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Christina Package (Social Scientist); ~~Heather Blough~~ Noah Silverman (NEPA); Jessica Stephens (Data Analyst); and Mark Fields (OLE).
- ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Scott Crosson
- ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Need to add Gulf and Mid-Atlantic representatives from NMFS Region & Centers and Councils once decision is made to move forward.

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council.

**Major Steps:**

- B. ✓SEDAR Stock ID Workshop – determined 1 unit stock from the Gulf through the Mid-Atlantic.
- C. ✓Staff provide SEDAR working paper: Summary: Habitat and Developing Spatial Species Information for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region
- D. SEDAR Assessment – schedule will be adjusted and results completed by 12/17.
- E. SSC review – April 2018.
- F. Results to Council – June 2018.

**Amendment work to begin July 2018**

- A. Councils (Gulf, South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic) agree on how to allocate ABC by Council jurisdiction.
- B. Other preparatory work on draft amendment to specify management unit, parameters, and draft management measures so ready for IPT to begin analyses for June 2018 SAFMC meeting.
- C. Others???

**Proposed Draft Timing 2018-19:**

- a. Council guidance to prepare amendment – June 2018
- b. Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – September/December 2018
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- d. NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes – \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Scoping – \_\_\_\_\_ (via webinar). FR notice due to Kim by \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2019
- g. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by June 2019
- h. Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – June 2019

- i. Public Hearings – July/August 2019; in person. FR notice due to Kim by \_\_\_\_\_
- j. \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions – September 2019
- l. Committee/Council approve for formal review December 2019.
- m. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_/19.
- n. DEIS published \_\_\_\_/2019. Comment period ends \_\_\_\_/2019.
- o. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/20.
  - a. Send to Council & AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/20.
- p. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/20.
  - a. Send to Council & AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Post to web site. Date posted \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/20.

## ***6. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)/EA– Myra Brouwer***

### **IPT:**

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (IPT Lead); John McGovern; Christina Package-Ward; Denise Johnson; Michael Larkin; Adam Bailey; Jennifer Lee; Nikhil Mehta (Acting IPT Lead); Noah Silverman; Stephen Holiman; David Dale.

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Amy Schueller; Scott Crosson

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NOAA OLE: Mark Fields

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:**

- 1. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2015
- 2. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2016. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings, 5. Dates and Locations for January/February 2016 for specific dates, locations, and other items.
- 4. ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2016
- 5. ✓Conduct as much analysis of the actions/alternatives as possible for distribution to FWC by 4/26/16. Done April 25, 2016.

6. ✓Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2016 Council meeting. Date done – June 15, 2016.
7. ✓In June 2016, Council votes to send Amendment 41 out for Public Hearings in August 2016. Date done June 17, 2016.
8. ✓Public hearings in August 2016. See Section XIV for dates and locations.
9. ✓At September 2016 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done 9/16/2016.
10. ✓At December 2016 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 41 for Secretarial review. Date done 12/9/16.

**11. Document preparation for formal review:**

- ✓IPT leads review completed by 12/5/16.
- ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 12/12/16 & 1/4/17.
- SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 1/31/17. Done \_\_\_\_/17.

**12. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/17.**

- Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_.
- Comments due by \_\_\_\_/17. Date done \_\_\_\_.

**13. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.**

- Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_.
- Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_.
- Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/17.
- Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.

## ***7. 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint – Evaluation Plan – Amber Von Harten/Myra Brouwer (co-leads)***

The 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint was adopted in December 2015. An Evaluation Plan was included as part of the Blueprint. The evaluation schedule is outlined below:

### **Objectives of the Evaluation & Review**

1. Ensure that management actions (and others) that are developed are helping achieve the vision for the snapper grouper fishery.
2. Allows flexibility to adapt management strategies (and others) to accommodate changes in the fishery.
3. Continue stakeholder engagement with the Vision Blueprint process.
4. Consider stakeholder support on short-term action items developed in 2016-2017 and how these actions have impacted stakeholders.
5. Consider stakeholder feedback on how to approach long-term action items, items not considered in 2015 and emerging issues in the fishery.
6. Allow new Council members to become familiar with the Vision Blueprint.

### **Annual Review**

- **Purpose:** Allow the Council to conduct an internal review of progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- **✓Timing:** December 2016

- **Tasks:**
  - Council review and discussion of progress report at December 2016 Council meeting.
  - Provide a written update and webinar to the public about progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
  - Webinars to update the public are scheduled for 10 am and 6 pm on November 21
  - Webinar FRN notice due to Kim on October 20, 2016. Date done 10/13/16.

### **Biennial Review**

- **Purpose:** Mid-term review of progress on the implementation of the Vision Blueprint and stakeholder perceptions.

**Timing:** December 2018

- **Tasks:**
  - Review the short-term action items from each goal to determine what outcomes were achieved in 2016-2018;
  - Provide opportunity for public input on outcomes of short-term action items (survey, webinars/comment stations, etc.)

### **Comprehensive Review**

- **Purpose:** Review and update the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint and Appendices.
- **Timing:** January – June 2020; Adoption of 2021-2026 Vision Blueprint in December 2020
- **Tasks:**
  - Solicit public input on items in the existing blueprint (short- and long-term action items and items not considered in 2015) and any new ideas.
  - Use a similar port meeting approach to collect public input and revise the Vision Blueprint based on stakeholder and Council member input.

### **Draft Timing:**

- December 2016, provide an update to Council and the public on the progress made towards implementing the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint. Date done\_\_\_\_\_.

## ***8. Amendment 43 (red snapper and recreational reporting)***

### **IPT:**

✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer

✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVitor (SERO Lead), Frank Helies (Fishery Biologist), David Records (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, David Carter



✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement)

**Proposed Draft Timing:**

- a. ✓Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016.
- b. ✓Council review draft options paper – June 2016.
- c. ✓Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- d. Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- e. Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- f. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. In June 2017, Council votes to send Amendment 43 to public hearings
- h. Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice due to Kim 28 days in advance
- i. At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- j. At December 2017 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 43 for Secretarial review. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Done \_\_\_\_/17.
- l. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- m. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.

## **9. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational**

### **IPT:**

- ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
- ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Nick Farmer, Noah Silverman or Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), Christina Package-Ward, Tony Lamberte, David Dale, Joelle Goodwin (regs writer), Stephen Holiman, Jenny Lee (PR)
- ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Scott Crosson
- ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- NOAA OLE: TBD (Tracy Dunn or Manny Antonaras)

### **Timing:**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
- b. ✓Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- c. Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings. FR notice by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- d. Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- e. Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis -- June 2017. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Council votes to send out for Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice by \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Council reviews public hearing comments, provides guidance and approves all actions – September 2017. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Council takes final action – December 2017. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Done \_\_\_\_/17.
- j. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.

## **10. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial**

### **IPT:**

- ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
- ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVactor, Adam Bailey (regs writer), Mike Jepson, Mike Travis, Stephen Holiman, Nick Farmer, Mary Wunderlich David Dale, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA)
- ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
- ✓NOAA GC Team: Jocelyn Dambrosio
- NOAA OLE: TBD

### **Timing:**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
- b. ✓Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- c. Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice by December 19, 2016.
- d. Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- e. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to Council -- June 2017.
- f. Council approves for Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance.
- g. Review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives – September 2017.
- h. Council takes final action – December 2017.
- i. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. Done \_\_\_\_/18.
- j. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/18.
  - a. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18.
- k. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/18. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/18.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.

## **11. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Yellowtail snapper) – John Hadley***

### **IPT Team:**

✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Co-lead), John Hadley (SAFMC Co-lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer & Scott Crosson

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
- b. ✓Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- c. ✓IPT/Staff initial analyses – complete by January 2017
- d. ✓Public Hearings – January/February 2017. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2017. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- e. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2017
- f. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – June 2017
- g. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/17.
- h. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/17. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Post to web site
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.

## **12. ABC Control Rule Revisions and Fishing Levels for Golden Tilefish (Amendment 45)**

### **IPT Team (Draft):**

SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Co-lead), John Carmichael (SAFMC Co-lead)

NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Co-Lead), Frank Helies (NMFS Co-Lead), David Dale (HCD), Mary Wunderlich (PRD), Joelle Goodwin (Reg Writer)

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams & Larry Perruso

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018:**

- a. Council guidance to prepare amendment -- December 2016
- b. Scoping TBD. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Public Hearings – TBD. FR notice by \_\_\_\_\_.
- d. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – TBD
- e. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – TBD
- f. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Post to web site
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.

## **13. Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program Review**

Staff: Brian Cheuvront

### **IPT Team (Draft):**

SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead)

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team:

NOAA GC Team:

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018:**

- a. Guidance to conduct review \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Scoping TBD

- c. Public Hearings – TBD. FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance.
- d. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – TBD
- e. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – TBD
- f. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - Post to web site
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.

## II. SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN

Lead Staffs: Chip Collier & Roger Pugliese

The System Management Plans (SMP) are intended to increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources found within the Oculina Experimental Closed Area (OECA), Deepwater Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZs).

### ***1. SG Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier***

An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed review in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:

- 1) **On-Going Monitoring** – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports for Council meetings as information becomes available.
- 2) **Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports** – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
- 3) **Oculina Evaluation Plan** (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area:
  - Law Enforcement
  - Research scientists
  - Commercial fishermen
  - Recreational fishermen
  - Outreach experts
  - Non-governmental Organizations
  - Council staff

A report, written by the team, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

- 4) 2014 5-Year Evaluation Plan
  - a. ✓Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
  - b. ✓Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team – November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
  - c. ✓SSC Review – April 2015
  - d. ✓Council sees final report – June 2015
  - e. ✓Council reviews final report – September -> December 2015 -> March 2016
  - f. ✓Document revised and posted to website. Date done – March 28, 2016

- g. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- 5) Next Evaluation Plan (2019)
  - a. Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2019 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2019 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 2019, when the entire area should be mapped.
  - b. Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team –
  - c. SSC Review –
  - d. Council sees final report –
  - e. Council reviews final report –
  - f. Document revised and distributed – \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
  - h. Next review: \_\_\_\_\_.

## ***2. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) – Chip Collier***

In 2009, the Council designated eight Deepwater MPAs in Snapper Grouper Amendment 14. The Deepwater SMP was developed to provide a framework to review the enforcement, outreach and education, research and monitoring, and administrative efforts in the Deepwater MPAs and track progress in each area. The final SMP contains the proposed management action items, metrics for tracking progress, and background details for the eight MPAs. The SMP was adopted in March 2016.

The evaluation report, written by the IPT, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee in 2021. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

### IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Co-Lead), Chip Collier (SAFMC Co-lead and Coral issues), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Amber Von Harten (Outreach), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Andy Herndon and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello



**Initial Timing 2014:**

- a. IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT revise document – July 2014
- d. Public input during public hearings – August 2014
- e. Council reviews public input and provide guidance – September 2014
- f. IPT revise document – September/October 2014
- g. SSC review – October 27 – 30, 2014
- h. Council review and approve SMP – December 2014

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council approved the following revised timing

**Revised Timing 2014/15: work will shift to early – mid 2015 based on workload**

- a. IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. ✓Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT works on items in the outline – July through November 2014
- d. Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
- e. Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
- f. Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – March 2015
- g. IPT revise document as necessary – March 2015
- h. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2014
- i. SSC review – May 5-7, 2015
- j. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – June 2015

**Final Timing 2015:**

- a. Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
- b. ✓IPT meeting – 12/10/14
- c. ✓IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
- d. ✓Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015
- e. ✓IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
- f. ✓Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- g. ✓SSC input – April 28-30, 2015
- h. ✓Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015. Council only reviewed draft.
- i. ✓IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- j. ✓Public input – July/August/September 2015
- k. ✓Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- l. ✓IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- m. ✓SSC review – October 2015
- n. IPT meeting held – November 2, 2015
- o. ✓Snapper Grouper AP input – November 2015
- p. ✓Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – March 2016
- q. Document revised and distributed – by March 31, 2016. Date done – May 31, 2016.
- r. Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Potential Timing for Review (2021):**

1. IPT meeting –
2. IPT works on items in the outline –
3. Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance –
4. IPT revise document as necessary –
5. Snapper Grouper AP input –
6. SSC input –
7. Council reviews/approves Draft SMP –
8. IPT revise document as necessary –
9. Public input –
10. Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance –
11. IPT revise document as necessary –
12. SSC review –
13. IPT meeting held –
14. Snapper Grouper AP input –
15. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP –
16. Document revised and distributed – . Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Include with the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Next review \_\_\_\_\_.

***3. Spawning SMZs - Chip Collier***

Once Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 is completed, there will be a plan for monitoring SMZs. An outline with key actions and dates of how the Spawning SMZs will be monitored will go here

1. Research planning meetings for the Spawning SMZs:
  - a. ✓Morehead City, NC on April 20, 2016, and
  - b. ✓Marathon, FL on May 20, 2016.
  - c. ✓Charleston, SC on November 2, 2016.The meetings discussed past sampling in the general area and potential methods to sample within the proposed Spawning SMZ. The meetings included SAFMC members, scientist, state partners, and fishermen.

### III. ECOSYSTEM

Lead Staff: Roger Pugliese

#### ***1. Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese***

Note: The original FEP document was prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, SARP, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This was the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT was established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one was not needed for the FEP. FEP II development process is being further enhanced through facilitated Webinars, in-person meetings and online support for Section Review and Writing Teams activities.

- A. ✓Original FEP Approved by Council in March 2009 and submitted as Source Document for Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 which was approved on June 1, 2010 with regulations effective on July 22, 2010.
- B. Process for FEP II – Developed in cooperation with Habitat AP prior to December 2013 Council meeting. Planning initiated and policy statement revision/development completed in 2013.
  - a. ✓Habitat Advisory Panel discusses and provides initial recommendations on overall structure, review process for updating, refining and expanding the FEP November 2013
  - b. ✓Winter/Spring 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel Sub Panel Chairs coordinate with Roger and Pat Geer new AP Chair in identifying leads and team members for review redraft of core sections on species and habitats
  - c. ✓Habitat Committee input on updates or revisions to the structure which would improve use and effectiveness of FEP II – March 2014
  - d. ✓Ecosystem-Based Management Committee provides guidance on membership on core writing teams for FEP II – September 2014
  - e. Evaluate how amendments can incorporate this information by reference to reduce size of documents- ongoing.
- D. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2014-2016):
  - a. Development will be facilitated around spring (April) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014-2016).
  - b. ✓Habitat Advisory Panel State Sub-Panel review and provide initial recommendations on lists of FEP II review/writing teams April 2014.
  - c. ✓Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 Council meeting.
  - d. ✓South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workshop - February 7-8, 2015 at FWRI – Review of existing capabilities and develop a proposal for consideration by the SALCC to create a South Atlantic ecosystem modeling suite to better link FEP II and SALCC Conservation Blueprint -ongoing.
  - e. ✓January 2015 – March 2016: Initiate Sections update, new Section outline and drafting facilitate ecosystem modeling, tools and GIS development in

support of FEP II. Email coordination/webinars to refine and update sections for FEP II: Bottom Habitat; Artificial Reefs; Pelagic Habitat, Sargassum; Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves); South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling; Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research and Monitoring; Food Webs and Connectivity, and Climate Variability and Fisheries ongoing.

- f. ✓April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting included sessions on threats to fish habitat, energy, and food webs and connectivity.
- g. ✓November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting to include sessions on research and monitoring, artificial reefs and state activities.
- h. ✓March/April 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.
- i. ✓November 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.

## ***2. Essential Fish Habitat – Roger***

- A. Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision
  - a. ✓Identify focus teams of Habitat AP members to perform initial reviews and develop revision/update recommendations. Initiated in conjunction with November 14-15, 2012 AP meeting.
  - b. ✓The Habitat AP during 2013 meetings continued developing updated and new policy statements to support and enhance their use in by NOAA Fisheries and regional partners in EFH review and consultation.
  - c. ✓The Habitat AP provides redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species for Council consideration at March 2014 Council meeting.
  - d. ✓The Habitat AP provides refined redrafts, of EFH Policy Statements, based on additional State input for June 2014 Council meeting. Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species that were approved by Council.
  - e. ✓The Habitat AP redrafts EFH Policy Statement for Beach Dredge and Fill, Beach Re-nourishment and Large Scale Coastal Engineering at their March 2015 meeting.
  - f. ✓April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on redrafting EFH Policy Statements and drafting new Statements. Sessions conducted on Threats to Fish Habitat, Energy, and Food Webs and Connectivity.
  - g. ✓November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Energy, Exploration, Development and Transportation for consideration at the December 2015 Council meeting. Ongoing presentations and discussion on developing an Artificial Reef Policy.
  - h. ✓April 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on new EFH policy statement/s on Food Webs and Connectivity and

Climate Variability and Fisheries. Held Session on the Impacts of Sound on Fish and Fish Habitat.

- i. ✓November 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise EFH policy statement/s on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries and Artificial Reefs.
  - j. May 16-17, 2017 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise EFH policy statement on Artificial Reefs and FEP II/EFH Review.
- B. Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
- a. ✓Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel during April 2015 meeting will be updated on regional partner SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report.
  - b. ✓State of SA Condition Report Complete – Include Appendix to FEP II

**FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process:  
Council Meeting Timeline (Through June 2017)**

✓June 2014 Council Meeting: Redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species Approved by Council for Inclusion into FEP II.

✓September 2014 Meeting: FEP II Development Timeline and Participation Update.

✓March 2015 Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Coastal Engineering. Ecosystem Session with VIMS, NMFS, SALCC, and BOEM.

✓June 2015 Meeting: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.

✓December 2015 Council Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and for inclusion into FEP II and Status FEP II Development.

✓March 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development (Habitat and Misc. Sections) and EFH Updates. Review Outline/Draft of New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs.

✓June 2016 Council Meeting: FEP II and Supporting Tool Development and Technology Session

✓September 2016 Council Meeting: Review FEP II Development highlighting Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Review of Policy Considerations and Guidance for developing Policy Statements.

✓ November 2016 Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel: Review FEP II Section Development Policy Statement Drafts for, Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries, and Status of Artificial Reef Policy development.

✓ November 2016 Managed Species Team Meeting: Assignment of Remaining Council Managed Species tasks and refinement of Ecospecies system supporting FEP II.

✓ December 2016 Council Meeting: Review and Approve EFH Policy Statements for: 1) South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity, and 2) South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries.

March 2017: Review FEP II Sections for EFH/Habitat, Food Web and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Status reports on South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and Needs and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Advancements Supporting FEP II.

June 2017 Council Meeting: Review South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System meeting EFH and FEP II information needs, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Supporting FEP II.

June 2017 Council Meeting: Finalize and Approve Complete FEP II and Interactive Executive Summary.

C. South Atlantic Council Response to NOAA Policies, Strategies and Research Affecting Essential Fish Habitat and South Atlantic Ecosystems

- a. ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the NOAA Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap. Done July 1, 2016.
- b. ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Seismic Testing and our Updated Energy Policy Statement. Done July 1, 2016.
- c. ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Port of Miami Anchorage Area. Done September 19, 2016

**3. Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2017)**

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination have been scheduled:

- 1) ✓ NMFS Ecosystem Research Coordination Webinar Meeting with Drs. Jason Link – SEFSC Beaufort, NC February 2017
- 2) Managed Species/Ecospecies Session Winter 2017 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
- 3) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Coordination Meeting Spring 2017
- 4) SALCC Conservation Blueprint Workshop May 2, 2017 Charleston, SC
- 5) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 16-17, 2017 Charleston, SC

- 6) SECOORA Steering Committee, SH and PI Meetings May 17-19, 2017  
Jacksonville, FL
- 7) SAFMC Mapping Strategy Session Winter/Spring 2017 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
- 8) SALCC Steering Committee Meeting Summer 2017
- 9) Society for Conservation GIS July 6-20, 2017 Monterey, CA
- 10) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of  
Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 24-27, 2017 St. Croix, USVI
- 11) SEAFWA/SARP Meeting Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2017 Louisville, KY
- 12) MTS Oceans 2017 Industry Coordination Supporting ocean technology/potential  
test beds in South Atlantic region. September 17-22, 2017 Anchorage, AK
- 13) ESRI Ocean Forum Redlands, CA, November 1-4, 2017
- 14) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting November 14-15, 2017 FWRI, St.  
Pete. FL

### Meetings/Webinars/Workshops Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update / 5 Year Review

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 – June, 2017	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of: developing FEP II sections; development of a regional mapping strategy connected to managed species and their EFH for the region; enhancement of the South Atlantic regional ocean observation coverage and capability; refining the connection with regional conservation blueprint; enhancement of regional online spatial presentation of species, habitat or fishery operations information; development of a South Atlantic ecosystem model suite and tools for evaluation/ management; and information to enhance/refine EFH designations. (Including but not limited to: SEAMAP, SALCC, SARP, SECOORA, GSAA, ESRI, etc.)	By Meeting
✓February 7-8, 2015	Ecosystem Modeling Workshop: Review Ecopath modeling, Ecosystem Simulation modeling, oceanographic models and data, regional conservation blueprint and connectivity modeling, and habitat modeling to enhance stock assessments	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓March 3, 2015	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with March 2015 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, Georgia
✓April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓November 6, 2015 (ongoing discussion w/ESRI & FWRI)	Collaboration meeting with ESRI Chief Scientist, Dawn Wright and Oceans Program Staff on refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial presentations and online platforms and tools that would better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region	ESRI Office, Redlands, CA
✓January 2015- March 2016 (ongoing)	FEP II Section and EFH Update Facilitated Webinars: Artificial Reefs, Live/Hard Bottom Habitat, Seagrass/SAV Habitat, Estuarine Shrub Scrub (Mangroves), Intertidal Flats Habitat, Estuarine Water Column, Deepwater Coral Habitat, Coral and Coral Reefs, Oyster Reefs and Shell Banks Habitat, Soft Bottom Subtidal Habitat, Estuarine Emergent Marsh (Salt and Brackish) Habitat, and Riverine and Freshwater Habitat	Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015
✓January 2015- <del>March</del> July 2016 (ongoing)	Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats, Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous Species	Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015
✓January 2015- May 2016 June 2016 - June 2017 (ongoing)	Council Managed Species - In lieu of section revision, refine Ecospecies online system. Facilitated webinars for managed species/snapper grouper team and engagement of species experts.	Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars/ Meetings - May 2016 November 2016



June 2014 – April 2016	South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II	Initiated in conjunction with Climate and Fisheries Workshops Basecamp created to Facilitate Development April 2016 Public Review Version Loaded to Basecamp February 2017
May 2016 – June 2017 (ongoing)	<p>Collaboration on Development of NMFS Regional Action Plan Supporting Climate Science for inclusion into FEP II : Review and Revise Strawman (Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC)</p> <p>Habitat Ecosystem Committee Presentation/Review March 6, 2017</p>	
October 2015-February/May 2017 (ongoing)	<p>Section on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expanded on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants.</p> <p>Habitat/Ecosystem AP discuss section development.</p>	<p>Email Coordination / Facilitated Webinars October</p> <p>✓November 2015 and Meeting</p> <p>✓December 2015</p> <p>✓May 2016</p>

#### ***4. Bycatch Reporting/EA (SG Am 26, DW Am 3, CMP Am 21, and GC Am 7) – Chip Collier***

Items included during scoping:

- A. Speckled hind and warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
- C. Potential expansion of HAPC areas
- D. Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
- E. Wreckfish fishery impacts to deepwater coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species

The Council revised the items to be included at the March 2012 meeting:

- A. Speckled hind and warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Potential expansion of Coral HAPC areas
- C. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

The Council revised the items to be included at the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:

1. Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
2. Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
3. Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment

The only remaining item in CE-BA 3 is bycatch reporting; staff was directed to revise the document and bring to the Council in March 2013 for final review and approval.

At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3.

NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and the Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

[Note: This presentation was postponed to December 2013 and then to March 2014.]

At the June 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed information presented on bycatch and suggested changing the name of CE-BA 3 to better reflect the remaining action in the amendment.

**Timing:**

- A. ✓Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
- B. ✓Council refines list and approves for scoping – December 2011 meeting
- C. ✓Scope in January/February – see below for details
- D. ✓Council reviews scoping comments at March 2012 meeting and provides guidance to Staff/IPT
- E. ✓Individual Council Species Committees develop actions/alternatives
- F. ✓Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at June 2012 meeting
- G. ✓Public hearings – August 2012
- H. ✓Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review at September 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012. The Council provided further guidance at the December 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to March 2013 meeting
- I. Changes implemented January 1, 2013; as early as possible in 2013.

**Appoint IPT Team:**

- A. ✓Council Team – Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), Brian Cheuvront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Gregg Waugh (lead for Data actions) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
- B. ✓NMFS SERO Team – Frank Helies (NMFS Lead); Karla Gore, Nick Farmer, Rick DeVactor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
- C. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
- D. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

**Advisory Panel Input:**

- A. ✓Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- B. ✓Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- C. ✓Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- D. ✓Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials

- E. ✓Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- F. ✓Dolphin/Wahoo AP – April 24, 2012 (8:30 am – noon) in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- G. ✓Mackerel AP – April 24 (1:30 pm) – 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- H. ✓Coral AP – May 9 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) – 10 (9:00 am – 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- I. ✓Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012 from 2-4 pm. The Habitat AP will meet in person in the Fall as normal

Specific Steps:

- A. ✓NOI to publish in FR by \_\_\_\_\_. NOI published on 5/23/12. Given that MPAs removed, a new checklist will be sent out to determine if this amendment will be an EA or EIS.

(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the March 2012 Council meeting. The SAFMC conducted scoping during the Council's MSA scoping in January/February 2012.)

- B. ✓Draft MSA scoping document.
- C. ✓Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.  
Schedule a Team call if needed.
- D. ✓MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. **Scoping from 4-7 pm**

<b><u>January 24, 2012</u></b> Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	<b><u>January 31, 2012</u></b> Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
<b><u>January 26, 2012</u></b> BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	<b><u>February 1, 2012</u></b> Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800
<b><u>January 30, 2012</u></b> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037	<b><u>February 2, 2012</u></b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322

Phone: 305-852-5553	Phone: 912-748-8888
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- E. ✓Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- F. ✓Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.
- G. ✓Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- H. ✓Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- I. ✓Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- J. ~~Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12~~
- K. ~~Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12~~
- L. ✓CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- M. ✓Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2012 COUNCIL MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ACTIONS PERTAINING TO CORAL HAPCs AND SHELF-EDGE MPAs FROM CE-BA 3 TO CE-BA 4. SEE BELOW FOR PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR MPA DEVELOPMENT

The Council provided guidance on items to be further developed in CE-BA 3 during the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Include modifications to data collection (for-hire and commercial) and bycatch reporting in CE-BA 3 and approved for public hearings
- B. Develop Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 4 after a joint meeting of the Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, and representatives from the Habitat and Law Enforcement APs during the fall of 2012
- C. Proceed with developing additional protections for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; the SSC is to provide guidance on ABC values for speckled hind and warsaw grouper during their October 2012 meeting
- N. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
- O. ✓Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<b><u>August 9, 2012</u></b> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>August 8, 2012</u></b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b><u>August 7, 2012</u></b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	<b><u>August 6, 2012</u></b> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043
<b><u>August 14, 2012</u></b> Hilton Garden Inn Airport	<b><u>August 16, 2012</u></b> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront

5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585
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- P. ✓BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- Q. ✓Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

NOTE: AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED THE CORAL HAPC ACTIONS TO CORAL AMENDMENT 7 8.

- R. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
  - S. ✓IPT completes analyses
    - a. 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
    - b. 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
    - c. 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
    - d. 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
    - e. 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1<sup>st</sup> briefing book at 9 am
    - f. 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
    - g. 11/26/12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> briefing book ready at 9 am
  - T. ✓Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012 meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.
- AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.**
- U. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
    - a. ✓Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
    - b. ✓Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
  - V. ✓IPT completes analyses
    - a. ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
    - b. ✓IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
    - c. ✓– revised document sent to IPT
    - d. ✓comments due back from IPT
    - e. ✓2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1<sup>st</sup> briefing book at 9 am
  - ~~W. South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
  - X. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
  - Y. ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
  - Z. ✓December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
  - AA. ✓March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.

At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils are working on a shared cost approach to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on species-specific observer requirements.

BB. ✓At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:

- a. ✓Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
- b. ✓Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
- c. Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
- d. Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.

CC. ✓Based on discussions at the September 2014 Council meeting, the SEFSC/SERO agreed to draft a comprehensive bycatch reporting system for the southeast. The SEFSC and SERO will provide an update on their efforts at each Council meeting. The Council's intent thus far is that this would be specified in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3.

Note: The SEFSC/SERO will give a detailed presentation on the status of bycatch reporting system for the southeast at each Council meeting.

At the March 2016 meeting, the Council will receive a presentation from NMFS and provide guidance on approach/timing.

- All FMPS must be consistent with this rule within five years of finalizing the rule.
- Councils should conduct a review of their existing SBRMs.
- The review should provide information on whether or not the FMP needs to be amended.
- After initial review, Council should review SBRMs at least every five years.

**Draft Timing after June 2016 Council Meeting:**

- a. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. In June 2017, Council votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment out for Public Hearings in August 2017. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

- d. At December 2017 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- e. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Done \_\_\_\_\_/17.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18.
  - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.
  - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/18.  
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.



#### **IV. CORAL**

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

##### ***1. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip***

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

## **V. MACKEREL**

Lead Staff: Kari MacLauchlin

### ***1. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP AMENDMENT 26 (King Mackerel ACLs, stock boundary, other management measures)/EA – Kari (GMFMC Administrative Lead)***

Given the workload, if developed, this amendment should be considered for later in 2014 (i.e., public hearings in August 2014).

Amendment 26 was scoped as actions to split the KM and SM commercial permits into separate jurisdictions, but now Am 26 will only include king mackerel actions associated with the results of the stock assessment and an action to address sale of king mackerel caught in shark gillnets. The permit or FMP split will be in Amendment 28.

#### **IPT Team:**

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Assane Diagne, & Ava Lasseter
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Sue Gerhart (NMFS Co-Lead), Karla Gore (NMFS Co-Lead), Tony Lamberte, Christina Package-Ward, Scott Sandorf ~~or Adam Bailey~~, Mike Larkin, Noah Silverman, David Dale, & Andy Herndon
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: John Walter & Christopher Liese
- b. ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy & Iris Lowery

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist was distributed to IPT and NMFS determined EA.

#### **Proposed Timing 2014:**

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies Decision Document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- e. ✓GMFMC to discuss development of amendment. At their February 2014 meeting, the GMFMC delayed development of Amendment 26 until after stock assessment for king mackerel is completed.
- f. ✓Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014
- g. ✓Review White Paper at September 2014 meeting – provide input and guidance on timing.

Proposed Timing 2015/2016:

- a. ✓Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – GMFMC in October 2015.
- b. ✓Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in December 2015.
- c. ✓Public hearings – SAFMC in January/February 2016. GMFMC in February/March 2016.
- d. ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in March 2016.
- e. ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – GMFMC in April 2016.
- f. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. ✓IPT leads review completed by 6/21/16.
  - b. ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 7/1/16
  - c. ✓GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 7/7/2017.
- g. ✓Document submitted to NMFS July 2016. Date done July 7, 2016.
- h. ✓NOA published December 14, 2016. Comment period on NOA ends February 13, 2017.
- i. ✓Proposed Rule published 12/29/16.
  - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done 12/29/16.
  - b. Comments due by 1/30/17. Date done 1/30/17.
- j. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.
  - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/17.
  - d. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.

## **2. CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari**

IPT Team. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
- b. NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Mike Jepson (social scientist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Tony Lamberte (economist), David Dale (habitat conservation)
- c. NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowery, Jocelyn D’Ambrosio

Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

- a. vessel limits
- b. increased minimum size limits
- c. 1/person bag limit
- d. change recreational AMs

Items for commercial management (Atlantic cobia):

- a. step-down in commercial limit (possession limit and vessel limit)

### **Proposed Timing 2016:**

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – March 2016
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – June 2016.
- c. ✓In-Person and Webinar Hearings – August 2016; MAFMC meeting in August. Date done – August 2016.
- d. ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016. Date done – 9/16/2016.
- e. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by 10/15/16.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by 10/28/16.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 10/18/16. Done 10/18/16.
- f. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/16. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/16.

Note: Because this is a framework amendment, the Gulf Council does not need to approve.

### **3. Mackerel Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations) – Kari**

IPT Team. Date done June 29,2016.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), David Dale (habitat), David Records (economist), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer),
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy

#### **Proposed Timing 2016/17:**

- a. ✓Gulf Council reviews the document, finalizes actions and alternatives – June and August 2016
- b. ✓South Atlantic Council reviews actions and alternatives – September 2016
- c. ✓Gulf Council reviews and modifies amendment as necessary, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for public hearings – October 2016
- d. Gulf Council Public Hearings – November/December 2016
- e. Gulf Council reviews public input and approves for formal review – January/February 2017
- f. SAFMC approves for formal review– March 2017
- g. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Done \_\_\_\_/17.
- h. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/16. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- j. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/16.

#### **4. CMP Framework Amendment 5 (Permit Restrictions) – Kari**

IPT Team. Date done June 29, 2016.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead) Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), David Dale (habitat), David Records (economist), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Adam Bailey (regs writer)
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello and Jocelyn D'Ambrosio

#### **Proposed Timing 2016:**

- a. ✓South Atlantic Council reviews/modifies document– June 2016.
- b. ✓Gulf Council reviews/modifies document – June 2016.
- c. Gulf Council reviews public input and modifies amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – October 2016.
- d. ✓South Atlantic Council reviews public input and modifies amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016.
- e. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by 11/16/16.
  - Gulf Council chair only reviews document and codified text
  - GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 12/2/16. Done 12/2/16.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/16. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/16.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/16.

## VI. SPINY LOBSTER

Lead Staff: Kari MacLauchlin

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

The Spiny Lobster Review Panel met in Key West, Florida February 9, 2015 to discuss the 2014 OFL overage and make recommendations about actions the Councils should consider including possibly adjusting the ACL.

The South Atlantic Council reviewed the Panel's report at the March 2015 meeting and concluded no action was necessary other than drafting a letter:

**MOTION:** THE COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR REQUESTING THAT SPINY LOBSTER NOT BE SUBJECT TO AN ACL, WITH THE REASONS OUTLINED BY THE SPINY LOBSTER REVIEW PANEL.

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL.**

- ✓Draft Letter
- ✓EDs & Chairs Review Letter
- ✓Jessica/Martha Review Letter
- ✓Send letter to NMFS.

### **2016 Activities to review ACT overage:**

1. ✓Review Panel meeting - March 28, 2016 via webinar
2. ✓Joint Spiny Lobster AP meeting – April 25, 2016 in Key Largo FL
3. ✓SSC review - October 18-20, 2016
4. ✓SSC Webinar Spiny Lobster review- November 21, 2016

### ***1. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 – Kari***

IPT Team. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Morgan Kilgour/Claire Roberts (GMFMC Co-Leads), Matt Freeman (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Cindy Meyer (NMFS co-lead), Frank Helies, Denise Johnson (economist), Scott Sandorf and Joelle Godwin (reg writers), Mike Larkin, Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), Patrick Opay (Prot Resources), Kelli O'Donnell
- d. NMFS SEFSC Team: Jeff Isley, Scott Crosson
- e. NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy

### **Proposed Timing 2016-2017:**

- a. ✓South Atlantic Council reviews discussion paper for action to prohibit recreational trap in the South Atlantic EEZ– September December 2016
- b. ✓Gulf Council reviews options paper (draft amendment) – January/February 2017
- c. South Atlantic reviews draft amendment – March 2017
- d. No scoping for regulatory amendments. Public Hearings – TBD, but will be conducted by Gulf Council. Possible webinar hearing by South Atlantic staff.
- e. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – June 2017 for both Councils.
- f. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Done \_\_\_\_/17.
- g. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/17. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- i. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.



## **VII. SHRIMP**

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

### ***1. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip***

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

## **VIII. GOLDEN CRAB**

Lead Staff: Brian Cheuvornt

### ***1. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip***

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

At the June 2015 meeting, the Council approved the following motion:

DEVELOP A CORAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPANDING THE NORTHERN ALLOWABLE GOLDEN CRAB FISHING ZONE.

## **IX. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS**

### **1. *Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment* – John Carmichael**

#### **CURRENTLY INACTIVE. WORK MAY RESUME IN THE FUTURE AS A SEPARATE SOUTH ATLANTIC AMENDMENT**

Note: Initiated as Action 2 in CEBA-3. See CEBA-3 for actions, timing of early efforts.

Note: Joint amendment with GMFMC, SAFMC administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 29, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment XX, and Snapper Grouper Amendment 42

IPT Team IPT to be determined after February 2013 Gulf Council meeting.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), and Mike Errigo
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski (NMFS Co-Lead), Scott Sandorf or Adam Bailey (Regulation Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Nick Farmer, David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman, (NEPA), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Kelly Moran (OLE).
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertlein, Shannon Calay, Larry Perruso (Economist).
- e. ✓NOAA GC – Mara Levy.

#### Timeline:

- i. ✓Initiated in CEBA-3
- ii. ✓Stand-alone amendment in December 2012.
- iii. ✓February 2013: GMFMC agrees to joint action
- iv. ✓June 2013 SAFMC: review SEFSC pilot study.
- v. ✓September 2013: SAFMC directs to defer work until pilot study complete; request updates at each SAFMC meeting
- vi. ✓March 2014: SAFMC discusses electronic option, notes visioning support
- vii. ✓June 2014: SAFMC reviews options paper, directs development of electronic form with ACCSP. Team formed:
  - a. SAFMC: Gregg Waugh
  - b. SEFSC: Steve Turner, Dave Gloeckner
  - c. SERO: Andy Strelcheck, Monica Smit-Brunello
  - d. ACCSP: Mike Cahall
- viii. ✓October 2014: GARFO system demonstrated to S-G AP; supported voluntary electronic reporting
- ix. ✓December 2014: Implementation plan reported, 2015 implementation target.
- x. ✓March 2016: Pilot study complete, final report in prep
- xi. ✓June 2016: Pilot study findings reported to SAFMC
- xii. ✓September 2016: Cost report and details on remaining steps for voluntary report submission provided to SAFMC
- xiii. ✓December 2016: SAFMC Final Approval

- xiv. January 2017: Gulf Council consideration for final approval

FINAL TIMING - TBD

- SAFMC final approval: December 2016. Done 12/9/2016.
- GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- Document for final review: Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- Proposed rule
  - Published: \_\_\_\_\_
  - To Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Comments due to by: \_\_\_\_\_
- Final Rule
  - Published: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Fishery Bulletin Notice: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Sent to Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Regulations Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

***2. SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment – John Carmichael (SG Am 39/DW Am 9/CMP Am 27)***

**Note:** Initiated in CEBA 3, pursued as SAFMC-GMFMC for hire amendment during 2012-2015; became charter boats, SAFMC only in September 2015.

IPT, SAFMC Charter Amendment

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), Mike Errigo (Data), Roger Pugliese (Habitat)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski, Adam Bailey (Reg Writers), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Jenny Lee (PR), Kelly Moran-Kalamus (OLE), Carolyn Sramek (Permits)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Vivian Matter, Ken Brennan
- d. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit Brunello

Timeline:

- i. ✓Initiated in CEBA 3.
- ii. ✓October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
- iii. ✓December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
  - a. ✓March 2013: Generic for hire ‘headboat’ amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
- iv. ✓September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
- v. ✓December 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
- vi. ✓March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
- vii. ✓May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
- viii. ✓December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)

- ix. ✓March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
- x. ✓June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
- xi. ✓September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
- xii. ✓December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
- xiii. ✓January/February 2016: Hearings
- xiv. ✓March 2016: Review hearings, review document, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
- xv. ✓May 2016: SSC Review
- xvi. ✓June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements
- xvii. ✓June – August 2016: IPT incorporate Council edits and data elements
- xviii. ✓September 2016: Council review
- xix. ✓December 2016: SAFMC final approval
- xx. January 2017: Final edits and components
  - a. ✓Jan 18 2017: Complete RIR/FIS/RF & distribute for Final IPT review; January 18. Done 1/18/17
  - b. ✓NMFS review, comments due by 2/6. Done 2/14/17
  - c. Council chair review: Dist 2/13. Compents 2/27
- xxi. ✓January 2017: Gulf Council consider for Approval
- xxii. January 2017: Codified Text Complete
- xxiii. ✓GMFMC final approval: January 30-February 3, 2017 Done 2/3/17
- xxiv. Document submitted for final approval; March 1, 2017 Done\_\_\_\_\_.
- xxv. Proposed rule:
  - a. Published: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. To Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Comments due to by: \_\_\_\_\_
- xxvi. Final Rule:
  - a. Published: \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Fishery Bulletin Notice: \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Sent to Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_
- xxvii. Regulations Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **X. DOLPHIN/WAHOO**

Lead Staff: John Hadley

### ***1. Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1 (Commercial Trip Limit)/EA- Brian Cheuvront***

#### IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)  
NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Jenny Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Tony Lamberte (Economics), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Mike Larkin (Data), Scott Sandorf (Reg Writer).  
NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, Akbar Marvasti  
✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowry

#### **Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – September 2015
- b. ✓IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- c. ✓Public Hearings – November 2016; via webinar
- d. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment; approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2015
- e. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. ✓IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 2/16/16.
- f. ✓Proposed Rule published 6/30/16.
  - a. ✓Send to Council, AP Date 7/13/16.
  - b. ✓Comments due by 8/1/16.
- g. ✓Final Rule published 12/30/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 12/30/16/16.
  - a. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Post to web site
  - c. Regulations effective 1/30/17.

## ***2. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Dolphin quota sharing, accountability measures, OY definition, recreational and commercial ACT, multi-gear trips, ABC Control Rule, and operator cards) – John Hadley***

### IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Co-Lead), John Hadley (SAFMC Co-Lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues). John Carmichael lead on ABC Control Rule action.

NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern

NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer, Scott Crosson

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:**

✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016

- a. ✓Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- b. ✓IPT/Staff conduct initial analyses – complete by December 2016
- c. Public Hearings – August 2017. FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – September 2017
- e. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2017
- f. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 8/11/17.
- g. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/17.
  - a. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/17.
- h. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.
  - a. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Post to web site
  - c. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/17.  
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.





## **XI. For-Hire Permit Limited Entry**

Lead staffs: Brian Chevront & Kari MacLauchlin

### **IPT:**

✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Co-Lead/Economist), Brian Chevront (SAFMC Co-Lead), John Hadley (Economist), Roger Pugliese (EFH), Myra Brouwer (SG), and Mike Errigo (Data)

✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore, (NMFS Lead), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Denise Johnson (Economist), Janet Miller and Britni Lavine (Data Analysts), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), Mary Wunderlich (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)

NMFS SEFSC Team: Ken Brennan, Christopher Liese

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:**

**NOTE: Guidance from Dec 2016 Council meeting was to prepare a white paper on limited entry for charter/headboat permits for Snapper Grouper only. White paper to be reviewed in March 2017. Timing to be revised after March 2017 meeting.**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare scoping document – September 2016
- b. Approve for Scoping – \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Scoping in August 2017. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- d. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Committee/Council review draft amendment and scoping comments – \_\_\_\_\_ 2017
- f. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for public hearing – \_\_\_\_\_ 2017
- g. Public Hearings – January/February 2018?. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – March 2018
- i. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_\_/17.
- j. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/17.
  - d. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/17.
- k. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/16.
  - f. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Post to web site
  - h. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/18.  
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

## **XII. Postponed Amendments (Purgatory)**

### **1. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP ALLOCATION AMENDMENT 24/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)**

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

#### IPT Team

- f. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- g. ✓GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- h. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), and Stephen Holiman (Economist)
- i. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
- j. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in November 2013. NMFS determined CMP Amendment 24 is an EA.

#### Items:

- A. ~~Modify allocations for Gulf migratory group king mackerel~~
- B. Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

#### **Proposed Timing 2013/14:**

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓February 2014, GMFMC decided to table the amendment until after the king mackerel assessment is completed.
- e. ✓March 2014 the SAFMC decided to move forward with development of actions and alternatives for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel.
- f. ✓SAFMC to review updated options paper at June 2014 meeting. Council directed staff to bring back a more detailed options paper at the December 2014 meeting.
- g. ✓Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- h. GMFMC scoping in \_\_\_\_\_ 2014
- i. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – ✓SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- j. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_

- k. Public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance.
  - l. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_
  - m. Document submitted to NMFS – \_\_\_\_\_
- Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

## **2. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Jacks Trip Limit) – Myra***

Note: Regulatory Amendment 23 was put on hold in 2015 until the Visioning Blueprint was complete.

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council directed staff to determine whether to include the following golden tilefish actions in Amendment 37 or a separate regulatory amendment. Given the limited scope of the golden tilefish actions, it was determined a separate regulatory amendment would be more efficient and less confusing. The following actions have been identified:

MOTION: MOVE ACTION ADDRESSING THE GOLDEN TILEFISH HOOK-AND-LINE FISHING YEAR START DATE FROM AMENDMENT 37 INTO A SEPARATE REGULATORY AMENDMENT, IF APPROPRIATE. IN ADDITION, ADD AN ACTION TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES TO LENGTHEN THE COMMERCIAL GOLDEN TILEFISH LONGLINE SEASON.  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**DIRECTION TO STAFF:** LOOK FOR RATIONALE BEHIND CATCH HISTORY BEING TIED TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE PERMIT INSTEAD OF THE ENDORSEMENT. BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 2015.

Note: At the June 2015 meeting, the Council changed the actions to include BSB bag limit, jacks trip limit, and golden tilefish fishing year start data. At the September 2015 meeting, the black sea bass bag limit action was moved to Regulatory Amendment 25.

Need to get input from fishermen in early 2016 on the fishing year change.

### IPT Team

✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Denise Johnson (Economics), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), and Mark Fields (OLE)

✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti

✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council.

### **3. *CMP Amendment 30 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari***

IPT Team. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)

NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer), Mary Wunderlich (protected resources), Tony Lamberte (economist), David Dale (habitat conservation), Rich Malinowski (SERO)

NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)

NOAA GC Team: Jocelyn D'Ambrosio

Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

a. change in start of recreational fishing year, and commercial fishing year (added Dec 2016)

Proposed Timing 2016:

- a. Council discusses items to include – September 2016
- b. Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – September 2016.
- c. In-Person and Webinar Hearings – (August 2016 & MAFMC meeting in August when this action was part of CMP Framework 4) and October 2016. Date done – 10/25/ 2016. FRN due to Kim by 9/27/16
- d. Gulf Council approves for formal review – October 2016
- e. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – December 2016.

\* SA Mackerel Cobia Committee added language to the action to change both the commercial and recreational fishing years. However, the Council decided to postpone further work on Amendment 30 until the ASMFC cobia plan is developed.

- f. Document preparation for formal review:
  - IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_ .
  - SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2017. Done \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Document submitted to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Comments due by \_\_\_\_/17. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/17. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/17.
  - Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

- Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/17.
- Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/17.

### **XIII. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

Lead Staff: Mike Errigo

#### **1. SSC Meeting – April 25-27, 2017**

April 25 (1:00 p.m.) – April 27, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_(Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

Agenda Items:

*Note: Discussion of M will have to wait until the Fall 2017 meeting when Dr. Hoenig returns from sabbatical.*

#### **2. ABC Control Rule**

- a. Redo scoring
  - b. Compare old to new.
  - c. Discuss phase-in approach
  - d. Discuss roll-over
3. DW10 Dolphin carryover provision
  4. Golden Tilefish: phase-in and modified risk of overfishing
  5. Research Plan review
  6. ACCSP Biological Matrix Stock Priorities
  7. Descending Device study review
  8. BSB bag limit analysis
  9. SG44 Yellowtail Snapper review
  10. Review of discard-only projections for red snapper

#### **2. SEP - April 25-27, 2017**

April 24 (1:00 p.m.) – April 25, 2017 (11:30 a.m.)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_(Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

#### **3. SSC – October 24-26, 2017**

October 24 (1:00 p.m.) – October 26, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_(Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

## **XIV. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS**

### **1. *Spiny Lobster AP – Kari***

Not meeting in Spring 2017

### **2. *Snapper Grouper AP - Myra***

April 17 (1:30 p.m.) – April 19, 2017 (noon)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. *Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger***

Dates: May 16 (9:00 a.m.) -- May 17, 2017 (4:30 p.m.)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

### **4. *Law Enforcement AP– Myra***

Date(s): May 18 (9:00 a.m.) – May 19 (noon), 2017

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Charleston; same venue as Habitat AP)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_

### **5. *Mackerel/Cobia AP – Kari***

Date(s): April 19 (1:30 p.m.) – April 20, 2017 (5:00 p.m.)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_

### **6. *Snapper Grouper AP – Myra***

Dates: October/November 2017

Location: (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_

**7. I&E AP – Amber**

Possibly a Fall 2017 meeting – dependent on outreach activities and possible electronic reporting grant award.

**8. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger**

Dates: November 14 (9:00 a.m.) – November 15, 2017 (4:30p.m.) (16?)

Location: FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. Dolphin Wahoo AP – John**

Date(s): April 21, 2017 (8:30 to 2pm @ latest; need to be out of room by 3 pm)

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_

Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_



## XV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

The Council generally holds scoping meetings and public hearings during the last week in January and the first week in February. A second round is generally scheduled in August.

### *Public Hearings and Scoping – January/February 2017*

A. Dates and locations: See table below

1. Times – all PHs and Scoping for January 2017 begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm.  
Scoping will be the weeks of January 23 and January 30<sup>th</sup>.

<b><u>January 12, 2017</u></b> – Scoping Webinar for Vision Blueprint Amendments only	<b><u>January 17, 2017</u></b> – Question & Answer Webinar (Amendments 43 and 44)
<b><u>January 18, 2017</u></b> – Listening Station (Am 44) Harvey Government Center 1200 Truman Ave.; 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor <b>Key West, FL 33040</b> Phone: 305-295-4385	<b><u>January 19, 2017</u></b> – Listening Station (Am 44) Hyatt Place Marathon 1996 Overseas Hwy <b>Marathon, FL 33050</b> Phone: 305-743-1234
<b><u>January 23, 2017</u></b> Lexington Hotel & Conference Center 1515 Prudential Drive <b>Jacksonville, FL 32207</b> Phone: 904-396-5100	<b><u>January 24, 2017</u></b> Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 North Atlantic Avenue <b>Cocoa Beach, FL 32931</b> Phone: 321-799-0003
<b><u>January 25, 2017</u></b> Flagler Place 201 SW Flagler Avenue <b>Stuart, FL 34994</b> Phone: 772-985-3863	<b><u>January 26, 2017</u></b> Hilton Key Largo 97000 Overseas Highway <b>Key Largo, FL 33037</b> Phone: 305-852-5553
<b><u>January 30, 2017</u></b> Murrells Inlet Community Center 4450 Murrells Inlet Road <b>Murrells Inlet, SC 29576</b> Phone: 843-651-4152	<b><u>January 31, 2017</u></b> Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard <b>Charleston, SC 29418</b> Phone: 843-744-4422
<b><u>February 1, 2017</u></b> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street <b>Richmond Hill, GA 31324</b> Phone: 912-445-0043	<b><u>February 6, 2017</u></b> Hilton Wilmington Riverside 301 N. Water Street <b>Wilmington, NC 28401</b> Phone: 910-763-5900
<b><u>February 7, 2017</u></b> Hatteras Community Center 57689 NC Highway 12 <b>Hatteras, NC 27943</b> Phone: 252-986-2161/252-986-2109	<b><u>February 8, 2017</u></b> Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront 2717 W. Fort Macon Road <b>Atlantic Beach, NC 28512</b> Phone: 252-240-1155

Thursday, January 12

Charleston (Council office) – **Scoping Webinar** for Vision Blueprint Amendments only  
Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Mike Collins

Tuesday, January 17

Charleston (Council office) – **Q & A Webinar** for Amendments 43 and 44  
Council staff: Chip Collier, John Hadley, Myra Brouwer, Mike Collins

Wednesday, January 18

Key West, Florida – **Listening Station** – Run by Jessica & FWC Staff (Yellowtail actions focus but take comments on all items out for public comment)

Council Members: Jessica McCawley

Council Staff (in Charleston): John Hadley, Amber Von Harten, Mike Collins

Thursday, January 19

Marathon, Florida – **Listening Station** – Run by Jessica & FWC Staff (Yellowtail actions focus but take comments on all items out for public comment)

Council Members: Jessica McCawley

Council Staff (in Charleston): John Hadley, Myra Brouwer, Mike Collins

Monday, January 23

Jacksonville, Florida

Council Members: Ben Hartig (Chair) & Jessica McCawley

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, John Hadley, Gregg Waugh, Kim Iverson, Kimberly Cole,

Tuesday, January 24

Cocoa Beach, Florida

Council Members: Ben Hartig (Chair) & Jessica McCawley

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, John Hadley, Gregg Waugh, Kim Iverson, Kimberly Cole

Wednesday, January 25

Stuart, Florida

Council Members: Ben Hartig (Chair) & Jessica McCawley

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, John Hadley, Kim Iverson, Kimberly Cole

Thursday, January 26

Key Largo, Florida

Council Members: Ben Hartig (Chair) & Jessica McCawley

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, John Hadley, Kim Iverson, Kimberly Cole

Monday, January 30

Murrells Inlet, South Carolina

Council Members: Chris Conklin (Chair) & Mel Bell

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, Amber Von Harten, Kimberly Cole

Tuesday, January 31

Charleston, South Carolina

Council Members: Mel Bell (Chair)

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, Myra Brouwer, Gregg Waugh, Amber Von Harten, Kimberly Cole

Wednesday, February 1

Richmond Hill, Georgia

Council Members: Doug Haymans (Chair), Zack Bowen, Charlie Phillips

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, Kim Iverson, Kimberly Cole

Monday, February 6

Wilmington, North Carolina

Council Members: Michelle Duval (Chair)

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, Amber Von Harten, Kimberly Cole

Tuesday, February 7

Hatteras, North Carolina

Council Members: Michelle Duval (Chair)

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, Amber Von Harten, Kimberly Cole

Wednesday, February 8

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

Council Members: Michelle Duval (Chair)

Council Staff: Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, Amber Von Harten, Kimberly Cole

B. Amendments:

1. Public hearings – Snapper Grouper 44 (Yellowtail)
2. Scoping – Am 43 (Red Snapper and Recreational Reporting)
3. SG Regulatory Amendments 26 & 27 (Vision Blueprint amendments) – scoping webinars but will accept comments at all locations

C. Rooms Needed – (some locations have multiple rooms, others only one) - for staff presentation, questions, and public comments

D. Federal Register Notice by December 19, 2016.

1. Notice sent to NOAA – done 12/16/16.
2. Publish notice – done 12/27/16.

E. Document preparation

1. Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
  - i. Summary documents posted by 1/6/17.
  - ii. Amendments posted by 1/6/17. Done \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 1/6/17. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2017.
3. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net).
4. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.

5. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
  - i. SG 44 (Q&A) – January 17, 2017
  - ii. Rec. Visioning Amendment (Scoping Webinar) – January 12, 2017
  - iii. Com. Visioning Amendment (Scoping Webinar) – January 12, 2017
  - iv. SG 43 (Q&A) – January 17, 2017
- F. Staff attending hearings by location: See above.
- G. Council chairs:
  - NC – Michelle Duval
  - SC -- Mel Bell & Chris Conklin
  - GA – Doug Haymans
  - FL – Ben Hartig

### ***Public Hearings and Scoping - August 2017***

- A. Dates and locations: See table below  
(insert table when available)
2. Staff presentations, questions, and then public comments will be conducted in the same room.
3. Times – all PHs and Scoping for August 2017 begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm.
- B. Amendments:
  4. Public hearings –
  5. Scoping –
- C. Rooms Needed – one room for staff presentation, questions, and public comments
- D. Federal Register Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
  3. Notice sent to NOAA – done \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Publish notice – done \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. Document preparation
  6. Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
    - iv. Summary documents posted by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - v. Amendments posted by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_
    - vi. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  7. Comments due by 5 pm on \_\_\_\_\_.
  8. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net).
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  10. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
- F. Staff attending hearings by location:
- G. Council chairs:
  - NC -
  - SC -
  - GA -
  - FL -

## **XVI. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1<sup>st</sup> full week in March; (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> full week in June; (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September; and (4) 1<sup>st</sup> full week in December.]

- A. March 6-10, 2017 – Jekyll Island, GA  
Westin Jekyll Island  
110 Ocean Way  
**Jekyll Island, GA 31527**  
Phone: Reservations: 888-627-8316 or 912-635-4545/Fax: 912-319-2838
- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: February 17, 2017.
  - Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on February 22, 2017.
  - Hotel cut-off: 2/10/17
- B. June 12-16, 2017 – Ponte Vedra, FL  
Sawgrass Marriott  
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard  
**Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082**  
Phone: Reservations: 1-800-457-4653 or 904-285-7777/Fax: 904-285-0906
- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: May 26, 2017.
  - Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on May 31, 2017.
  - Hotel cut-off: 5/19/17
- E. September 11-15, 2017 - Charleston, SC  
Town & Country Inn  
2008 Savannah Highway  
**Charleston, SC 29407**  
Phone: 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444
- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: August 25, 2017.
  - Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on August 30, 2017.
  - Hotel cut-off: 8/27/17
- F. December 4-8, 2017 – Atlantic Beach, NC  
DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront  
2717 W. Fort Macon Road  
**Atlantic Beach, NC 28512**  
Phone: Reservations: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-222-4065
- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: November 17, 2017.
  - Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on November 27, 2017.
  - Hotel cut-off: 11/3/17
- G. March 5-9, 2018 – \_\_\_\_\_, Jekyll Island, GA  
H. June 11-15, 2018 – \_\_\_\_\_, Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
I. September 17-21, 2018 - \_\_\_\_\_, Charleston, SC  
J. December 3-7, 2018 – \_\_\_\_\_, Kill Devil Hills, NC

**Committee Meeting Schedule** – the following committees will meet in the months indicated on a regular basis; special meetings can be scheduled as needed:

1. SEDAR – June & December
2. SSC Selection – June
3. AP Selection – March & September
4. Law Enforcement – June & December
5. Habitat – June & December
6. I&E – December
7. Executive Finance – every meeting
8. Personnel – December
9. Protected Resources – as needed; status update will be given at full Council when committee does not meet.
10. HMS – as needed

## **XVII.SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND DECEMBER 2016 MEETING**

*Items from the committee reports (Timing & Task motion) from the last Council meeting are inserted here.*

### **A. Snapper Grouper – Myra**

1. Request that the SSC discuss and evaluate the new approach used to estimate natural mortality in SEDAR 41 – will be done at April 2017 SSC meeting due to Dr. Hoenig being on sabbatical.
2. ✓ Develop a discussion paper for modifications to the framework (or a new framework) that would specify criteria for handling re-openings when projected landings are close to the ACL. (Mary Vara is SERO point person for this) Done 2/15/17
3. ✓ Request discard-only projection from SEFSC for red snapper. SEFSC responded that they would not complete the request due to uncertainty in discards and landings. Response 2/15/17
4. ✓ Prepare amendment 41 (mutton snapper) for formal review.
5. ✓ Prepare regulatory amendments 26 & 27 for public scoping (to be conducted in January 2017 via webinar). Done 1/6/17
6. ✓ Request SEFSC briefing on outcome of barotrauma workshops in southeast region for March 2017.
7. ✓ Request that NOAA GC provide update in March 2017 on how other regions have required use of descending devices. Done 2/15/17
8. ✓ Work with SERO staff to determine what the expected reduction in discard mortality would be for red snapper with a possible requirement of descending devices and look at what might be a reasonable range of assumptions regarding compliance, etc. Done 2/15/17
9. ✓ Request that the SEFSC provide projections for golden tilefish at  $p^*$  of 0.4 and 0.45. Done 1/5/17.
10. ✓ Contact black sea bass pot endorsement holders to request input on modifying pots to have 2.25 mesh on either the back panel or the entire pot. Booklet and letter sent 2/6/17
11. ✓ Prepare amendment 43 for public scoping as discussed at December 2016 meeting. Done 1/6/17
12. ✓ Develop public hearing document for SG amendment 44 (yellowtail snapper). Done 1/6/17
13. ✓ Develop white paper for limited entry in the for hire snapper grouper fishery for review by the Council in March 2017 (SAFMC: Kari MacLauchlin; SERO: Karla Gore). Done 2/14/17

### **B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Chip/Roger**

1. Council staff will support FEP II writing team members' development and the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel completion of the draft EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs during their May 2017 meeting. (ongoing)

2. Council staff will, building on FEP II Managed Species Team input, advance development of the South Atlantic Mapping Strategy by facilitating a meeting of SEAMAP Habitat Characterization and Species Assessment Workgroup.
3. Council staff will continue collaboration between SAFMC, SCDNR (SEAMAP/MARMAP) and Ocean Area in planning for a potential in water test of the Submarine AUV in conjunction with a 2017 research cruise. (ongoing, TBD)

***C. Golden Crab – Brian***

1. Develop a coral amendment that would look at alternatives for expanding the northern allowable golden crab fishing zone.

***D. Mackerel/Cobia – Kari***

1. Compile examples of how modified fishing years have been applied for other species.  
Note: this will accompany Amendment 30 (modify Atlantic cobia fishing year), which is postponed until after ASMFC finalizes the interstate cobia plan.

***E. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel-Cobia – Brian and John H.***

1. ✓ Postpone sending Dolphin Wahoo 10 to public hearings in January/February and continue to develop revised document for March 2017 meeting. Done 2/16/17
2. ✓ Prepare yellowtail snapper amendment as modified for public hearings in January 2017 (task also under SG above). Done 1/6/17

***F. Shrimp – Chip***

1. Work on developing alternatives for a rock shrimp allowable fishing area(s).

***G. Law Enforcement - Myra***

None

***H. SEDAR – John Carmichael***

None

***I. SSC Selection – John Carmichael***

None

***J. AP Selection – Kim***

1. Work with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council staff to publicize open seats and solicit applicants for the Council's advisory panels as appropriate. Note: This was completed for the Mackerel Cobia AP and the new Cobia Sub-panel in September 2016 but will be ongoing as seats become available for the Mackerel Cobia and Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panels.
2. ✓ Re-advertise the Commercial seat on the LE AP. Done 1/17/17



3. ✓ Re-advertise the Florida seat for the Cobia Sub-panel. Done 1/17/17
4. ✓ Re-advertise the NGO seat and two open seats on the Mackerel/Cobia AP. Done 1/17/17
5. ✓ Re-advertise the NC open seat on the SG AP. Done 1/17/17
6. Continue to receive input from the Executive Finance Committee relative to the structure of the System Management Plan Advisory Panel.

**K. *Data Collection – John Carmichael***

1. ✓ Modify the FHER Amendment as directed and prepare it for formal review.
2. ✓ Provide the FHER Amendment to the Gulf Council for final approval in January 2017.
3. ✓ Solicit comments from Council members on the proposed SRHS Annual Report by January 9, 2017.

**L. *Protected Resources – Chip***

1. None

**M. *Spiny Lobster – Kari***

1. Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare an options paper for Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 to be presented to the Gulf Council at their January/February 2017 meeting.

**N. *HMS – John H.***

1. ✓ Send letter to HMS outlining the comments and concerns of the council in regards to the preferred alternatives in amendment 5b to the 2006 consolidated Atlantic highly migratory species fishery management plan prior to the close of the public comment period on December 22, 2016. Done 12/19/16.
2. Prepare a report on the number of vessels with a HMS commercial general category permit but not certified as compliant by the U.S. Coast Guard for the safety requirements of a commercial fishing vessel for review by the council at the March 2017 meeting.
3. ✓ Send letter regarding the China-Bahamas agricultural and fisheries initiative to the Bahamas as appropriate. Done 12/12/16.

**O. *Executive/Finance – Gregg/Mike***

1. Provide Legislative Updates to all Council members - ongoing.
2. Continue to work with the SEFSC and ACCSP to have the data available through ACCSP and compliance with PARR - ongoing.
3. ✓ Write an open letter to NOAA outlining the cumulative impact of species-specific estimates of unusually large/small MRIP landings and the impacts on the council process. The intent to include landings and discards and to bring back in December 2016 for review; will be addressed at March 2017 meeting
4. ✓ Provide the preliminary draft 2017 budget to NMFS as an indication of our funding needs for 2017. Done 12/16/16.

5. ✓Prepare a revised draft 2017 budget for the March 2017 meeting.
6. ✓Prepare a revised 2017-2018 priorities list and send to Council. Done 12/15/16
7. ✓Prepare the webinar meeting guidelines for review at the March 2017 meeting.

***P. Citizen Science – Amber/John Carmichael***

1. None.

***Q. Full Council – Gregg***

1. ✓Recommend approval of the SC aquarium's EFP request to the regional administrator; send letter to NMFS. Done 2/9/17.
2. ✓Request that SEFSC provide presentation on SA action plan at March 2017 meeting to allow Council to develop comments
3. ✓Obtain clarification of how enforcement deals with off-loading fish after a fishery officially closes. Myra checked with the LE AP and got preliminary information. This item has been scheduled for discussion at the next LE AP meeting to get more complete guidance.

## **XIX. March 6-10, 2017 – Jekyll Island, GA – Draft**

Westin Jekyll Island  
110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Phone: Reservations: 888-627-8316 or 912-635-4545/Fax: 912-319-2838

ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (2/13/17 @ NOON).

1. FIRST MEMO – 1/10/17 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
2. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 2/10/17 @ 5 pm local time.
3. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO CHIP BY 2/14/17 AT NOON.
4. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/15/17 AT 5 PM
5. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME BY NOON 2/16/17
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8. SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 3/20/17
9. TECH STAFF CONDUCTS REVIEW OF SUMMARY MOTIONS TO UPDATE WEBSITE BY 3/27/17.

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- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.

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Specific needs:

- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.
- Climate Science Action Plan - SEFSC

### **A. AP Selection Committee (**CLOSED**) (Kim) (TAB 1) – Monday 8:30 am – 10:00 am**

(1) Review applications and make recommendations

### **B. SEDAR Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 2) – Monday 10:00 am – 11:00 am**

(1) SEDAR Projects Update

- a. Vermilion Snapper Participant and TOR request
- b. Ongoing projects status

(2) Long Term Assessment Priorities

- a. Review NMFS Prioritization Tool application

- (3) SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance
  - a. 2020 preliminary assessment priorities
  - b. Research Track process

**C. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 3) – Monday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**

- (1) Update from SERO
- (2) Update on Atlantic Sturgeon ASMFC Stock Assessment
- (3) Update from FWS (red knot)

**Monday Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**D. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 4) – Monday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**

- (1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4
  - a. Committee review and provide direction to staff

**E. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 5) - Monday 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

- (1) Review FEP II Sections
- (2) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (3) South Atlantic Regional Climate Action Plan - SEFSC
- (4) Council Actions on Habitat as Necessary

**F. Dolphin Wahoo Committee (John Hadley) (TAB 6) - Tuesday 8:30 am – 11:00 am**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas – NMFS SERO
- (2) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Definition of OY/quota sharing/operator card requirement/allowable gears)
  - a. Overview of the amendment – John Hadley
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith

**H. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 7) – Tuesday morning 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**

**Tuesday Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**H. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 7) – Tuesday afternoon 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm & Wednesday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm**

- (1) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
  - a. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
  - b. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - c. Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
  - d. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
- (2) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Guidance on re-openings when landings are close to the ACL – Myra
- (4) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational
  - a. Review of Public Scoping comments – Myra

- b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- (5) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial
  - a. Review of Public Scoping comments – Myra
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper & Recreational Reporting)
  - a. Overview of discards-only projections – NMFS SEFSC
  - b. Overview of discard mortality literature review – Chip
  - c. Overview of southeast barotrauma workshops – NMFS SEFSC
  - d. Review of Public Scoping comments – Chip
  - e. Overview of Options Paper – Chip
  - f. Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Yellowtail Snapper)
  - a. Review of Public Hearing comments – John Hadley
  - b. Overview of Decision Document – John Hadley
  - c. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 45 (Golden Tilefish)
  - a. Projection results – SEFSC
  - b. Committee discussion and direction to staff on guidance to SSC on phase-in of ACL
- (9) White Paper on Snapper Grouper For-Hire Limited Entry
  - a. Review white paper – Kari MacLauchlin
  - b. Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval

**Wednesday Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**Public Comments – Wednesday beginning at 4:30 pm**

**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) CMP Amendment 29
- (2) Gulf Council's For-Hire Amendment

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) ?

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

**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.**

**I. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Kari) (TAB 8) – Thursday 8:00 am – 9:00 am**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Framework Amendments 4 (Atlantic Cobia) & Framework Amendment 5 (permit

restrictions)/CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – status of review

(3) Report from Gulf Council January/February 2017 meeting – Kari/ Mark Brown

(4) CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations)

a. Overview of amendment – Kari

b. Committee review document, select preferred alternatives, and approve for formal review – Ben Hartig

(5) ASMFC Updates on Interstate Cobia Plan – Louis Daniel/Bob Beal

(6) Atlantic Cobia 2017 Recreational Fishing Season

a. 2017 Recreational Fishing Season for Federal Waters – SERO

b. State regulations and management for 2017

(7) Items for Mackerel Cobia AP spring meeting – guidance for agenda items and direction for inclusion of cobia sub-panel

**J. Citizen Science Committee (Amber/John Carmichael) (TAB 9) – Thursday 9:00 am – 10:00 am**

(1) Program Update – Amber

a. Review of Draft SAFMC Citizen Science Program – year 1 plan of work

b. Program Development Discussion – Transition Team

(2) Research priorities to include in SA research plan – John Carmichael

(3) Committee review and action as necessary – Chris Conklin

**K. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 10) – Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon**

(1) Report from CCC Meeting (Feb 27-March 1, 2017)

(2) Final CY 2016 Expenditures and Draft CY 2017 Budget – approve budget if numbers available

(3) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Chip/Gregg

(4) System Management Plan AP

(5) Standards and Procedures for Webinar Meetings

(6) Council Meeting Materials Discussion – How well are these meeting Council member's needs?

a. Structure of Council Documents

b. Committee Overviews – paper & presentation

c. Scoping & Public Hearing Summaries

d. Others?

**Thursday Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**L. Council Session (TAB 11) – Thursday afternoon 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm & Friday 8:00 am – 12 noon**

Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes

**I. Awards/Recognition**

1. ?

## **II. Committee Reports & Other Items**

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

- A. Council Staff Reports (as needed) – ACTION as necessary
  - (a) Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 11, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
  - (b) Status of SAFMC/ACCSP For-Hire Electronic Logbook Pilot Project (**TAB 11, Attachment 2**) – Dr. Mike Errigo
  - (c) Gulf Council’s For-Hire Amendment & Codified Text (**TAB 11, Attachment 3**)
    - i. Overview – John Carmichael
    - ii. Approval for Formal Review – Dr. Michelle Duval
- B. NMFS SEFSC Presentations
  - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs (**TAB 11, Attachment 4**) – ACTION
- C. NMFS SERO Presentations – ACTION as necessary
  - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs (**TAB 11, Attachments 5 & 6**)
  - (b) SBRM Final Rule (**TAB 11, Attachment 7**)
  - (c) Status of For-Hire Amendment
  - (d) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (**TAB 11, Attachment 8**) – ACTION
- D. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- E. Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- F. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- H. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- I. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- J. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- K. Habitat Protection & Ecosystem Based Management Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- L. Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- M. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 10) – ACTION
- N. Agency & Liaison Reports
- O. Other Business
- P. Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 11, Attachment 9**)
- Q. Adjourn

## XX. June 12-16, 2017 – Ponte Vedra, FL – Very Rough Draft

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ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (2/13/17 @ NOON).

1. FIRST MEMO – 4/19/17 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
2. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 5/19/17 @ 5 pm local time.
3. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO CHIP BY 2/14/17 AT NOON.
4. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/15/17 AT 5 PM
5. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME BY NOON 2/16/17
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Done \_\_\_\_\_.

- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.

Gregg – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below**. Memo by 4/28/17. Done \_\_\_\_\_

Specific needs:

- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.
- Climate Science Action Plan - SEFSC

### A. AP Selection Committee (**CLOSED**) (Kim) (TAB 1) – Monday 1-1.5 hours

(1) Review applications and make recommendations

### B. SSC Selection Committee (**CLOSED**) (John) (TAB 2) – Monday 1 hour

(1) Review applications and make recommendations

### C. SEDAR Committee (**PARTIALLY CLOSED**) (John Carmichael) (TAB 3) – Monday 1 hour

(1) Appointments ? – **CLOSED**

(2) SEDAR Projects Update

**Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**



**D. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 4) – Monday 2 hours**

- (1) AP Report

**E. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 5) – Monday 1 hour**

- (1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4
  - a. Committee review and provide direction to staff
  - b. Approve for formal review????

**F. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 5) - Monday 2.5-3 hrs**

- (1) Review FEP II Sections & Approve FEP II??
- (2) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (3) Council Actions on Habitat

**G. Dolphin Wahoo Committee (John Hadley) (TAB 6) - Tuesday 2 hrs**

- (1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Defining OY, multigear trips, quota sharing, control rule)
  - a. Review updated draft amendment document- John Hadley
  - b. Committee review and action as necessary- Anna Beckwith

**H. HMS Committee (John Hadley) (TAB 7) –Tuesday 1 hr**

- (1) Review white paper on HMS general category permit holders' compliance with USCG commercial vessel safety requirements -- John Hadley
- (2) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff- Anna Beckwith

**Lunch 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**I. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 8) – Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
  - a. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
  - b. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - c. Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
  - d. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
- (3) Stamp Programs presentation(s)
- (4) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
  - a. Overview – Myra
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff; approve for public hearings? – Michelle Duval
- (5) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
  - a. Overview – Myra
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff; approve for public hearings? – Michelle Duval
- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
  - a. Overview – Chip

- b. Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Yellowtail Snapper)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
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- (8) White Paper on Snapper Grouper For-Hire Limited Entry
  - c. Review white paper – Kari MacLauchlin
  - d. Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval

**Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

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**Approval for Formal Review:**

(1) ?

**Approval for Scoping:**

(2) ?

**Approval for Public Hearings (in-person):**

(2) ?

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**J. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Kari) (TAB 9) – Thursday morning 1 hour**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Status of Amendment under Review
  - a. Framework Amendments 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
  - b. Framework Amendment 5 (permit restrictions)
  - c. CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures)
  - d. CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations)
- (4) ASMFC Updates on Interstate Cobia Plan – Louis Daniel/Bob Beal
- (5) Report from Mackerel Cobia AP spring meeting – guidance for agenda items and direction for inclusion of cobia sub-panel
- (6) Cobia 2017 Season – federal opening? and state reports

**K. Citizen Science Committee (Amber/John Carmichael) (TAB 10) – 1 hour**

- 1) Program Update – Amber
- 2) Research priorities to include in SA research plan – John Carmichael
- 3) Committee review and action as necessary – Chris Conklin

**Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**M. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 11) – 2 hrs**

- (1) Bycatch Amendment
  - a. Status of work from NMFS
  - b. Final Rule, SBRM
  - c. Bycatch Amendment – direction to staff
- (2) Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
  - a. Progress Report – Bonnie Ponwith
  - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell
- (3) Status of SAFMC/ACCSP Pilot
  - a. Overview – Mike Errigo
  - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell

**N. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 12) – 2 hrs**

- (1) Draft CY 2017 Budget – approved budget if not done in March
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian
- (3) Standards and Procedures for Webinar Meetings – if not done in March
- (4) Council Meeting Materials Discussion – How well meeting Council member's needs?
  - a. Structure of Council Documents
  - b. Committee Overviews – paper & presentation
  - c. Scoping & Public Hearing Summaries
  - d. Others?

**Q. Council Session (TAB 13) – Thursday afternoon (if get ahead in schedule) & Friday 8:30 am – 1 pm**

**I. Presentations**

- 1. ?

**II. Committee Reports & Other Items**

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

- A. Staff Reports
  - a. Executive Director's Report
  - b. Status of SAFMC/ACCSP For-Hire Electronic Logbook Pilot Project
- B. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on \_\_\_\_\_ for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - a. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
  - b. Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
  - c. SBRM Final Rule
  - d. Status of For-Hire Amendment
  - e. (e) Other issues?
- C. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on \_\_\_\_\_ for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - a. Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
- D. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

- E. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- F. Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- G. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- H. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- I. Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- J. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
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- L. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- M. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- N. Habitat Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- O. Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- P. Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
- Q. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB xx) – ACTION
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- S. Other Business
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- U. Adjourn