



**VERSION #4**  
**SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS**  
**SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES**

**ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING**

**TIMING:**

√SAFMC Draft by: 9/21/10. Done 9/21/10.

√Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 9/30/10. Done 9/22/10.

√Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 10/20/10.

SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 9/29/10.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 10/20/10. 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 by \_\_\_\_/10. Done 10/25/10.

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## **I. SNAPPER GROUPER**

### **1. Amendment 13A (*Oculina Experimental Closed Area*) - Anna**

A. Develop an Evaluation Plan for the Experimental Closed Area with needed research and monitoring studies and an enforcement/outreach program - to be completed within 1 year of implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A. Work with Information & Education, Law Enforcement, Habitat, Coral and Snapper Grouper APs.

- 1) **On-Going Monitoring** – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports prior to each Council meeting. A report coordinated by Kim (Outreach) and Myra (Research and Monitoring) will be due to Gregg for each Briefing Book deadline.
  - a. Committee &/or Council review and potential action for follow-up at each Council meeting.
  - b. Distribute results of review to Evaluation Team, SSC, and APs.
  - c. Council staff to follow-up with actions as necessary after each meeting.
- 2) ✓ Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 2/2/10 for March 2010 meeting.
- 3) ✓ Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 5/11/10 for June 2010 meeting.
- 4) ✓ Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 8/17/10 for September 2010 meeting.
- 5) Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 11/9/10 for December 2010 meeting.
- 6) Add *Oculina* LE to website with links to GC cases, press releases, VHF channel to report violations, etc. in report. (Kim). Done \_\_\_\_\_. Reports continue to be posted as they are received.

### **2. Amendment 17 (*ACLs & AMs for Overfishing Species*) – Myra**

TEAM LEADS: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead)/Kate Michie and Jack McGovern (NMFS Co-Leads).

**Team Members: (Note: Some changes have been made to teams for 17A and 17B – see those items for current team members.)**

- ✓a. SAFMC Team: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH); Kate Quigley (Economics, commercial impacts); and John Carmichael.
- ✓b. NMFS Team: Jack McGovern (NMFS co-lead), Kate Michie (NMFS co-lead), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore (NMFS), Nik Mehta (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS, PR), David Keys (NEPA), Palma Ingles (NMFS Anthropologist), Jim Waters and Eric Williams (SEFSC), Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational info), John Vondruska (NMFS economist, commercial description of the fishery), and Andy Strelcheck & Nick Farmer (NMFS, LAPP and Statistical Branch).
- ✓c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- ✓d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez

Amendment 17 will include the following actions:

- Update FMP management objectives.
- Specify Annual Catch Limits (ACL), Annual Catch Targets (ACT), and Accountability Measures (AM) for 10 species undergoing overfishing.

- Modify management measures as needed to limit total mortality to the ACL or ACT.
- Specify status determination criteria for red snapper.
- Specify a rebuilding plan for red snapper.
- Update the framework procedure for specifying TAC ->ACL/ACT.

## 2008 Activities:

### A. Scoping information

- √(1) Revise document and approve for scoping – December 3-7, 2007 meeting.
- √(2) NOI
  - √(i) Rick to draft by 12/13/07.
  - √(ii) NMFS to review, revise and publish in FR by \_\_\_\_\_. NOI published on 1/22/08.
- √(3) Scope in February 2008 (along with Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 Scoping; Comprehensive Allocation Amendment Scoping; and Mackerel Amendment 18 Scoping. Note: The Council took all these items to scoping at the same time given the interactive and cumulative impacts.)
  - i. √(i) NOI for all items – Rick provided draft material to SERO; reviewed notices on 1/9/08.
  - ii. √(ii) Meeting locations – Cindy; done 1/9/08

[Scoping meeting hours all run 2 – 5 pm & 6 – 8 pm]

<b><u>Monday, February 4, 2008</u></b> The Mutiny Hotel 2951 South Bayshore Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 Phone: 305-441-2100	<b><u>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</u></b> Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920 Phone: 321-784-0000
<b><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2008</u></b> Quality Inn 125 Venure Drive Brunswick, Georgia 31525 Phone: 912-265-4600	<b><u>Thursday, February 7, 2008</u></b> Sheraton New Bern 100 Middle Street New Bern, North Carolina 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585
<b><u>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</u></b> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331	

- iii. √(iii) Federal Register Notice – Kim; done 1/9/08.
- iv. √(iv) Scoping Documents
- v. √(v) Staff presentations
- vi. √(vi) Transcribe scoping comments asap for inclusion in 2<sup>nd</sup> briefing book on February 25, 2008.
- √(4) At the June 2008 meeting, the Council revised the list of items to be included in Amendment 17 as follows: [Note: the list of items was further modified at the December 2008 and March 2009 meetings.]

- i. Specify Annual Catch Limits (ACL), Annual Catch Targets (ACT), and Accountability Measures (AM) for species undergoing overfishing (black sea bass, gag, golden tilefish, red snapper, snowy grouper, vermilion snapper, black grouper, red grouper, speckled hind, and warsaw grouper);
  - ii. Extend the range of the snapper grouper fishery management plan north through the Mid-Atlantic Council's area of authority. This would not apply to black sea bass, scup, and golden tilefish since they are covered by separate FMPs in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic;
  - iii. [Note: The following item is being addressed in SG Amendment 18.] Promote fair and equitable regulations in the commercial fishery for snowy grouper by establishing regional quotas for the commercial snowy grouper fishery; and
  - iv. Implement regulations so that future harvest achieves ACT (e.g., reduce fishing mortality in the deepwater, recreational fishery).
- B. ✓Committee/Council review options at March 3-7, 2008 meeting.
- C. ✓Revised alternatives based on Council actions sent to Team by Rick/Kate M./Jack. Done 3/24/08.
- D. ✓Staff/Team revise document and have ready – by May 9, 2008.
- E. ✓Committee/Council review options at June 9-13, 2008 meeting.
- F. ✓Kate M./Jack/Rick send Options Paper with list of actions/alternatives to Team by July 15, 2008. Done 7/15/08.
- G. ✓Team conference call to discuss alternatives, work plan, and timing – July 17, 2008 (11 am).
- H. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Jack/Rick by August 14, 2008 (noon)
- I. ✓Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 19, 2008 (noon)
- J. ✓Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during September 15-19, 2008 Council meeting.
- K. ✓Kate M./Jack/Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting) to team by September 25<sup>th</sup> COB.
- L. ✓Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – September 29, 2008, 2 pm.
- M. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Jack/Rick by November 4, 2008 (noon):
- N. ✓Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by October 15, 2008 (noon).
- O. ✓Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by November 4, 2008 (noon).
- P. ✓Kate Q. to provide commercial economic write-up by November 4, 2008 (noon).
- Q. ✓Kate Q. to complete social analyses by November 4, 2008 (noon).
- R. ✓Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by November 7, 2008 (noon)
- S. ✓Committee/Council approve Amendment 17/DEIS for public hearings – November 30 - December 5, 2008 meeting. SSC reviews at November 30 – December 3, meeting.

**At the December 2008 meeting, the Council split Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 into Amendments 17 and 18. Amendment 18 will go to scoping in January/February 2009. The Council revised the alternatives and ACL/ACT approach considerably. The amendment was not approved for public hearing.**

- T. ✓Council staff to send the options paper to the Team by December 12, 2008. Determine the need for a conference call. A status update with the items being included was sent to the TEAM on 12/19/08.

**2009 Activities:**

A revised options paper was sent to the TEAM 1/16/09. Team to continue working on Amendment 17: Reduction in total removals of red snapper with complete closure considering actions in Amendment 16, ability to avoid red snapper, etc.; effectiveness of previous management measures in reducing harvest; analysis of no action alternatives for ACLs; analysis of alternatives for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; update purpose and need; etc.

- A. ✓Committee and Council will work on Amendment 17 options at March and June 2009 meetings and will have a more complete document at the June and September 2009 meeting.
- B. ✓Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during March 2009 Council meeting.
- C. ✓Kate M./Jack/Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 16<sup>th</sup> COB.
- D. ✓Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10 am.
  - a. Following this call, there will be a sub-group call to finalize estimates for how Amendment 16 regulations impact red snapper, how the deepwater species prohibition affects trips/catches, discuss set-aside research program, etc.
  - b. Economist conference call on March 23, 2009.
- E. ✓Red snapper projections from Science Center – by April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009
- F. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Jack/Rick by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 (noon):
- G. ✓Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- H. ✓Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
- I. ✓Kate to provide commercial economic write-up by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
- J. ✓Palma to complete social analyses by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).

- K. ✓Roger to provide updated map products for closure alternatives and allowable golden tilefish fishing area (include artificial reef sites, show depth in feet, fathoms, and meters, have map that focuses in on closed area) by May 8, 2009.
- L. ✓Subgroup working on reductions from previous regulations, changes in fishermen's behavior, etc. – complete report/analyses by May 8, 2009.
- M. ✓Description of monitoring program for red snapper (including headboat research set-aside) by SEFSC – complete by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- N. ✓Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
- O. ✓Committee/Council review Amendment 17/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team – June 2009 meeting.
  - a. SSC reviews at June 2009 meeting.
- P. Committee/Council approve Amendment 17/DEIS for public hearings – September 2009 meeting.

~~**TIMING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2009 COUNCIL MEETING**~~

- Q. Public Hearing Draft Amendment 17/DEIS (and associated documents – e.g., public hearing summary and hearing chair statement).
  - 1) SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions at the September 2009 meeting and sends revised document to TEAM & Perry Allen – \_\_\_\_/09. Done \_\_\_\_.
  - 2) Jim Waters re-runs the model and provides results to Tony Lamberte/Kate Quigley if necessary – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3) TEAM submits revised sections to Rick Devictor, including all revised economic analyses from Tony – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) SAFMC Staff or contractor to provide social analyses (SERO cannot provide).
  - 5) Rick revises DEIS/Amendment and sends to Kate and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 6) NMFS files DEIS with EPA – by \_\_\_\_\_. Note: DEIS needs to be published by \_\_\_\_\_ – comment period must end before December 2009 meeting. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 7) Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 8) Comment period to end on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 9) NMFS SERO distributes to list in Amendment; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 10) NMFS SERO keeps track of those who comment so they can be sent the FEIS; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 11) NMFS SERO compiles DEIS comments and drafts proposed responses; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 12) Compile all written and public hearing comments – by \_\_\_\_\_.



- R. Public Hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 17/DEIS: The following locations are proposed for Council consideration; target dates are weeks of November 2-6, 2009 and November 9-13, 2009; dates and locations will be finalized at the September 2009 Council meeting:
- 1) \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Charleston, SC (?Hilton Garden Inn).
  - 2) \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in New Bern, NC (?Bridge Pointe Hotel).
  - 3) \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (?Key Largo Grande).
  - 4) \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (?Doubletree Hotel).
  - 5) \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Pooler, GA (?Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
- S. Structure of hearings; Staff on location from 3-7 pm to present proposed actions and to answer questions; Council member to take public comments:
- 1) Video all hearings/stream live on web. Send video to Council members along with briefing book.
  - 2) Distribute audio files as hearings are held; summary included in briefing book.
  - 3) Hearing chair statement for Amendment 17 ready by - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4) Staff presentation ready by - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5) Federal Register notice (Kim) by - \_\_\_\_\_.
- T. Public Hearing Locations: **All Hearings run from 3-7 pm; see list of locations for Amendment 17.**
- U. NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by \_\_\_\_\_.
- V. Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Completed prior to the \_\_\_\_\_ Council meeting.
- W. Review informal & public hearing comments and DEIS comments and approves for formal review – \_\_\_\_\_ Council meeting.
- X. Amendment 17/FEIS completion:
- i. TEAM finalizes document (including revisions to FEIS and proposed rule from Perry Allen) – by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ii. Council staff finalizes document if necessary by \_\_\_\_\_.
- Y. Final Council review at \_\_\_\_\_ meeting if necessary.
- Z. Council staff finalizes document if necessary.
- AA. Council sends Amendment 17 to Secretary of Commerce by \_\_\_\_\_.
- BB. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- CC. Notice of Availability published \_\_\_\_\_.
- 1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/09.
  - 2) Send to SG AP & SSC

- 3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
- 4) Proposed rule should also be distributed for comment.
- 5) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) Final Rule approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

**NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2009 MEETING THE COUNCIL SPLIT AMENDMENT 17 INTO 17A (RED SNAPPER) AND 17B (REMAINING SPECIES).**

### **3. *Amendment 17A (Rebuilding, ACLs & AMs for Red Snapper) – Myra***

#### **Team Members:**

- √a. SAFMC Team: Rick DeVitor (SAFMC Lead); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH); Kate Quigley (Economics, commercial impacts); and John Carmichael.
  - √b. NMFS Team: Kate Michie (NMFS lead), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore (NMFS), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS), Jack McGovern (NMFS), Mandy Frick (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS, PR), David Keys (NEPA), Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist), Jim Waters and Erik Williams (SEFSC), Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational info), John Vondruska (NMFS economist, commercial description of the fishery), and Andy Strelcheck & Nick Farmer (NMFS, LAPP and Statistical Branch).
  - √c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
  - √d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez
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- √A. Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during June 2009 Council meeting.
  - √B. Kate/ Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16<sup>th</sup> COB.
  - √C. Kate/ Rick send latest version of alternatives (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by June 22<sup>nd</sup> COB
  - √D. Kate/Jack/Rick send latest version of Amendments 17A to Team by June 24<sup>th</sup> COB.
  - √E. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10 am.
  - √F. Team material for AP meeting due to Kate/ Rick by July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon):
  - √G. Amendment 17A mailed to AP with briefing material on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
  - √H. Team material due to Kate/ Rick by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon):
    - (1) Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
    - (2) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).

- (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (4) Stephen to complete social analyses by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (5) Subgroup working on reductions from previous regulations, changes in fishermen's behavior, etc. – complete analyses by July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Andy Strelcheck said that he will be providing 5 final reports (HB, commercial, MRFSS, another HB, and the cumulative reductions) by the July 13th date (possibly earlier).
  - (6) Description of independent monitoring program and other snapper grouper stocks that will provide information following extensive area closures and possession prohibitions (Carmichael and Williams to lead) – complete by July 22<sup>nd</sup>. This is being done by a workgroup being set up by Bonnie Ponwith at Science Center. The workgroup will include Erik Williams, John Carmichael, and others. It is being done independent of Amendment 17A. The Council needs to discuss whether or not establishing a fishery-independent monitoring program should be an action in Amendment 17A.
- √I. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - √J. Committee/Council review Amendment 17A/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team and approves for public hearing – September 2009 meeting.
  - √K. Committee/Council approve Amendment 17A/DEIS for public hearings – September 2009 meeting.
  - ~~NEED TO ADD MISSING 2009 ACTIVITIES??~~
  - √L. Send committee reports with motions to 17A Team – 09/22/09
  - √M. Team Conference Call - 09/24/09
  - √N. Sections from Team due for inclusion in Public Hearing Draft – 10/21/09 COB
  - √O. Public hearings – 11/2/09 – 11/16/09
  - √P. Team Sections due for inclusion in Briefing Book - 11/25/09 COB
  - √Q. December Council meeting – 12/7/09 – 12/11/09
  - √R. Send committee reports and with motions to 17A Team – by 12/17/09
  - √S. Team Conference Call – 12/17/09
  - √T. Council staff to develop maps and coordinates for 4 closure alternatives added at the December 2009 Council meeting – by 12/18/09
  - √U. SERO draft and send letter to SEFSC requesting rebuilding projections using  $F_{30\%SPR}$  proxy and “very high” recruitment for the following rebuilding scenarios:  $F=F_{MSY}$ ,  $F65\%F_{MSY}$ ,  $F75\%F_{MSY}$ ,  $F85\%F_{MSY}$ ,  $F_{REBUILD}$  – by 12/18/09

√V. SAFMC draft and send letter from SAFMC to SEFSC requesting SEFSC to provide both fishery dependent and fishery independent monitoring plans – by 12/23/09  
E-mail sent

**2010 Activities: Need to revise timeline to allow for PPI review.**

√A. Team Sections due to Team Leads - by Feb. 1st Noon

√B. Team Leads Revise Amendment/DEIS - Feb 1st and 2nd

√C. GC (Monica) and NMFS NEPA (David Keys) review Feb 3-5

√D. SERO Amendment/DEIS for PPI (NOAA NEPA) Review - by Feb. 5th COB PPI gets 10 days

√E. PPI Comments Requested by: Feb. 16th

√F. SERO sends Amendment/DEIS to EPA for filing - by Feb 16<sup>th</sup>

√G. DEIS files - Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> Done Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>

√H. DEIS publishes - Feb. 26 Done March 5<sup>th</sup>

√I. Council Meeting - March 1 – 5, 2010. Council review alternatives and provide direction to staff/team.

√J. Kate M./Rick send Council motions (when they become available) and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 9<sup>th</sup> COB.

√K. Kate M./Rick make latest version available (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting) to the Team by March 22<sup>nd</sup> COB.

L. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing –  
TBD. A CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE HELD UNLESS THE IPT FEELS ONE IS NECESSARY.

√M. Summary for Amendment 17A

- (1) Rick sends to NMFS staff & comments back by \_\_\_\_\_
- (2) Rick sends to SAFMC staff 3/31 and comments back by 4/15

√N. DEIS Comment period ends April 19<sup>th</sup> 2010.

- (1) √Request for Science Center review sent. Done 2/25/10
- (2) √CZMA letters sent. Done 3/19/10
- (3) √PPI concurrence on DEIS. Done 2/23/10
- (4) √Dear reviewer letters sent out. Done 3/4/10

√O. Team comments are due on the amendment/DEIS by April 19<sup>th</sup> COB. Note: These comments will be on the version that was sent on March 19<sup>th</sup>. There will likely be changes to the amendment once team material is received by the May 5<sup>th</sup> deadline. Team leads will make all additional material received available to the entire team. Comments on the additional material must be received on May 7<sup>th</sup> COB. These comments must be limited to the new material.

√P. Draft proposed rule to Kate M./Jack by April 19<sup>th</sup> COB. Kate and Rick distribute to appropriate NMFS/NOAA GC/SAFMC staff for comment. Comments are due to Anik by April 29<sup>th</sup> (Noon) and a revised version will be included in the first briefing book. Note: The entire proposed rule won't be ready until after final action has been taken; just the codified text will be ready for deeming at the June meeting.

√Q. Team material, including draft responses to DEIS comments, due to Kate M./Rick by May 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 (noon).

√R. Rick revises Amendment 17A and provides revised Amendment including draft response to DEIS comments to SAFMC staff for review on May 10<sup>th</sup> noon.

(1) Comments to Rick by May 13<sup>th</sup> COB.

(2) Rick revises amendment document by May 17<sup>th</sup> COB

√S. Briefing book material to Gregg Waugh by May 11<sup>th</sup> COB.

√T. First briefing book mailed May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

√U. Council meeting: June 7-11, 2010 in Orlando, FL. Council to review DEIS comments, responses to comments, and approve for formal review by the Secretary of Commerce.

V. √Send document to NMFS – by June 29<sup>th</sup> 2010.

√1. Science Center Certification Request sent 7/20/10.

√2. Science Center Certification received 7/22.

√3. Section 7 determination completed 7/12.

√4. EFH consultation completed 7/1.

√6. Interested parties letters sent out NA.

√7. FEIS Submitted to PPI for preliminary review 2/23/10.

√8. FEIS Submitted to PPI for final clearance 7/23/10.

√9. Issues Advisory cleared in HQ 7/16.

√10. PRA package sent to HQ for review by OMB NA.

√W. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as 7/29/10.

X. Notice of Availability of Amendment 17A published 7/29/10.

(1) √Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on 9/27/10.

(2) √Send to Council, SG AP & SSC\_\_\_\_\_.

(3) √Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website\_\_\_\_\_.

(4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

√Y. Proposed Rule published 8/13/10.

√(1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC 8/13/10.

√(2) Comments due by 9/27/10.

√(3) PRA completed (OMB cleared) NA.

√(4) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website 8/13.

Z. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.

(1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC \_\_\_\_\_.

Action	Date
√CZMA letters sent out	March 19, 2010
√Council approves 17A for review by Secretary	Week of June 7, 2010 Done June 9
√Team sections due to team leads	June 29, 2010 Done July 1
√Send to PPI for informal review	July 1, 2010 Ask for expedited review
√Send to Council for Final Review	July 1, 2010
√Send to PPI for Final Clearance	July 9, 2010 Ask for expedited review, need dear reviewer letters signed by July 14 <sup>th</sup> .
√Send to SAFMC Chairman for deeming	Done July 15, 2010
√Chairman deems amendment/PR	Done July 19, 2010
√Receive formal submission of FEIS from Council	July 12, 2010 Done July 20
√Send NOA/Proposed rule package to HQ	July 14, 2010
√File FEIS	July 16, 2010 with a 30 day EPA review period
√EPA publishes NOA/Send out Dear reviewer letters	July 23, 2010. Dear Reviewer letter dated July 28, 2010.
√Publish the MSA NOA	July 26, 2010 with 60 day comment period. Done July 29, 2010.
√Publish proposed rule	Aug 2, 2010 (typically 2 weeks after the NOA publishes) 45 day comment period. Done August 13, 2010.
√Proposed rule comment period ends	Sept. 27, 2010. Unless there is an extension
√NOA comment period ends	Sept. 27, 2010
√30 days to respond to PR/NOA comments	Oct. 23, 2010
Decision Day for Approval/Partial/Disapproval 90 days after MSA NOA publishes	Oct. 27, 2010
Publish final rule	Nov. 1, 2010 with 30 day cooling off period
Rule becomes effective	Dec. 1, 2010

#### **4. Amendment 17B (ACLs & AMs for Remaining Overfishing Species) – Myra**

##### **Team Members:**

- √a. SAFMC Team: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH); Kate Quigley (Economics, commercial impacts); and John Carmichael.
- √b. NMFS Team: Kate Michie (NMFS lead), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore (NMFS), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS), Jack McGovern (NMFS), Mandy Frick (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS, PR), David Keys (NEPA), Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist), Jim Waters and Erik Williams (SEFSC), Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational info), John Vondruska (NMFS economist, commercial description of the fishery), and Andy Strelcheck & Nick Farmer (NMFS, LAPP and Statistical Branch).
- √c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- √d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez

- √A. Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during June 2009 Council meeting.
- √B. Kate/ Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16<sup>th</sup> COB.
- √C. Kate/ Rick send latest version of alternatives (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by June 22<sup>nd</sup> COB
- √D. Kate/ Rick send latest version of Amendments 17B to Team by June 24<sup>th</sup> COB.
- √E. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – June 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10 am.
- √F. Team material for AP meeting due to Kate/ Rick by July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
- √G. Amendment 17A mailed to AP with briefing material on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- √H. Team material due to Kate/ Rick by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (1) Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (2) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (4) Stephen to complete social analyses by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
- √I. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
- √J. Committee/Council review Amendment 17B/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team and approves for public hearing – September 2009 meeting.

√K. Committee/Council approve Amendment 17B/DEIS for public hearings – September 2009 meeting.

NEED TO ADD MISSING 2009 ACTIVITIES??

√L. Send committee reports with motions to 17B Team – 09/22/09

√M. Team Conference Call - 09/24/09

√N. Sections from Team due for inclusion in Public Hearing Draft – 10/21/09 COB

√O. Public hearings – 11/2/09 – 11/16/09

√P. Team Sections due for inclusion in Briefing Book - 11/25/09 COB

√Q. December Council meeting – 12/7/09 – 12/11/09

√R. Send committee reports and with motions to 17B Team – by 12/17/09

√S. Council approves Amendment 17B for Secretarial review and deems proposed rule. Done at December 2009 Council meeting.

**2010 Activities:**

√A. Team Conference Call – 1/13/09. Taken care of in e-mail dated December 18, 2009

√B. Team EDITORIAL COMMENTS due to Council staff by January 11, 2010 COB.

- (3) √NMFS sends comments to Council staff – 2/10/10. Done 2/10/10.
- (4) √SAFMC staff reviews – 2/11-16/10. Done 3/25/10.
- (5) √SAFMC staff makes all necessary changes – 2/17-19/10. Done 3/25/10.
- (6) √SAFMC staff send Amendment & Propose Rule to Chairman for review – 2/19/10. Done 3/25/10.
- (7) √Chairman reviews documents – 2/22-25/10. Done 3/26/29/10.
- (8) √SAFMC staff makes necessary changes – 2/26/10. Done 3/29/10.
- (9) √SAFMC sends package for formal review – 2/26/10. Done 3/30/10.

√C. Council staff presents any changes to the Amendment and Proposed Rule from the December briefing book version to the Council Chairman. Chairman deems the Amendment and Proposed Rule. Done 3/26-29/10.

√D. Council staff sends final Amendment 17B and proposed rule to SERO for formal review by SOC. Complete by February 25, 2010. Done 3/30/10.

1. √Science Center Certification Request sent. Done 4/6/10
2. √Science Center Certification received. Done 5/19/10
3. √Section 7 determination completed. Done 2/2/10
4. √EFH consultation completed. Done 1/15/10



- √5. CZMA letters sent out. Done 4/8/10.
- √6. Interested parties letters sent out. Done 9/22/10.
- 7. √Submitted to PPI for preliminary review. Done 4/5/10
- √8. Submitted to PPI for final clearance. Done 9/16/10.
- 9. √Issues Advisory cleared in HQ. Done 3/29/10
  
- √E. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as 9/16/10.
  
- F. √Notice of Availability of Amendment 17B published September 22, 2010.
  - (1) √Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on November 22, 2010.
  - (2) √Send to Council, SG AP & SSC 9/23/10.
  - (3) √Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website 9/22/10.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- G. √Proposed Rule published 10/12/10.
  - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC\_\_\_\_\_.
  - √(2) Comments due by 11/26/10.
  - (3) PRA completed (OMB cleared)\_\_\_\_\_.
  
- H. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Implementation Date\_\_\_\_\_.

## **5. Amendment 18 – Kate & Myra**

**Note: At the September 2010 meeting, the Council split this amendment into 18A and 18B. This change is reflected under the information for 2010 below.**

TEAM LEADS: Kate Quigley/Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Co-Leads)/Karla Gore (NMFS Lead).

The new Amendment 18 will include some of the actions formerly in Amendment 17 as well as some new actions including:

- Extend the range of the snapper grouper fishery management plan north
- Designate EFH and EFH-HAPCs in the northern areas;
- Limit participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (endorsements) ;
- Allow for transferability of golden tilefish endorsements;
- Changes to the golden tilefish fishing year;
- Change golden tilefish fishing limits;
- Limit participation in the black sea bass pot fishery;
- Limit effort in the black sea bass pot fishery;
- Implement measures to reduce bycatch in the black sea bass pot fishery;
- Change in the black sea bass fishing year;
- Implement a spawning season closure for black sea bass; and Changes to improve data collection.

### **Team Members**

√a. Kate Quigley (SAFMC co-lead and commercial fishery impacts); Myra Brouwer (SAFMC co-lead), Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (Coral issues); and John Carmichael and Gregg Waugh.

√b. NMFS Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead); Nikhil Mehta, Kate Michie, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational information); John Vondruska (NMFS Economist, commercial description of the fishery); Stephen Holiman (social description), David Dale (HCD), Otha Easley (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), Anik Clemens (Regulations writer), Erik Williams and Jim Waters (SEFSC).

√c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

√d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez

### **2008 Activities:**

A. √At the March 2008 meeting, the Council decided not to move forward with a LAPP program for the snapper grouper fishery. They agreed to continue outreach efforts.

B. √DVD on what's coming in snapper grouper management (Gregg) and LAPPs (Kate Q.).

- 1) √Review final DVD (Kate Q.) by 6/26/08.
- 2) √Duplicate for distribution – estimate about 1,000 copies needed.
- 3) √Distribute to all snapper grouper permit holders (about 900), snapper grouper AP members (those without permit), Council members & staff with cover letter.

- C. ✓Contact tilefish fishermen and determine whether they are interested in a LAPP program for the golden tilefish fishery (Kate Q.); include responses in June briefing book – complete by 5/13/08.
- D. ✓Council approved establishing a golden tilefish workgroup during the June 2008 meeting.
  - 1) ✓Council staff to draft list of workgroup members
  - 2) ✓Council to approve workgroup at September 2008 meeting.
  - 3) ✓Workgroup to meet asap after September 2008 Council meeting. The industry representatives that have been contacted have indicated the only time they can all meet is October, November, and December. At other times of the year one sector or another is fishing and taking time out for meetings would be very difficult.
- E. ✓Council appointed golden tilefish workgroup at September 2008 meeting.
  - 1) ✓Contact workgroup members and get them to sign letter.
  - 2) ✓Schedule workgroup meeting prior to December 2008 Council meeting.
  - 3) ✓Meeting held October 28-29, 2008 in North Charleston, SC. The Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup delivered a draft Golden Tilefish LAP document to the Council in December 2008 outlining their management preferences.
- F. ✓At the December 2008 meeting, the Council directed staff to scope the following items in Amendment 18:
  - 1) Limiting participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (possibly endorsements or limited access program);
  - 2) Limiting participation and effort in the black sea bass pot fishery (possibly endorsements or limited access program);
  - 3) Extending the range of the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan north through the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council areas;
  - 4) Separating the snowy grouper quota into regions/states;
  - 5) Separating the gag recreational Annual Catch Limit (ACL) into region or state Annual Catch Targets (ACTs);
  - 6) Changing the golden tilefish fishing year;
  - 7) Improving data reporting;
  - 8) Changing the wreckfish fishery Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program; and
  - 9) Designating Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) in new areas in the Mid-Atlantic and New England as part of a possible extension of the Snapper Grouper fishery Management Plan (FMP) north.
- G. ✓NOI to publish in FR by 1/22/09. NOI published on 1/28/09.
- H. ✓Nikhil distribute draft NOIs to Jack and Council staff - by Monday, December 15, 2008 noon.
- I. ✓Comments back to Kate Q. and Nikhil by Wednesday, December 17, 2008 noon.

**2009 Activities:**

- A. ✓NMFS File NOIs – January 9, 2009. Done January 27, 2009.

- B.     √NOI publishes – January 16, 2009. Done January 28, 2009.
- C.     √Thirty day comment period begins the date the NOI publishes.
- D.     √First Scoping Meeting - January 26, 2009.
- E.     √Draft scoping document by 1/15/09.
- F.     √Distribute scoping document to the Team by 1/15/09. Schedule a Team call if needed.
- G.     √Scoping meetings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 18:
  - 1)     January 26, 2009 in Charleston, SC (Hilton Garden Inn).
  - 2)     January 27, 2009 in New Bern, NC (Bridge Pointe Hotel).
  - 3)     February 3, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (Key Largo Grande).
  - 4)     February 4, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (Doubletree Hotel).
  - 5)     February 5, 2009 in Pooler, GA (Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
- H.     √Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
- I.     √Council reviews scoping comments and provides guidance to staff at March 2009 meeting.
- J.     √Council review/modify amendment and options during March 2009 Council meeting.
- K.     √Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 17<sup>th</sup> COB. Done 3/17/09.
- L.     √Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10 am.
  - a.     √Following this call, there will be a sub-group call to discuss wreckfish ITQ alternatives.
  - b.     √Economists call March 23, 2009.
- M.     √Team material due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
- N.     √Kate Q./Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
- O.     √Committee/Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment during June 2009 Council meeting.
  - a.     SSC reviews at June 2009 meeting.
- √P.    Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16<sup>th</sup> COB.
- √Q.    Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version of alternatives (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by June 22<sup>nd</sup> COB
- √R.    Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version of Amendment 18 to Team by June 23<sup>rd</sup> COB.

- √S. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10 am.
- √T. Team material for AP meeting due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon):
- √U. Amendment 18 mailed to AP with briefing material on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- √V. Team material due to Karla/Kate Q./Rick by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon):
  - (1) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (2) Stephen to provide social analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up and combine economic and social analyses by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
- √W. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
- √X. Committee/Council review Amendment 18/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team and approve for public hearing – September 2009 meeting. Document approved for public hearings but no preferreds chosen. Wreckfish action removed from document and into Amendment 20.
- √Y. Public Hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 18/DEIS: The following locations are proposed for Council consideration; target dates are weeks of November 2-6, 2009 and November 9-13, 2009; dates and locations will be finalized at the September 2009 Council meeting:
  - \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Charleston, SC (Hilton Garden Inn).
  - \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in New Bern, NC (Bridge Pointe Hotel).
  - \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (Key Largo Grande).
  - \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (Doubletree Hotel).
  - \_\_\_\_\_, 2009 in Pooler, GA (Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
- √AA. Structure of hearings; Staff on location from 3-7 pm to present proposed actions and to answer questions; Council member to take public comments:
  - (1) Video all hearings/stream live on web. Send video to Council members along with briefing book.
  - (2) Distribute audio files as hearings are held; summary included in briefing book.
  - (3) Hearing chair statement for Amendment 18 ready by - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (4) Staff presentation ready by - \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (5) Federal Register notice (Kim) by - \_\_\_\_\_.
- √BB. Public Hearing Locations: All Hearings run from 3-7 pm; see list of locations for Amendment 18.

- √CC. December Council meeting – Council reviews public comment and removes gag recreational allocation action from consideration.
- √DD. Amendment 18 IPT updated via email 12/16/09 and conference call scheduled for January 2010.
- √EE. March 2010 Council meeting – Council reviews Amendment and removes actions for snowy grouper and golden tilefish LAPPS. Includes additional actions for black sea bass to limit effort. Council may decide to take Amendment 18 back out to public hearings at June meeting. Actions in Amendment 18 now include:
- Extend the range of the snapper-grouper FMP north
  - Designate Essential Fish Habitat in new northern areas
  - Limit participation in the golden tilefish fishery through the development of an endorsement program
  - Modify management of the black sea bass pot fishery to limit effort and participation and reduce bycatch
  - Change the golden tilefish fishing year
  - Improve the accuracy, timing, and quantity of fisheries statistics.
- FF. Public Hearing Draft Amendment 18/DEIS (and associated documents – e.g., public hearing summary and hearing chair statement).
- √ (1) SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions at the September 2009 meeting and sends revised document to TEAM & Perry Allen – \_fill in date\_\_\_\_/09. Done \_\_\_\_.
- (2) TEAM submits revised sections to Rick Devictor, including all revised economic and social analyses – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) Rick revises DEIS/Amendment and sends to Karla and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) NMFS files DEIS with EPA – by \_\_\_\_\_. Note: DEIS needs to be published by \_\_\_\_\_ – comment period must end before ~~December 2009~~ meeting. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by \_\_\_\_\_.  
Comment period to end on or before \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) Science Center Certification Request sent. Done\_\_\_\_\_.
- (7) Science Center Certification received. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (8) EFH consultation completed. Done\_\_\_\_\_
- (9) Interested parties letters sent out. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (10) Submitted to PPI for preliminary review. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (11) Submitted to PPI for final clearance. Done\_\_\_\_\_.
- (12) Issues Advisory cleared in HQ. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (13) NMFS SERO distributes to list in Amendment; done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (14) NMFS SERO keeps track of those who comment so they can be sent the FEIS; done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (15) NMFS SERO compiles DEIS comments and drafts proposed responses; done \_\_\_\_\_.
- (16) Compile all written and public hearing comments – by \_\_\_\_\_.

- GG. NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by \_\_\_\_\_.
- HH. Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready.  
Completed prior to the \_\_\_\_\_ Council meeting.
- II. Review informal & public hearing comments and DEIS comments and approves for formal review – \_\_\_\_\_ Council meeting.
- JJ. Amendment 18/FEIS completion:  
(i)TEAM finalizes document (including revisions to FEIS and proposed rule from Perry Allen) – by \_\_\_\_\_.  
(ii)Council staff finalizes document if necessary by \_\_\_\_\_.
- KK. Final Council review at \_\_\_\_\_ meeting if necessary.
- LL. Council staff finalizes document if necessary.
- MM. Council sends Amendment 18 to Secretary of Commerce by \_\_\_\_\_.
- NN. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- OO. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- PP. Notice of Availability of Amendment 18 published \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/10.  
(2) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC  
(3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.  
(4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- QQ. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC  
(2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_
- RR. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC  
(2) Implementation Date\_\_\_\_\_.

**2010 Activities:**

- A. √March 1-5, 2010 Council meeting – Council provided guidance to staff/team and added one new motion (change in black seabass fishing year).
- B. √June 6-11, 2010 Council meeting – Council provided guidance to staff/team and added one new motion (black seabass spawning season closure)
- C. √Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT June 15, 2010. IPT meeting held June 17, 2010. Materials for inclusion in the first briefing book due August 6, 2010.
- D. √September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting - choose preferred alternatives and approve Amendment 18A/EA for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of public hearings.

**Note:** At the September 2010 meeting, the Council split Amendment 18 into Amendment 18A and 18B:

**6. Amendment 18A – Kate & Myra****Amendment 18A**

- Limit participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (endorsements);
- Allow for transferability of golden tilefish endorsements;
- Changes to the golden tilefish fishing year;
- Change golden tilefish fishing limits;
- Limit participation in the black sea bass pot fishery;
- Limit effort in the black sea bass pot fishery;
- Implement measures to reduce bycatch in the black sea bass pot fishery;
- and
- Changes to improve data collection.

Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT September 20, 2010. IPT meeting held September 27, 2010.

**Note: The following timeline is for Amendment 18A:**

- E. Public hearings – from 5-7 pm
  - (1) Locations
    - a. Port Canaveral – October 27, 2010; Ben to chair
    - b. Charleston – October 26, 2010; checking with Robert to chair
    - c. New Bern – October 25, 2010; Brian to chair
  - (2) Federal Register Notice - Kim
- F. Public Hearing Draft Amendment 18A/DEIS (and associated documents – e.g., public hearing summary and hearing chair statement).
  - √(1) SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions at the September 2010 meeting and sends revised document to TEAM & Perry Allen – \_fill in date\_\_\_\_/10. Done 10/15/10.
  - √(2) TEAM submits revised sections to Kate Quigley, including all revised economic and social analyses – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done 10/15/10.



- (3) ✓Kate revises DEIS/Amendment 18A and sends to Gregg – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done 10/19/10.  
       ✓Gregg reviews and sends comments to Kate – done 10/20/10.
  - (4) ✓Public Hearing Summary
    - a. ✓Kate/Myra prepare summary – done 10/22/10.
    - b. ✓Kim posts to website – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done 10/22/10.
  - (5) ✓Kate revises DEIS/Amendment 18A and sends to
    - a. ✓Kim to post to website – done 10/21/10.
    - b. ✓Karla and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by \_\_\_\_\_. Done 10/21/10 sent to Karla.
  - (6) NMFS to file DEIS with EPA – by \_\_\_\_\_. Note: DEIS needs to be published by \_\_\_\_\_ – comment period must end before March 2011 meeting. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (7) Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (8) Comment period to end on or before:
    - a. Public hearings – by November 5, 2010
    - b. DEIS – by February 18, 2011 (so they can be included in the March Council briefing book to be mailed on February 21, 2011.
  - (9) NMFS SERO distributes to list in Amendment; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (10) NMFS SERO keeps track of those who comment so they can be sent the FEIS; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (11) NMFS SERO compiles DEIS comments and drafts proposed responses; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (12) Compile all written and public hearing comments – by \_\_\_\_\_.
- G. NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Completed prior to the March 2011 Council meeting.
- I. Completion of Amendment 18A/DEIS:
- (1) Review public hearing comments and approve actions/provide guidance to staff/IPT – December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting.
  - (2) Review DEIS comments, review revised document, modify as appropriate, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting.
- J. Amendment 18/FEIS completion:
- (1) TEAM finalizes document (including revisions to FEIS and proposed rule from Perry Allen) – by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Council staff finalizes document if necessary by \_\_\_\_\_.
- K. Final Council review at June 13-17, 2011 meeting if necessary.
- L. Council staff finalizes document if necessary.
- M. Council sends Amendment 18A/FEIS to Secretary of Commerce by April or July 2011.

- N. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- O. Notice of Availability published \_\_\_\_\_.  
(1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/11.  
(2) Send to SG AP & SSC  
(3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.  
(4) Proposed rule should also be distributed for comment.  
(5) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(6) Final Rule approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

## **7. Amendment 18B – Kate & Myra**

### **Amendment 18B**

- Extend the range of the snapper grouper fishery management plan north and
- Designate EFH and EFH-HAPCs in the northern areas.

Note: NMFS and NOAA GC are to review the requirement to extend the FMU north to account for mortality in that area when tracking the ACL. If it is not required then this amendment will not move forward.

Timeline will be developed if the decision is to move ahead with this amendment.

## **8. *Amendment 20 (Changes to the Wreckfish ITQ) – Kate & Myra***

- 1) IPT Team members:
  - √a. SAFMC Team: Kate Quigley (SAFMC lead); Myra Brouwer, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (Coral issues); John Carmichael and Gregg Waugh.
  - √b. NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie, Mike Travis, Andy Strelcheck, Anik Clemons, Janet Miller, Otha Easley (OLE), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore, Jack McGovern, Andy Herndon, Amanda Frick, Anik Clemens (Regulations writer) and David Keys (NEPA).
  - √c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Jim Waters, Doug Vaughan and Noah Silverman.
  - √d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- 2) √NMFS and Council staff to hold a meeting to determine options to bring back to the Council in September. Council staff conducts an informal survey of shareholders regarding the wreckfish ITQ program and issues of concern they would like addressed.
- 3) √Snapper Grouper AP reviews Amendment 20 and recommends an ACL of 1.1 million pounds.
- 4) √NMFS and Council staffs develop a draft review of the wreckfish ITQ program that incorporates a survey of all shareholders able to be contacted. This is presented to the Council in September and the Council requests staff draft an agenda for a shareholders meeting to comment on the review and provide input on changes they would like to see made to the ITQ program.
- 5) √September Council meeting: Council reviews Amd 20 document and adds allocation action and requests staff to craft various suites of alternatives for several actions. Staff leads meet to craft options for December.
- 6) √December Council meeting: Staff provides the Council with suites of alternatives for requested actions to consider and revise. The Council requests a shareholder meeting to be held in January or shortly thereafter to receive feedback on changes considered to the wreckfish ITQ program.
- 7) √Amd 20 IPT informed of changes 12/16/09 and IPT conference call planned for January 15, 2010.

### **2009 Activities:**

1. √NMFS File NOIs – January 9, 2009. Done January 27, 2009.
2. √NOI publishes – January 16, 2009. Done January 28, 2009.
3. √Thirty day comment period begins the date the NOI publishes.
4. √First Scoping Meeting - January 26, 2009.
5. √Draft scoping document by 1/15/09.
6. √Distribute scoping document to the Team by 1/15/09. Schedule a Team call if needed.

7. ✓Scoping meetings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 18:
  - a. January 26, 2009 in Charleston, SC (Hilton Garden Inn).
  - b. January 27, 2009 in New Bern, NC (Bridge Pointe Hotel).
  - c. February 3, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (Key Largo Grande).
  - d. February 4, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (Doubletree Hotel).
  - e. February 5, 2009 in Pooler, GA (Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
8. ✓Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
9. ✓Council reviews scoping comments and provides guidance to staff at March 2009 meeting.
10. ✓Council review/modify amendment and options during March 2009 Council meeting.
11. ✓Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 17<sup>th</sup> COB. Done 3/17/09.
12. ✓Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 10 am.
  - a. ✓Following this call, there will be a sub-group call to discuss wreckfish ITQ alternatives.
  - b. ✓Economists call March 23, 2009.
13. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
14. ✓Kate Q./Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon)
15. ✓Committee/Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment during June 2009 Council meeting.
  - a. SSC reviews at June 2009 meeting and receives a presentation by wreckfish AP members on the prosecution of the fishery.
16. ✓P. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16<sup>th</sup> COB.
17. ✓Q. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version of alternatives (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by June 22<sup>nd</sup> COB
  
- ✓R. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version of Amendment 18 to Team by June 23<sup>rd</sup> COB.
- ✓S. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009, 10 am.
- ✓T. Team material for AP meeting due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon):
- ✓U. Amendment 18 mailed to AP with briefing material on July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009.
- ✓V. IPT meeting – July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009.
  
- W. Team material due to Karla/Kate Q./Rick by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon):
  - (1) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (2) Stephen to provide social analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).
  - (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up and combine economic and social analyses by August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 (noon).

X. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18th, 2009 (noon)

Y. ✓Snapper Grouper AP reviews Amendment 20 and recommends an ACL of 1.1 million pounds.

Z. ✓NMFS and Council staff hold a meeting to determine options to bring back to the Council in September. Council staff conducts an informal survey of shareholders regarding the wreckfish ITQ program and issues of concern they would like addressed.

✓NMFS and Council staff develop a draft review of the wreckfish ITQ program that incorporates a survey of all shareholders able to be contacted. This is presented to the Council in September and the Council requests staff draft an agenda for a shareholders meeting to comment on the review and provide input on changes they would like to see made to the ITQ program.

✓September Council meeting: Council reviews Amd 20 document and adds an allocation action and requests staff to craft various suites of alternatives for several actions. Staff leads meet to craft options for December.

✓December 2009 Council meeting: Staff provides the Council with suites of alternatives for requested actions to consider and revise. The Council requests a shareholder meeting be held in January or shortly thereafter to receive feedback on changes considered to the wreckfish ITQ program.

✓Amd 20 IPT informed of changes 12/16/09 and IPT conference call held January 13, 2010.

#### **2010 Activities:**

- A. ✓March 2010 Council meeting: Wreckfish shareholder meeting agenda approved. Options paper approved for incorporation into Amendment 20.
- B. ✓March 29-30 Wreckfish Shareholder meeting held in Charleston, SC.
- C. ✓June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting: Wreckfish Shareholder meeting summary provided to the Council. New alternatives devised by shareholders incorporated into amendment.
- D. ✓Motions and revised actions and alternatives sent to IPT June 21, 2010.
- E. ✓IPT meeting held June 23, 2010. Briefing book material due August 10, 2010.
- F. ✓Additional actions suggested and incorporated into the document.
- G. ✓September Council Meeting: List of current shareholders who could be contacted and those who could not be contacted provided to the Council. New action and alternatives to explore reallocation and distribution of shares belonging to deceased and uncontactable shareholders to be incorporated into amendment.
- H. ✓Motions and revised actions and alternatives sent to IPT September 21, 2010
- I. ✓IPT meeting held September , 2010. Follow-up email to IPT September 24, 2010, in lieu of IPT meeting.

## **9. Amendment 21 Comprehensive Catch Shares/Trip Limits Amendment – Kate Quigley**

(Vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, black sea bass, gag, greater amberjack, red grouper, and black grouper – trip limit actions, effort and participation reduction and endorsement actions, catch share program for quota species except snowy grouper. To include ITQ, cooperative, RFA, CDQ components, and regional or state by state quota analysis) – Kate  
Note: Trip limits for vermilion snapper, black sea bass, gag, and greater amberjack moved to Regulatory Amendment 9 at March 2010 Council meeting.

- √A. IPT Members:
  - a. SAFMC Team: Kate Quigley (SAFMC Lead) and Gregg Waugh.
  - b. NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS co-lead), Andy Strelcheck, Nikhil Mehta, and Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries); David Dale (Habitat Division); Otha Easley (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Stephen Holiman and Mike Travis (Economists, Sustainable Fisheries); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist, Sustainable Fisheries), Anik Clemens (Regulations writer); and Catherine Bruger.
  - c. NMFS HQ Team: Mark Millikin (NMFS co-lead; NMFS Headquarters)
  - d. NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crossman/Jim Waters
  - e. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello & Mara Levy
- √B. March 2010 Council meeting: The Council proposes Amendment 21.
- √C. June 2010 council meeting: The Council receives an update on Amendment 21 including a proposed timeline to create a scoping document and the addition of Mark Millikin to the IPT.
- √D. September 2010 Council meeting: The Council receives an overview of a draft options paper to be included in a public scoping document for Amendment 21. The Council tasks staff with adding additional details for actions and alternatives.
- E. December 2010 Council meeting: The Council receives a presentation on an overview of the snapper grouper fishery from IPT members. The Council approves the public scoping document.
- F. Jan/Feb 2011: Public scoping for Amendment 21.

**10. Amendment 22 (Long-term management of red snapper) - Myra**

The Council directed staff to develop a plan for preparing SG Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.

- A.  $\sqrt$ IPT Members
  - a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kate Quigley, Roger Pugliese, Gregg Waugh and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
  - b. NMFS SERO Team: Andy Strelcheck, Kate Michie, and Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries); David Dale (Habitat Division); Otha Easley (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Stephen Holiman and Tony Lamberte (Economists, Sustainable Fisheries); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist, Sustainable Fisheries); and Anik Clemens (Regulations writer).
  - c. NMFS HQ Team: Mark Millikan (NMFS Headquarters)
  - d. NMFS SEFSC Team: Jim Waters (Economist)
  - e. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- B. ~~Put together a list of possible members for an ad hoc AP to aid in providing input for Amendment 22 and future plans for recovering fisheries.~~ Motion withdrawn at the September 2010 Council meeting. The Snapper Grouper AP will meet November 2010 and provide input.
- C. Add alternatives as directed by Council.
- D. Ask IPT to fill out EA vs. EIS form.
- E. Hold conference call with David Keys and Monica Smit-Brunello to determine NEPA document.
- F. If EIS, NMFS to publish NOI and Council to hold scoping meetings.
- G. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- H. Scoping – January/February 2011

## **11. Amendment 24 (Red Grouper) - Myra**

[Start 6/10 notification; Final Council action 12/2011 to meet statutory deadline.]

This amendment specifies the rebuilding plan, MSY, OY, ACL, and AMs for red grouper. The Council/NMFS has two years from notification of stock status to implement a rebuilding plan. We received projections that rebuild in 7 years or less and we need to add those to the amendment and make any other changes as directed by the Council. The Council's current preferred is 10 years but they need to evaluate the biological and economic analyses of a shorter rebuilding time plan. This is most likely an EIS as there is a rebuilding plan but we should still follow the process to determine whether this is an EIS (see below).

- √A. IPT Members
  - a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kate Quigley, Roger Pugliese, Gregg Waugh, and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
  - b. NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS lead), Kate Michie and Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries); David Dale (Habitat Division); Otha Easley (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Anik Clemens (Regulations writer); and Stephen Holiman (Economist, Sustainable Fisheries).
  - c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Jim Waters (Economists, SEFSC)
- √B. Team Conference Call – TBD.
- √C. SERO to request additional red grouper rebuilding projections - requested 7/12/10 and received on 9/3/10.
- √D. Team SECTIONS due to Team leads by August 10 COB.
- √E. September Council meeting. Council moved black grouper into Comprehensive ACL Amendment
- F. Motions and amendment sent to IPT - TBD
- G. IPT Conference call – 10/29/10 at 10 am. **Need the economic analysis (by the December Council meeting if possible) for the Council to evaluate the pros and cons of a shorter rebuilding time period.**
- H. Add alternatives as directed by Council. – Rick DeVictor
- I. Ask IPT to fill out EA vs. EIS form.
- J. Hold conference call with Dave Keys and Monica to determine NEPA document.
- K. If EIS, NMFS to publish NOI and Council to hold scoping meetings.



**12. Regulatory Amendment 9 (Trip Limits for Greater Amberjack, Vermilion Snapper, Black Sea Bass & Gag) - Myra**

**Note: No statutory deadline.**

- A.    √Assign Team – TBD.
  - a.    √SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kate Quigley, Roger Pugliese, Gregg Waugh and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
  - b.    √NMFS SERO Team: Jack and Kate M. have been working on the amendment thus far.
  - c.    √NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Michie (Lead), Jack McGovern, Andy Strelcheck, Nick Farmer (Biologists); David Dale (Habitat Division); Otha Easley (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys and Noah Silverman (NEPA); Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulation Writers); Tony Lamberte and Stephen Holiman (Economists).
  - d.    √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- B.    √September Council meeting. Council moved sea turtle/smalltooth sawfish gear changes into CE-BA 2.
- C.    √Team Conference Call – 9/30/10.
- D.    Motions and amendment sent to IPT – TBD
- E.    Team SECTIONS due to Team leads by \_\_\_\_\_ COB.
- F.    IPT Conference call – TBD
- G.    EA so should be no scoping.

### **13. Regulatory Amendment 10 (Red Snapper Adjustments) - Myra**

**Note: No statutory deadline.**

- A. Assign Team – TBD
  - a. √SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kate Quigley, Roger Pugliese, Gregg Waugh and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
  - b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (Lead), Jack McGovern, Andy Strelcheck, Nick Farmer (Biologists); David Dale (Habitat Division); Otha Easley (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys and Noah Silverman (NEPA); Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulation Writers); Tony Lamberte and Stephen Holiman (Economists).
  - c. NMFS SEFSC Team:
  - d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- B. √September Council meeting - The Committee/Council provided the following two alternatives to act as bookends for the analysis:
  - (1) The combination of the red snapper closure and the smallest possible spatial closure to close snapper grouper fishing.
  - (2) The combination of the red snapper closure and the closure in Amendment 17A but possession and retention would be allowed a portion of the year.

(Note: The prohibition of possession and retention of red snapper would most likely be continued based on the preliminary results of the draft assessment report)

The Committee provided latitude to staff to develop other alternatives as necessary as bounded by these two alternatives.
- C. Schedule IPT call to review alternatives
- D. Nick Farmer is updating model.
- E. SEFSC to review updated model.
- F. SSC to review updated model/assumptions – November 8-10, 2010.
- G. The NEPA document is an EA (we should verify with Dave Keys and Monica?).
- H. Nick Farmer is in the process of adjusting spatial closure model as per assessment outputs. Nick's model will help define the alternatives but IPT members can take the first cut.
- I. Timing – the Council did not provide specifics. There are two approaches that we are requesting guidance on from the committee chair and Council chair:
  - 1. One Meeting: Public hearing at December meeting and Committee/Council review document and approve for formal review by SOC
  - 2. Two Meetings:
    - i. December 2010 – Committee/Council review document and approve for public hearings.
    - ii. January/February 2011 – public hearings
    - iii. March 2011 – review comments and approve for formal review by SOC
- J. Draft document for Council's review in December 2010
  - 1. Develop alternatives – IPT
  - 2. IPT call to review range of alternatives and schedule duties

- K. Review comments and final approval for SOC review in December 2010 or March 2011
- L. Send document to SOC in January or March 2011

## II. ECOSYSTEM

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

Note: The FEP document was prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This is 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.

- A. √FEP Approved by Council – March 2009.
- B. √FEP submitted as Source Document for Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 which was approved on June 1, 2010 with regulations effective on July 22, 2010.

### **Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2010):**

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings/coordination are scheduled in 2010:

- 1) √SC Offshore Energy Workshop, March 24-25, 2010 Charleston, SC
- 2) √ Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Task Force Meeting, March 30-31, 2010 Atlanta, GA
- 3) √South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Workshop April 20 - 22, 2010 Charleston, SC
- 4) √SARP Science and Data Committee Meeting, May 4-6, 2010
- 5) √SECOORA Board of Directors and Member Committee Meetings May 11-14, 2010 Savannah, GA
- 6) √SEAMAP Coastal Survey, Crustacean Data Mgt. Workgroup Meetings June 28-30, 2010 Charleston, SC
- 7) √SEAMAP Chairs Planning Meeting, May 20-21, 2010 Pascagoula, Miss.
- 8) √Deepwater Coral/Habitat Information Workshop, July 19-21 Silver Spring, MD
- 9) √SEAMAP SA and Joint South Atlantic, GOM and Car Committee Meetings August 9-12, 2010 St. Thomas USVI
- 10) √Oceans 2010, September 20-24, 2010 Seattle, Wash
- 11) SECOORA Board of Directors Meeting, September 29-30, 2010 Tampa, FL
- 12) SARP Member Meeting, October 18-19, Biloxi, Miss.
- 13) Governors South Atlantic Alliance Executive Planning Committee Meeting October 28, 2010 Charleston, SC
- 14) Habitat and Environmental Advisory Panel Meeting, November 16-17, 2010 Charleston, SC
- 15) SC Ocean Planning Workshop, December 2, 2010 Charleston, SC

## **2. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 – Myra**

- √A. Amendment approved on June 1, 2010.
- √B. Final Rule published on June 22, 2010.
- √C. Final Rule implemented and regulations effective on July 22, 2010.

## **3. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 – Anna**

- A. √Appoint Team
  - a. √Council Team – Anna Martin (Council Lead), Kate Quigley (Economic impacts), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
  - b. √NMFS SERO Team – Karla Gore (Lead); Nikhil Mehta, Kate Michie, Bill Arnold, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist; providing constructive comments and minor word-smithing where appropriate but no new data or analyses); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist); David Dale (HCD); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA); Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writers).
  - c. √NMFS SEFSC Team – Mike Burton
  - d. √NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
- B. ~~NOI to publish in FR by \_\_\_\_\_. NOI published on \_\_\_\_\_.~~
  - a. ~~(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 2 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 2 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the September Council meeting and NMFS will conduct additional scoping at the December Council meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC)~~
- C. √Draft MSA scoping document. Done.
- D. √Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team. Done. Schedule a Team call if needed.
- E. √MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 2. To be held following December 2008 Council meeting. Hotels – the following hotels have been reserved.

<b><u>January 26, 2009</u></b> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331	<b><u>January 27, 2009</u></b> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637
<b><u>February 3, 2009</u></b> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>February 4, 2009</u></b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b><u>February 5, 2009</u></b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888	

- F. ✓Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
- G. ✓Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2009 meeting.
- H. ✓Myra drafts options paper and distributes to Team by 3/23/09
- I. ✓Team provides edits to Myra by 4/10/09
- J. ✓Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution. Done.
- K. ✓Myra revises CE-BA 2 options paper and provides to Team by 4/22/09
- L. ✓Team comments back to Myra by 5/6/09
- M. ✓Options Paper to Gregg for BB by 5/12/09
- N. ✓Committee/Council revises Options Paper at June 8-12 meeting and provides directions to staff
- O. ✓Staff revises Options Paper according to guidance
- P. ✓BB version ready by August 21, 2009
- Q. ✓Coral AP meeting early September – comments from AP summarized for BB.
- R. ✓Committee/Council revises Options Paper at September 2009 meeting and provides directions to staff
- S. ✓Staff revises Options Paper according to guidance
- T. ✓Team reviews Options Paper and provides comments to Myra by October 16, 2009
- U. ✓Options Paper ready for BB by November 17, 2009
- V. ✓Committee/Council revises Options Paper at December 2009 meeting and provides direction to staff

#### **2010 Activities:**

- A. ✓CE-BA 2 IPT meeting scheduled for 1/12/10.
- B. ✓Myra edits Options Paper according to Committee guidance by February 1, 2010
- C. ✓Draft amendment reviewed at March 2010 Council meeting
- D. ✓SSC provides fishing level recommendations for octocorals at their April 2010 meeting.
- E. ✓Council reviews SSC recommendations and provides guidance to staff during June 7-11, 2010 meeting.
- F. ✓CE-BA 2 IPT conference call 6/24/10
- G. ✓Revised Actions 6-8 to IPT by Tuesday 6/29
- H. ✓EFH sections to IPT by August 2
- I. ✓SSC revises octocoral recommendations at their August meeting
- J. ✓Council reviews partial draft amendment and provides guidance to staff during September 13-17, 2010 meeting.
- K. ✓CE-BA 2 IPT conference call 9/27/10
- L. Sections to Anna by 10/21 (for SSC) and 11/12 (for Council BBook)
- M. Anna provides document to IPT for review by \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Comments to Anna by \_\_\_\_\_
- O. CE-BA 2 ready for BB by 11/15/10
- P. CE-BA 2 approved for public hearings at December 2010 meeting
- Q. Public hearings January/February 2011.

### **III. MACKEREL**

#### **1. Amendment 18 – Gregg**

TEAM LEADS: Gregg Waugh(SAFMC Lead)/Rick Leard (GMFMC Lead)/Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead) (Boundary/Mixing, Permits, & Separate FMP).

**AT JUNE 2007 MEETING, THE SAFMC DEFERRED FURTHER ACTION UNTIL THE RESULTS OF SEDAR 16 BECOME AVAILABLE (LATE 2008; King mackerel review workshop 8/4-8/08 and Spanish mackerel review workshop 10/20/08-10/24/08; both would be reviewed by SSC at 12/08 meeting). AT THE MARCH 2009 MEETING, THE SAFMC APPROVED A MOTION TO PREPARE A JOINT AMENDMENT WITH THE GMFMC TO ADDRESS THE NEW REAUTHORIZED MSA REQUIREMENTS.**

- A. √NMFS SERO prepares Notice of intent to prepare an EIS; Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. SAFMC Staff comments on notice; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. NMFS SERO files NOI; Done 1/22/08.
- B. √Establish an Interdisciplinary Team:
  - a. √SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead) and Kate Quigley.
  - b. √GMFMC – Rick Leard, GMFMC & Council Lead.
  - c. √NMFS SERO – Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead), John Vondruska (Economist); David Dale (HCD), Kate Michie, Karla Gore, Nikhil Mehta (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS PR), Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), Anik Clemens (Regulations writer), and David Keys (NEPA).
  - d. √NMFS SEFSC – Shannon Cass-Calay.
  - e. √NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

#### **NEW TIMING AND ACTIONS FOR JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC MACKEREL AMENDMENT 18 (R-MSA REQUIREMENTS)**

##### **2009 Activities:**

##### **Potential Actions**

- I. GMFMC
  - a. OFL & ABC from SSC for Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel, Gulf Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Gulf of Mexico). The Gulf SSC has recommended setting the interim OFL for Gulf group king mackerel based on the yield at  $F_{30\%SPR}$  and setting the interim ABC based on 85% of the  $F_{30\%SPR}$  yield based on the assumption of a 50/50 mix of Atlantic and Gulf group king mackerel in the existing mixing zone.
  - b. ACL for Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel, Gulf Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Gulf of Mexico).
  - c. Management measures to prevent ACL from being exceeded.

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- a. OFL & ABC from SSC for Atlantic Migratory Group king mackerel, Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Atlantic). The Atlantic SSC has not addressed non-overfishing species, however, they plan to begin at their June 2009 meeting.
- b. ACL for Atlantic Migratory Group king mackerel, Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Atlantic).
- c. Management measures to prevent ACL from being exceeded; this will continue to include the northern zone of the Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel after the Gulf Council specifies the quota.

## III. GMFMC/SAFMC – JOINT ITEMS

- a. Establish a Gulf Migratory Group and Atlantic Migratory Group of Cobia.
- b. Data – any changes to data collection as necessary.
- c. Framework – update to include SEDAR and adding OFL, ABC, ACL, and possibly ACT to the list of items that can be changed.

## STEPS TO COMPLETE AMENDMENT

- A. ✓Conference call on 3/12/09. The Council chairs, mackerel committee chairs, staff and possibly NOAA GC to discuss whether there is a need to hold an in-person joint committee meeting.
- B. ✓Council staff to work on options paper for June meetings.
- C. ✓Councils review draft options paper/scoping document – SAFMC June 7-12, 2009 meeting and GMFMC June 15-18, 2009 meeting.
- D. ✓SAFMC already completed scoping in January/February 2009. GMFMC to scope after their June 2009 meeting.
- E. SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations.  
Note: This is the same approach that the South Atlantic SSC attempted to use but NMFS SERO objected and the SSC pulled their recommendation. The South Atlantic SSC may provide their recommendation in June 2009 or December 2009.
- F. Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - \_\_\_\_\_
- G. NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA ready for public hearings:
  - a. GMFMC approves for public hearings at October 25-28, 2010 meeting.
  - b. SAFMC approves for public hearings at December 6-10, 2010 meeting.
- I. Public Hearings – January/February 2011.
- J. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document:
  - a. GMFMC approves at February 7-10, 2011 meeting.
  - b. SAFMC approves at March 7-11, 2011 meeting.
- K. Review and approve final document – if necessary, by GMFMC at April and SAFMC at June 2011 meetings.



**2010 Activities:**

√An Inter-Disciplinary Team (IPT) has been formed:

- A. √SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead) and Kate Quigley.
- B. √GMFMC – Rick Leard, GMFMC & Council Lead.
- C. √NMFS SERO – Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead), Steve Branstetter, John Vondruska (Economist); David Dale (HCD), Kate Michie, Karla Gore, Nikhil Mehta, Tracy Dunn (OLE), Jennifer Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS PR), Karen Burns, Anik Clemens (Regulations writer), and David Keys (NEPA).
- D. √NMFS SEFSC – Shannon Cass-Calay.
- E. √NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes.

**Timing:**

- 1. √IPT Meeting January 14, 2010
- 2. √Options Paper/Draft Amendment – March & June 2010
- 3. Approve for public hearings – October/December 2010
- 4. Hearings – January/February 2011
- 5. Currently EA. If EIS, NMFS Files DEIS – October; comment period ends prior to February 2011
- 6. Review public hearing input and approve actions – February 2011 and March 2011
- 7. Final review of complete document and final approval – February and March 2011
- 8. Send to Secretary of Commerce – April 2011

**Mackerel Amendment 18****Specific steps in 2010 and 2011:**

- A. √IPT meeting – 1/14/2010
- B. √SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations. The South Atlantic SSC will provide their recommendations after their April 20-22, 2010 meeting.
- C. Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. √GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4, April 12-15, and June 14-17, 2010  
And October 25-28, 2010.
  - b. √Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Committee meeting – June 8, 2010 from 8:30 am – 3 pm
  - c. √SAFMC reviews and provides input – March 1-5 and June 7-11 and September 13-17, 2010
- D. NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - \_\_\_\_\_. Currently EA.
- E. IPT Schedule for Gulf Council's October 2010 meeting:
  - a. √Section to Rick – 9/20/10
  - b. √Compiled document to IPT – 9/24/10; done 9/27/10.
  - c. √IPT call – 10/1/10

- d. ☒ Comments to authors – 10/1/10
  - e. ☒ Edited sections to Rick for Gulf briefing book – 10/8/10
- F. Document preparation schedule for Public Hearing Approval
  - a. ☒ Revised sections sent to Gregg – by October 22, 2010
  - b. Revised document sent to IPT – by October 29, 2010.
  - c. Comments to authors – by November 5, 2010.
  - d. Revised sections sent to Gregg – by November 12, 2010.
  - e. Revised document sent to IPT – by November 22, 2010.
  - f. Comments and additions to Gregg – by November 24, 2010.
  - g. Document revised and included in SAFMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Briefing Book – on November 29, 2010.
- G. Councils review Draft Amendment/EA (or DEIS) and approve for public hearings
  - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 in Gulfport, MS.
  - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC.
- H. Public Hearings – April 2011 (Note: Hearings will be Joint Mackerel & Spiny Lobster; with GMFMC in Keys)
- I. Review public comments and provide final approval of Amendment 18/EA (or EIS) for formal review by SOC –
  - a. GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee – June 8? During Gulf meeting?
  - b. GMFMC – June 6-9, 2011 in Key West, FL
  - c. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in Key West, FL
- J. Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA (or EIS)/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011.
- K. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- L. Notice of Availability of Amendment 18 published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/10.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- M. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC

## ***2. Allocation of Commercial Quota- will be addressed if necessary in Amendment 18.***

- A. ☒ Scoping
  - a. ☒ Notice of Intent – Rick to draft by \_\_\_\_\_; NMFS to publish by \_\_\_\_\_;
    - i. Published in FR on \_\_\_\_\_. See Item B below.
  - b. ☒ Scope at December 2007 Council meeting.
- B. Other scoping in February 2008.
- C. Other Scoping
  - a. ☒ Approve for scoping – December 3-7, 2007 meeting.
  - b. ☒ NOI

- i. ✓(i) Rick to draft by 12/13/07. SAFMC staff changes sent to NMFS on 1/10/08.
- ii. ✓(ii) NMFS to review, revise and publish in FR by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1. ✓Published in FR on 1/22/08.
- c. ✓Scope in February 2008 (along with Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 & 18 Scoping; and Comprehensive Allocation Amendment Scoping).
  - i. ✓NOI for all items – Rick provided draft material to SERO; reviewed notices on 1/9/08.
  - ii. ✓Meeting locations – Cindy; done 1/9/08.
  - iii. [Scoping meeting hours all run 2 – 5 pm & 6 – 8 pm]

<b><u>Monday, February 4, 2008</u></b> The Mutiny Hotel 2951 South Bayshore Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 Phone: 305-441-2100	<b><u>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</u></b> Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920 Phone: 321-784-0000
<b><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2008</u></b> Quality Inn 125 Venure Drive Brunswick, Georgia 31525 Phone: 912-265-4600	<b><u>Thursday, February 7, 2008</u></b> Sheraton New Bern 100 Middle Street New Bern, North Carolina 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585
<b><u>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</u></b> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 29 Phone: 843-308-9331	

- i. ✓Federal Register Notice – Kim; done 1/9/08.
  - ii. ✓Scoping Documents
  - iii. ✓Staff presentations
  - iv. ✓Transcribe scoping comments ASAP for inclusion in 2<sup>nd</sup> briefing book on February 25, 2008.
  - v.
- D. ✓Options on commercial allocation and final results from SEDAR assessment reviewed at December 2008 meeting. The Council approved motions to address king and Spanish mackerel changes (TAC, quotas, bag limits, etc.) through the Comprehensive ACL Amendment and approved a list of items to be scoped for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.

### **3. *Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 20***

- A. Potential items: Adjustments to management unit, dealer permit, and other changes as indicated in the scoping document (including item requested by MAFMC).
- B. List of items from SAFMC decision document.

## IV. SPINY LOBSTER AMENDMENT 10 – Gregg

The Gulf and South Atlantic Councils will prepare a joint amendment to meet the new Reauthorized MSA requirements.

### Potential Actions

*Modifications to tailing permit; modifications to regulations that consider undersized spiny lobster as attractants; modify the Council/State of Florida process; delegate management to the State of Florida.*

### STEPS:

- A. ✓NMFS SERO determines whether an EA or EIS is required. If EIS, NMFS prepares Notice of intent to prepare an EIS; Done 1/28/09. Spiny lobster was included in the Comp. ACL NOI published [74 FR 4943, January 28, 2009]. See excerpt below. Seems OK, need to check with GC to ensure this is adequate.

From FR notice: Additionally, the Comprehensive ACL Amendment may address several issues concerning the spiny lobster fishery such as, trap impacts on staghorn and elkhorn corals, tailing permits, and the Federal 50–short rule that allows retention of undersized spiny lobster to be used as live attractants.

- a. ✓SAFMC Staff comments on notice; done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. ✓NMFS SERO files NOI; Done 1/28/09.
  - c. ✓Scoping completed January-February 2009.
- B. ✓Establish an Interdisciplinary Team (Gregg/Steve):
- a. SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC & Council Lead) and Kate Quigley.
  - b. GMFMC – Rick Leard (GMFMC Lead).
  - c. NMFS SERO – Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead); Denise Johnson (Economist); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist); David Dale (HCD); Kate Michie, Karla Gore, and Nik Mehta (NMFS); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS PR); Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writers); and David Keys (NEPA).
  - d. NMFS SEFSC – Jeff Isely.
  - e. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
- C. ✓Conference call with Florida staff and Council staff to determine timing for next spiny lobster assessment/update.
- D. Draft Timing:
- 1) SSC provides ABC – The South Atlantic SSC may provide their recommendation in June 2009 or December 2009. SSC will discuss ABC control rules for data poor species in April 2010.
  - 2) Options paper considered by Council - \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) Draft Amendment prepared by South Atlantic staff with assistance from NMFS staff - \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA ready for public hearings - \_\_\_\_\_
- 6) Public Hearings - \_\_\_\_\_
- 7) Review public comments and provide final guidance on document - \_\_\_\_\_
- 8) Review and approve final document – by South Atlantic Council’s September or December 2011 meeting \_\_\_\_\_.

ADD MISSING 2009????

### **2010 Activities:**

√An Inter-Disciplinary Team (IPT) has been formed:

- a. √SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC & Council Lead).
- b. √GMFMC – Carrie Simmons (GMFMC Lead) and Rick Leard.
- c. √NMFS SERO – Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead); Denise Johnson (Economist); David Dale (HCD); Kate Michie, Karla Gore, and Nikhil Mehta (NMFS); Otha Easley (OLE); Andy Herndon (NMFS PR); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writers), and David Keys (NEPA).
- d. √NMFS SEFSC – Jeff Isely.
- e. √NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
- f. √Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish & Wildlife Research Institute – Bill Sharp

Timing – draft – modified and see changes below.

1. √Options Paper – February/March/April 2010
2. √Joint SA/GM Committee/AP meeting – June 7, 2010 in Orlando, FL
3. √Options Paper/Draft Amendment – June 2010
4. √Draft Amendment – September 2010
5. Approve for public hearings – December 2010
6. Hearings – January/February 2011
7. NMFS Files DEIS – January; comment period ends prior to June 2011
8. Review public hearing input and approve actions – March 2011
9. Final review of complete document and final approval – June 2011
10. Send to Secretary of Commerce – June 2011

## **Spiny Lobster Amendment 10**

### **Specific steps in 2010 and 2011:**

- A. √IPT meeting – 1/21/2010
- B. Draft Amendment prepared by SAFMC staff (Gregg Waugh) with assistance from NMFS staff (Susan Gerhart) and GMFMC staff (Carrie Simmons):
  - a. GMFMC reviews and provides input:
    - i. √February 1-4 and
    - ii. √June 14-17 and
    - iii. October 25-28, 2010 – Gulf Council receives report on South Atlantic Council Actions
  - b. √Joint Gulf/South Atlantic APs and Committees – June 7, 2010 from 8:30 am – 5 pm
  - c. √SAFMC reviews and provides input – June 7-11 and September 13-17, 2010
- C. √NMFS determined an EIS is necessary due to coral ESA issues and prepares appropriate notices.
- D. √IPT call on September 24, 2010
- E. Document preparation schedule for Public Hearing Approval
  - a. √Revised sections (except Action 4) sent to Gregg – by October 22, 2010
  - b. Revised document (except updated Action 4) sent to IPT – by October 29, 2010.
  - c. Comments to authors – by November 5, 2010.
  - d. Revised sections sent to Gregg – by November 12, 2010.
  - e. Revised document including Action 4 sent to IPT – by November 22, 2010.
  - f. Comments and additions (especially Action 4) to Gregg – by November 24, 2010.
  - g. Document revised and included in SAFMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Briefing Book – on November 29, 2010.
- F. SEDAR Update complete and sent to SSC – November 3, 2010
- G. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 18-19, 2010
- H. SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
- I. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS and approve for public hearings –
  - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 Gulfport, MS
  - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- J. Public Hearings – April 2011 (Note: Hearings will be Joint Mackerel & Spiny Lobster)
- K. Review public comments and provide final approval of Amendment 10 for formal review by SOC –
  - a. GMFMC/SAFMC Spiny Lobster Committee – June 8? During Gulf meeting?
  - b. GMFMC – June 6-9, 2011 in Key West, FL
  - c. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in Key West, FL
- L. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011.
- M. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.

- N. Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/11.
  - b. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - c. Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - d. Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_
- O. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC

## **V. SHRIMP – \_\_\_\_\_ (Social Scientist)**

### **1. Amendment 7**

- 1) ✓Amendment approved on August 19, 2009.
- 2) ✓Final Rule published on October 1, 2009; effective on January 27, 2010.

### **2. Future Shrimp Issues (for the next shrimp amendment)**

- A. Add Royal Red Shrimp to the FMU.
- B. Develop SFA parameters for royal red shrimp.
- C. Remove limited access program for rock shrimp fishery.
- D. Modify protocol for states to request concurrent closure of the EEZ during severe winter weather to expedite the process.
- E. Revise MSST proxy for pink shrimp.
- F. Measures to reduce takes of smalltooth sawfish.

### **SHRIMP ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION**

- A. Survey finalized by SEFSC. 20-30% of shrimpers will be selected annually to participate.
- B. Survey begins April 2010.



## VI. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT (ACL) AMENDMENT

This amendment specifies ABC Control Rules, ABCs, ACLs, ACTs, allocations, and AMs where need for species in the Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo, Golden Crab, and Sargassum FMUs where needed. There are other actions in the amendment such as removing species from the FMU and specifying ecosystem component species. The most significant action for the December Council meeting will be for the IPT to determine how the species groupings will work (are there sub-complexes, is there an ACL/AM for the entire complex, are there indicator species?). The schedule is to approve for public hearings in December and approve to send to SOC at the June 2011 meeting. Need to add black grouper alternatives from Amendment 24.

Species to be included and principal SAFMC staff:

1. Snapper Grouper (ACL related issues for non-overfishing species including wreckfish) – Myra; Gregg to help with wreckfish
2. Golden Crab (ACL related issues; LAPP issues in separate amendment) – Gregg
3. Sargassum (ACL related issues) - Roger
4. Dolphin Wahoo (ACL related issues) – Gregg

### Steps

#### 1. Scoping

- A. ✓ Approve for scoping at the December 2008 meeting:
- B. NOI to publish in FR by \_\_\_\_\_. NOI published on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 1) ✓ Kate distribute draft NOIs to Jack and Council staff - by Monday, December 15, 2008 noon. Done December 30, 2008.
  - 2) ✓ Comments back to Kate by Wednesday, December 17, 2008 noon. Done January 5, 2009.
  - 3) \*\*Internal NMFS Review\*\*
  - 4) ✓ NMFS File NOIs - January 9, 2009. Done 1/16/09.
  - 5) ✓ NOI publishes - January 16, 2009. Done 1/22/09.
  - 6) ✓ Thirty day comment period begins the date the NOI publishes; 1/22 – 2/22/09.
  - 7) ✓ First Scoping Meeting - January 26, 2009.
  - 8) ✓ Last Scoping Meeting – February 5, 2009.

C. Scope during weeks of January 26-30, 2009 and February 2-5, 2009.

<b><u>January 26, 2009</u></b> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331	<b><u>January 27, 2009</u></b> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637
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<b><u>February 3, 2009</u></b> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>February 4, 2009</u></b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b><u>February 5, 2009</u></b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888	

- D. Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
2. Appoint Team Members
- TEAM LEADS: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead); Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead)
- A. ✓SAFMC: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead); Anna Martin (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH/Ecosystem); Kate Quigley (Economics); Gregg Waugh and John Carmichael.
- B. NMFS Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Karla Gore (SERO); Kate Michie (SERO); David Dale (HCD); Otha Easley (OLE); Andy Herndon (PR); David Keys (NEPA); Mike Jepson (NMFS Anthropologists); and Mike Travis (Economist). NMFS is determining whether additional NMFS staff will be added for dolphin/wahoo, golden crab, coral, Sargassum, and wreckfish.
- C. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Jim Berkson (NOAA RTR Unit, Virginia Tech)
- D. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
3. Committee/Council review scoping comments and options paper at:
- ✓A. March 2009 meeting. At June 2009 meeting. The committee will evaluate the criteria for designating ecosystem species. Tables will be provided ranking level of landings by species from high to low from headboat, MRFSS, logbook, and ALS databases. Existing state regulations will also be compiled.

Based on actions by the Council at the March 2009 meeting, SSC timing, and staff workload, the following revised timeline is suggested: **Note: This has been updated as of December 2009.**

1. ✓Staff/Team prepare analyses of ecosystem species designation by May 12, 2009.
2. ✓Committee/Council review and provide guidance – June 2009 meeting
3. ✓Staff/Team continue to work on draft amendment document during 2009.
4. ✓Committee/Council review and provide guidance during 2009.
5. ✓SSC provides OFL/ABC recommendations by April 2010.
6. ✓Committee/Council review and provide guidance – June & September 2010 meeting.
7. Approve document for public hearings – December 2010.
8. Public hearings & DEIS review – January/February 2011.
9. Committee/Council review public hearing input and approve actions – March 2011.
10. Committee/Council review and approve final document – June 2011.

11. SAFMC submits Amendment Comprehensive ACL Amendment for formal Secretarial review – June 2011.
12. NMFS implements during 2011 fishing year.

#### **ADD MISSING 2009 ITEMS**

- √E. Team Conference Call - 10/29/09
- √F. December Council meeting – 12/7/09 – 12/11/09
- √G. Send committee reports and with motions to Comp. ACL Team – by 12/17/09

#### **2010/11 ACTIVITIES**

- A. √Team Conference Call – January 13, 2010
- B. √Team SECTIONS due to Team leads by February 16 COB.
- C. √March 2-6, 2010 Council Meeting. Council review alternatives in the Amendment.
- D. √Nik/Rick send latest version of options paper (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting) and Amendment timeline to the Team by March 15, 2010 COB.
- E. √Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 23, 2010 at 2 PM
- F. √April 20-22, 2010 – SSC develops ABC control rules for data poor species and provides ABC recommendations.
- G. √Team material due to Nik/Rick – noon on May 5, 2010
- H. √Briefing book material to Gregg Waugh – COB May 11, 2010
- I. √First Briefing Book mailed – May 20, 2010
- J. √June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting. Council reviews SSC input, alternatives and provides guidance.
- K. √Team leads send Council changes from June meeting to Team. June 19th
- L. √IPT Conference call June 24th 10 AM
- M. √Team sections due by August 10, 2010
- N. √IPT Conference Call to discuss years of data to use in amendment. August 30, 2010.
- O. √September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting. Council reviews Draft Amendment and chooses preferred alternatives.
- P. √Add alternatives as directed by Council:
  - a. √Snapper Grouper – Nik M.
  - b. √Dolphin Wahoo & Golden Crab – Gregg
  - c. √Sargassum – Gregg/Roger
- Q. √October 7, 2010 @ 1:30 pm – IPT Conference call to discuss changes from Sept. 2010 Council meeting.
- R. IPT work on species groupings and develop range of alternatives for the Council's evaluation in December.
- S. December 5-10, 2010 Council meeting. Council reviews Amendment and approves for public hearings.
- T. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions.

- U. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting. Council reviews complete document and approves for formal review by Secretary of Commerce.
- V. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – by June 29, 2011.

## **VII. GOLDEN CRAB AMENDMENT 5 (Catch Shares)**

### **A. Appoint Team Members**

1. √SAFMC: Kate Quigley (SAFMC Lead); and Gregg Waugh.
2. √NMFS Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Andy Strelcheck (SERO), Jack McGovern (SERO), Janet Miller (SERO), Nikhil Mehta (SERO); David Dale (HCD); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); David Keys (NEPA); John Vondruska (Economist); Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writers).
3. √NMFS SEFSC – Scott Crosson
4. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

### **B. Overview of Activities:**

1. √AP subgroup to get together three times between now and September to develop a LAP draft design and present it to the Golden Crab Committee/LAP Committee/Council in September 2009.
2. √Staff present the Council with an options paper in September 2009.
3. √Council approve for scoping in September 2009.
4. Scope for a Golden Crab LAP Amendment in November 2009.
5. Present the Council with a draft document in December 2009/March 2010.

**2010 Activities:** Draft timing; approval for public hearing could change from March 2011 to June 2011. Due to the need to complete amendments with a statutory deadline and the addition of two new amendments at the September 2010 meeting, work on Golden Crab Amendment 5 will be delayed into 2011.

- A. √June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team.
- B. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
- C. √September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- D. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- E. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- F. Public hearings – May 2011
- G. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- H. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.

## **VIII. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE**

### **1. *November 8-10, 2010***

10 am November 8 – 4 pm through 2 pm November 10

Charleston SC

- A. Red Snapper SEDAR Benchmark - Monday
- B. Red Grouper Projections
- C. Presentations by Nick Farmer
  - i. Species Groupings
  - ii. Spatial Model for Red Snapper
- D. Ongoing amendments
  - i. Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A – final opportunity for review
  - ii. Comprehensive ACL Amendment – particularly species groupings
  - iii. Regulatory Amendment 10 (Red Snapper adjustments) – alternatives based on spatial model; only chance to review in person
  - iv. Regulatory Amendment 9 (Trip Limits)
  - v. CEBA 2
  - vi. Others?
- E. Timing
  - i. List of items to be addressed to John by 9/24
  - ii. Technical staff to provide Terms of Reference for SSC to use for each amendment/agenda item – by 10/14 at the latest
  - iii. Draft agenda to SSC Coordinating Committee by 9/29
  - iv. Materials ready for briefing book by 10/14
  - v. Final documents must be put on the shared volume first thing on 10/25 before material is distributed
  - vi. Briefing book distributed on 10/25
- F. Other items?

### **2. *November 18-19, 2010***

Subset to meet with Gulf SSC to review Spiny Lobster SEDAR update

### **3. *Socio-Economic Sub-Group – Fishery Biologist***

- A. Group to meet in first quarter of 2011
- B. Review Catch Share Amendments
- C. Other items?

### **4. *April 2011 – looking at week of April 4-8, 2011***

Time TBD

Charleston SC

- A. Comprehensive ACL Amendment – last opportunity to review
- B. Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 – last opportunity to review
- C. Mackerel Amendment 18 – last opportunity to review

D. Spiny Lobster Amendment 10 – last opportunity to review

**4. *October 2011 timeframe***

Time TBD

Charleston SC

## **IX. 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.

### **1. Scoping Meetings**

NMFS will provide staff to help conduct scoping.

- A. Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 – Catch Shares; Andy Strelcheck (NMFS) to present model one-on-one with individuals. Kate (SAFMC) to do scoping.
- B. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 – Red Snapper Long-term Management; Rick (NMFS).
- C. Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 – Red Grouper; Rick (NMFS).
- D. Golden Crab Amendment 5 – Golden Crab Catch Shares; Kate (SAFMC).

### **2. Public Hearings**

- A. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 – Anna (SAFMC)
- B. Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment – Myra (SAFMC)
- C. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 9 – trip limits; Myra (SAFMC)
- D. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 10 – red snapper adjustments; Gregg (SAFMC)

### **3. Dates and Locations**

- A. Dates – week of January 24-28 and January 31-February 4
- B. Locations and dates:
  - i. New Bern, NC – January 24, 2011
  - ii. Charleston, SC – January 26, 2011
  - iii. Savannah/Pooler, GA – January 27, 2011
  - iv. Jacksonville, FL – January 31, 2011
  - v. Cape Canaveral, FL – February 1, 2011
  - vi. Key Largo, FL – February 3, 2011
- C. Rooms Needed – large area plus 4 rooms (1 recording and 3 for tech. presentations)
  - i. General area (large) – sign-in and get information; SEDAR/SSC/Science table; Andy Strelcheck table in corner for some privacy
  - ii. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input
  - iii. Room #2 – Scoping
    - 1. SG 22 & 24 Scoping (Rick)
    - 2. SG 21/GC 5 Scoping & catch shares (Kate)
  - iv. Room #3 – CEBA 2 Public Hearings (Anna) and SG Reg Am 10 if needed (Gregg)
  - v. Room #4 – Comp ACL Am & SG Reg Am 9 Public Hearings (Myra)



## **X. 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. December 5-10, 2010**

Hilton New Bern/Riverfront

100 Middle Street

New Bern, NC 28562

Phone: 1-800-326-3745 or 252-638-3585/Fax: 252-638-8112

**B. March 7-11, 2011 – Georgia**

Sea Palms Resort & Conference Center

5445 Frederica Road

St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Phone: 1-800-841-6268 or 912-638-3351/Fax: 912-638-5416

**C. June 13-17, 2011 – Florida**

Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel

3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd.

Key West, FL 33040

Phone: 1-800-546-0885 or 305-296-8100/Fax: 305-293-0205

**D. September 12-16, 2011 – South Carolina**

The Charleston Marriott Hotel

170 Lockwood Boulevard

Charleston SC 29403

Phone: 1-800-968-3569 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-0276

**E. December 5-9, 2011 – North Carolina**

Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel

1707 Hillsborough Street

Raleigh, NC 27605

Phone: 1-800-331-7919 or 919-828-0811/Fax: 919-834-0904

**F. March 5-9, 2012 – Georgia**

Location?

**G. June 11-15, 2012 – Florida**

Location?

**H. September 10-14, 2012 – South Carolina**

Location?

**I. December 3-7, 2012 – North Carolina**

Location?

## **XI. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING**

### **A. Snapper Grouper – Myra**

- 1.

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

1. Draft request to SEFSC to provide SAFE and trends reports annually by the September Council meeting.
2. √Provide the Action Plan for the South Atlantic Alliance to the Committee when available – done 9/28/10.

### **E. Catch Share Programs – Kate**

- 1.

### **F. Golden Crab – Kate/Gregg**

- 1.

**G. Mackerel – Gregg**

1. ✓DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK WITH GULF STAFF TO STRUCTURE THE AMENDMENT 18 DOCUMENT WITH THE MSY, OY, AND ABC/ABC CONROL RULE ACTIONS AND ORDER BY COUNCIL ACTION (JOINT ACTIONS, THEN GULF ACTIONS, AND FOLLOWED BY SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ACTIONS).
2. ✓The Joint Committees directed each staff to schedule meetings with each Council's Mackerel Advisory Panel prior to the Councils approving Amendment 18 for public hearings.
3. Directed staff to determine the Gulf Council's timing for working on the next mackerel amendment. The SAFMC would like to add items to the next joint amendment.

**H. Dolphin Wahoo – Gregg; nothing.**

**I. Shrimp – Social Scientist**

1. Research how other states, particularly Texas, handles closures due to severe winter weather to use as possible guidance to an amendment of the Shrimp FMP regarding this issue.
2. Work with the Shrimp Review Panel to evaluate fishery-independent surveys to replace or enhance the current MSST proxy for pink shrimp that is currently based on the SEAMAP survey.
3. Schedule the Shrimp Committee in December to receive a presentation from NMFS on the new consultation on the southeast shrimp fishery.

**J. Spiny Lobster – Gregg**

1. Directed staff to work with the Gulf Council to schedule a Joint Spiny Lobster Committee during the Gulf Council's June 6-9, 2011 meeting to resolve any outstanding issues after public hearings.
2. Directed the Team to look at resolving OY versus ABC and add where OY is being re-specified.
3. Directed the Team to include the Biological Opinion as an appendix to Amendment 10 and to include summary information within the amendment document.
4. Directed the Team to clearly present the current regulations within the State of Florida.

**K. Law Enforcement - Myra**

1. Write a letter on behalf of the Council to request additional funding for JEA activities

**L. SEDAR – John**

**SEPTEMBER**

Nothing

- (1) Develop disclosure form for consideration at next meeting

**M. SSC Selection – John**

1. Did not meet September

**N. Full Council – Bob**

1. Letter to NMFS about EFP - Bob
2. ✓Letter to NMFS requesting a control date of September 17, 2010 for the snapper grouper and the king and spanish mackerel fisheries – Myra to draft for Bob
3. ✓SEND A LETTER TO DR. PONWITH (SEFSC) REQUESTING THAT SHE CONSULT WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE AGENCIES AND ACCSP TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS WITH TIMELY REPORTING OF QUOTA-MONITORED SPECIES - Bob
4. Other letters?

## **XII. DECEMBER 5-10, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING**

**Sheraton New Bern**

**100 Middle Street**

**New Bern, NC 28562**

**Phone: 1-800-326-3745 or 252-638-3585/Fax: 252-638-8112**

1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 11/4/2010 @ 5 pm local time.
2. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO GREGG BY 11/9/2010 AT NOON.
3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 11/11/2010
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 11/16/2010 AT 9 a.m.
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 11/15/2010.
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 11/18/2010.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (Minor Items only) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 11/29/2010.

[\_\_\_\_\_ – GMFMC liason]

Bob – memo to Roy:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: see snapper grouper presentations below. We also need to have the recreational catch data from Am 13C implementation date forward.]:

(1) \_\_\_\_\_

NMFS/Council Questions/Answer session – \_\_\_\_\_.

**Informal Q & A with Roy & David – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm**

**Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Thursday beginning at ????? pm**

### **DRAFT**

#### **A. Spiny Lobster Committee (Gregg) – Monday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

- (1) SEDAR Spiny Lobster Update
  - A. Update Results – hard copy in briefing book
  - B. SSC Actions & Recommendations – SSC Rep.
- (2) Draft Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS
  - A. Choose preferred alternatives for remaining actions
  - B. Committee Direction to Staff
  - C. Approve for public hearings

#### **B. Mackerel Committee (Gregg) – Tuesday 8:30 pm – 12:00 noon**

- (1) Draft Mackerel Amendment 18/EA
  - A. Choose preferred alternatives for remaining actions
  - B. Committee Direction to Staff
  - C. Approve for public hearings

- C. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Anna) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**
- (1) Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (CE-BA 2)
    - A. Overview of CE-BA 2 actions and alternatives including new measures
    - B. Committee Discussion and guidance to staff
    - C. Approve for public hearings
  - (2) Update on Ecosystem Activities
- D. SEDAR Committee (John) – Tuesday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Black sea bass approvals
  - (2) Steering Committee meeting report
- E. Joint Executive/Finance Committee (Bob) – Wednesday**
- (1)
- F. Personnel Committee (Bob) – Wednesday**
- (1)
- G. SOPPs Committee (Bob) – Wednesday**
- H. Golden Crab Committee (Kate) – Wednesday (1 hour)**
- (1) Approve Amendment 5 (Catch Shares) for scoping
- I. Shrimp Committee (Gregg) – Wednesday (presentation may be given at full Council)**
- (1) Presentation on Consultation for Southeast Shrimp Fishery – NMFS PR Staff
  - (2) Committee Discussion & Direction to Staff
- J. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) – Wednesday 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm and Thursday 8:30 – 5:00**
- (1) Oculina Monitoring Reports
  - (2) SSC Report
  - (3) Advisory Panel Report
  - (4) Regulatory Amendment 9 (Trip Limits) – review, modify and approve for public hearings??
  - (5) Regulatory Amendment 10 (Red Snapper) – review, modify and approve for SOC or for public hearings?
  - (6) Amendment 18A – review public hearing comments, modify and approve actions
  - (7) Comprehensive ACL Amendment – review, modify and approve for public hearings
  - (8) Amendment 24 – review and provide guidance to staff & approve for scoping
  - (9) Amendment 18B – needed or not needed?
  - (10) Amendment 20 – status report
  - (11) Amendment 21 – Overview of Current SG Fishery (Kate/Jack) & status report & approve for scoping
  - (12) Amendment 22 – status report & approve for scoping
  - (13) Other items????
- K. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman David Cupka – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**
- L. Council Session (with public comment period) – Friday 8:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- I. Presentations - ????**
- II. Final Council Action and Comment:**

- (1) Regulatory Amendment 10 if final action taken
- (2) Others?

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

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

- A. Spiny Lobster Committee Report – Approve Amendment 10 for public hearings (ACTION)
- B. Mackerel Committee Report – Approve Amendment 18 for public hearings (ACTION)
- C. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report – Approve CEBA 2 for public hearings (ACTION)
- D. SEDAR Committee Report – ACTION
- E. Executive/Finance Committee Report – ACTION
- F. Personnel Committee Report????
- G. SOPPs Committee Report – ACTION
- H. Golden Crab Committee Report – ACTION
- I. Shrimp Committee Report – ACTION
- J. Snapper Grouper Committee
  - 1. Amendment 18A – approve actions (ACTION)
  - 2. Comprehensive ACL Amendment – approve for public hearings (ACTION)
  - 3. Regulatory Amendment 10 – approve for public hearings or formal review? (ACTION)
  - 4. Regulatory Amendment 9 – approve for public hearings (ACTION)
  - 5. Amendments 21, 22 & 24 – approve for scoping (ACTION)
  - 6. Guidance to staff/team on other amendments under development - ACTION
- K. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 11/15/2010 for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Commercial Quotas by fishing year: 1. Atlantic King Mackerel; 2. Gulf King Mackerel Eastern Zone; 3. Atlantic Spanish Mackerel; 4. Snowy Grouper; 5. Golden Tilefish; 6. Wreckfish; 7. South Atlantic Octocorals; 8. Greater Amberjack; 9. Dolphin (soft quota); 10. Vermilion Snapper; 11. Black Sea Bass; 12. Red Porgy; and 13. Gag.
  - (b) Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B
  - (c) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 11/15/2010 for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Data Collection & Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
  - (b) Progress reports on headboat data entry
  - (c) **Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations** (Note: the data provided should track the relevant fishing years and show quota or allocation and current catches: 1. Atlantic King Mackerel; 2. Atlantic Spanish Mackerel; 3. Black Sea Bass; 4. Golden Tilefish; 5. Snowy Grouper; 6. Red Porgy; 7. Vermilion Snapper; 8. Gag; 9. Mutton Snapper; 10. Yellowtail Snapper; 11. Greater Amberjack; and 12. Dolphin & Wahoo.
  - (d) Response to letters requesting data
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION
- N. Other Business

### **XIII. MARCH 7-11, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

Sea Palms Resort & Conference Center  
5445 Frederica Road  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

Draft list of committees that are expected to meet.

#### **I. Potential Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Committee Meetings –**

##### **A. Spiny Lobster Committee – planning on joint in June with Gulf Council for spiny lobster; SAFMC committee - 1 hour in case action needed.**

- (1) Committees provide direction to staff/team

##### **B. Mackerel Committee – no joint meeting planned thus far**

- (1) Review public comments and provide final guidance on document
- (2) Committees provide direction to staff/team
- (3) Approve Amendment 18 for formal review

#### **III. SAFMC COMMITTEE/COUNCIL**

##### **A. Snapper Grouper Committee**

- (1) Oculina Monitoring Reports
- (2) SSC Report
- (3) Advisory Panel Report
- (4) Regulatory Amendment 9 (Trip Limits) – review comments, modify and approve for formal review by SOC
- (5) Regulatory Amendment 10 (Red Snapper) – if not approved in December, then review comments, modify and approve for formal review by SOC
- (6) Amendment 18A – review DEIS comments, modify and final approval for formal review by SOC
- (7) Comprehensive ACL Amendment – review comments, modify and approve all actions
  - a. Dolphin/Wahoo – D/W Committee Chair to run this part of meeting and develop recommendations
  - b. Golden Crab – GC Committee Chair to run this part of meeting and develop recommendations
  - c. Sargassum – Ecosystem Committee Chair to run this part of meeting and develop recommendations
  - d. Snapper Grouper – SG Chair to run remainder of meeting and develop recommendations
- (8) Amendment 24 – review scoping comments and modify and approve for public hearings
- (9) Amendment 18B – needed or not needed?
- (10) Amendment 20 – status report
- (11) Amendment 21 – review scoping comments and provide guidance
- (12) Amendment 22 – review scoping comments and provide guidance
- (13) Other items????

##### **B. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee**

- (1) ???



- C. Catch Shares Committee –
  - (1) ??
- D. Mackerel Committee
  - (1) Joint SA/GM Amendment 18 – review public hearing comments and provide final guidance; approve for formal review
- E. Golden Crab Committee
  - (1) Golden Crab Amendment 5 – review scoping comments & amendment and provide guidance
- F. Executive/Finance
- G. SOPPs
- H. AP Selection
- I. SEDAR
- J. Full Council – **PUBLIC COMMENT**
  - (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B?
  - (2) Mackerel Amendment 18
  - (3) Agenda Items

## **XIV. 2010 PRIORITIES & TIMING**

Note: The following amendments have a **statutory deadline of 2010** because they include species that are undergoing overfishing: Snapper Grouper Amendments 17A and 17B. The following amendments have a **statutory deadline of 2011** for all other species: Snapper Grouper Amendment 18, Comprehensive ACL Amendment, Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2, Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 18, and Joint SA/GM Spiny Lobster Amendment 10.

### **-----2010 STATUTORY DEADLINE-----**

#### **1. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A/EIS – Rick/Myra***

[Note: At the June 2009 meeting, the Council split Amendment 17 into 17A & 17B. Amendment 17B was finalized in December 2009 and will be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce in February 2010.]

- √A. Scoping - February 2008.
- √B. Review scoping comments and options - February & June 2008.
- √C. At the December 2008 meeting, the Council decided to split 17 into Amendments 17 and 18. Amendment 17 would be completed and approved for public hearing after NMFS publishes the final ACL guidelines and the SSC provides their OFL and ABC recommendations. It is anticipated that this will take place in September 2009 at the earliest.
- √D. At the June 2009 meeting, the Council decided to split 17 into Amendments 17A (Red Snapper) and 17B (Remaining Species). Both amendments are going to be worked on together. If possible, they will be approved for public hearings in September or December 2009. Public hearings were held in November 2009 and all comments were reviewed and preferred alternatives were finalized in December 2009.
- √E. NMFS Files DEIS in February 2010. Filed 2/26 and published on 3/5/2010.
- √F. Review revised Amendment 17A in March 2010.
- √G. Review complete document, review DEIS comments, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – June 2010.
- √H. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – June 2010. Done July 19, 2010. Decision day is October 27, 2010.
- I. Regulations effective by **12/5/10**. Note: need to ensure no lapse in Interim Rule regulations.

#### **2. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B/EA – Rick/Myra***

- √A. Review revised Amendment 17B and approve for formal review – December 2009.
- √B. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – March 2010. Done on 3/30/2010. NOA published 9/22/10.
- C. Regulations effective by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **3. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 18/18A/18B – Kate/Myra***

[Note: At the December 2008 meeting, the Council directed staff to scope items for Amendment 18 including LAPP related issues.]

[Note: At the June 2009 meeting, the Council split the Wreckfish ITQ Program into Amendment 20.]

**[Note: At the September 2009 meeting, the Council split the amendment into Amendment 18A (all items other than 2 action in 18B) and Amendment 18B (extension of FMU & EFH). NMFS & NOAA GC to determine whether 18B is required because 18A is not under a statutory deadline. If Amendment 18B is not needed, then there is no statutory deadline.]**

- A. √Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. √Review scoping comments, LAPP Working Group recommendations, and options – March & June 2009.
- C. √Public hearings were held in November 2009 and comments reviewed in December 2009. Guidance was provided to staff.
- D. √Review Amendment and provide guidance at March 2010 meeting.
- E. √Review Amendment and approve for 2<sup>nd</sup> round of public hearings. Amendment 18A approved for public hearings at September 2010 meeting.
- F. Public hearings – October/November 2010
- G. Review public comments and approve final actions in Amendment 18A at December 2010 meeting.
- H. Review complete Amendment 18A document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – March 2011.
- I. Send Amendment 18A to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – April 2011.
- J. Regulations effective by \_\_\_\_\_.

### **4. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-based Amendment 2/EA (Coral ACLs & AMs) – Anna***

- A. √Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. √Review scoping comments and options – March & June 2009.
- C. √Council work on Amendment September 2009 – September 2010
- D. Approve for public hearings – December 2010.
- E. Public hearings – January/February 2011.
- F. Review all comments and approve all actions – March 2011.
- G. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – June 2011.

## **5. *Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Amendment 18 - Gregg***

(King & Spanish Mackerel & Cobia MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG  
(RICK LEARD, GMFMC STAFF LEAD)

- A. ✓Scope Commercial Quota Issue – February 2008.
- B. ✓Review scoping comments and options – June, September & December 2008.
- C. ✓SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations.  
The South Atlantic SSC will provide their recommendations after their April 20-22, 2010 meeting.
- D. ✓Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. ✓GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4, April 12-15, and June 14-17, 2010  
And October 25-28, 2010.
  - b. ✓Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Committee meeting – June 8, 2010 from 8:30 am – 3 pm
  - c. ✓SAFMC reviews and provides input – March 1-5 and June 7-11, 2010 and September 13-17, 2010.
- E. NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - \_\_\_\_\_. Currently EA.
- F. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA and approve for public hearings –
  - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 in Gulfport, MS
  - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- G. Public Hearings – April 2011 (Note: Public hearings will be Joint Mackerel & Spiny Lobster; with GMFMC in Keys.)
- H. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
  - a. GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee – June 8<sup>th</sup>? During Gulf meeting??
  - b. GMFMC – June 6-9, 2011 in Key West, FL
  - c. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in Key West, FL
- I. Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA or EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011.
- J. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. *Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS - Gregg/Carrie***

(Delegation to FL and MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG SAFMC/GMFMC STAFF LEAD

- A. ✓Scope – February 2008.
- B. ✓Review scoping comments and options – June, September & December 2008.
- C. ✓Draft Amendment prepared by SAFMC staff (Gregg Waugh) with assistance from NMFS staff (Susan Gerhart) and GMFMC staff (Carrie Simmons)
  - a. ✓GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4 and June 14-17, 2010
  - b. ✓Joint Gulf/South Atlantic APs and Committees – June 7, 2010 from 8:30 am – 5 pm
  - c. ✓SAFMC reviews and provides input – June 7-11, 2010
- D. ✓NMFS determined an EIS is required due to coral ESA issues and prepares appropriate notices.
- E. SEDAR Update complete and sent to SSC – November 3, 2010
- F. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 18-19, 2010
- G. SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
- H. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS and approve for public hearings –
  - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 TX
  - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- I. Public Hearings – April 2011 (Note: Hearings will be Joint Mackerel & Spiny Lobster; with GMFMC in Keys)
- J. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
  - a. GMFMC/SAFMC Spiny Lobster Committee – June 8<sup>th</sup>? During Gulf meeting??
  - b. GMFMC – June 6-9, 2011 in Key West, FL
  - c. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in Key West, FL
- K. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011.
- L. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**7. *Comprehensive ACL Amendment - Myra***

- A. ✓Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. ✓Review scoping comments and options – March & June 2009.
- C. Approve for public hearings - December 2010.
- D. Public hearings – January/February 2011.
- E. Review all comments and approve all actions – March 2011.
- F. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - June 2011.
- G. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – June 2011.
- H. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

-----JUNE 2012 STATUTORY DEADLINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION-----

**8. Amendment 24/EIS (Red Grouper) - Myra**

[Start 6/10 notification; Final Council action 12/2011 to meet statutory deadline.]

[Note: At September 2010 meeting, Council moved black grouper to the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.]

- √A. Council notified red group is undergoing overfishing and is overfished; two years to prepare and implement a plan amendment or proposed regulations; letter dated June 9, 2010.
- √B. Assign Team – done October 2010.
- C. Team Conference Call – TBD
- √D. SERO to request additional red grouper rebuilding projections – requested 7/12/10 and received on 9/3/10.
- E. Team SECTIONS due to Team leads by \_\_\_\_\_ COB.
- F. December 2010 – Council approve for scoping.
- G. Scoping – January/February 2011
- H. Final Council approval for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – December 2011.
- I. Final regulations effective by June 9, 2012.

-----NO STATUTORY DEADLINE-----

**9. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 9 (Trip Limits - Greater Amberjack, Vermilion Snapper, Black Sea Bass & Gag)- Myra**

- √A. Assign Team – done in October 2010.
- B. Team Conference Call – TBD
- C. December 2010 – Council approves for public hearings.
- D. Public Hearings – January/February 2011
- E. Review comments and final approval for SOC review in March 2011
- F. Send document to SOC in March 2011

**10. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 10 (Red Snapper Adjustments)**

- a. √Assign Team – TBD
- b. Schedule IPT call to review alternative
- c. Draft document for Council's review in December 2010
- d. Public hearing at December and approve for formal review in December 2010 or
- e. Approve for public hearings in December
- f. Hearings in January/February 2011
- g. Review comments and final approval for SOC review in March 2011
- h. Send document to SOC in March 2011

### **11. Golden Crab Amendment 5 (Kate/Gregg)**

- √A. Scope for a Golden Crab LAP Amendment in November 2009.
- √B. Council provides guidance 2010
- √C. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team on splitting ACL/AM measures out into the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.
- D. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
- √E. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.

**Note: Due to workload on amendments with a statutory deadline, work on Golden Crab Amendment 5 has been deferred into 2011.**

- F. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- G. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- H. Public hearings – May 2011
- I. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- J. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.
- K. Final regulations implemented \_\_\_\_\_.

### **12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 (Wreckfish ITQ & ACL/AM) - Kate**

[Note: At the June 2009 meeting, the Council split the Wreckfish ITQ Program out of Amendment 18 and into Amendment 20. At the March 2010 meeting, the Council split the ACL/AM actions out of Amendment 20 and into the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.]

Staff/Team will work on Amendment 20 as time permits in 2010 but focus will be on those amendments with a statutory deadline (Snapper Grouper Amendments 17A & 18

- A. √Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. √Review scoping comments, LAPP Working Group recommendations, and options – March & June 2009.
- C. √March 1-5, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team.
- D. √June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- E. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by \_\_\_\_\_ 2010.
- F. √September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- G. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- H. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- I. Public hearings – May 2011
- J. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- K. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.
- L. Regulations effective by \_\_\_\_\_.

**13. Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 (COMPREHENSIVE CATCH SHARES/TRIP LIMITS) - Kate**

(Vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, black sea bass, gag, greater amberjack, red grouper, and black grouper – trip limit actions, effort and participation reduction and endorsement actions, catch share program for quota species except snowy grouper. To include ITQ, cooperative, RFA, CDQ components, and regional or state by state quota analysis) - Kate

- A. √IPT Members – done October 2010.
- B. April – December 2010
  - a. Data requests
  - b. Outside staff assistance
  - c. Staff/team work on analyses
  - d. Status reports at each Council meeting
- C. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- D. Scoping – January/February 2011

**14. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Long-term Management of Red Snapper) - Myra**

The Council directed staff to develop a plan for preparing Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.

- A. √IPT Members – done October 2010.
- B. The Council directed staff to develop a plan for preparing SG Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.
- C. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- D. Scoping – January/February 2011

**√15. South Atlantic Independent Monitoring Plan – John.  
COMPLETED.**

- √A. Planning and organization – June - July 2010
- √B. Background preparation – August 2010
- √C. Workshop – August 2010
- √D. Complete Workshop Report – September 2011.
- √E. Proposed Plan Completed, presented to Council – September 2011.
- √F. Council approves 2011 Plan at September 2011 meeting.