



**VERSION #3**  
**SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS**  
**SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES**

**ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: SEPTEMBER 12-16, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING**

**TIMING:**

√SAFMC Draft by: 9/22/11. Done 9/27/11.

√Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 9/23/11. Done 9/28/11.

Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 9/\_\_/11.

√SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 9/27/11.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised.

Done \_\_\_\_\_. 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 9/30/11. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

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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) **Council meeting deliverables:**
  - a. √Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 2/10/11 for March 2011 meeting.
  - b. √Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 5/19/11 for June 2011 meeting.
  - c. √Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 8/18/11 for September 2011 meeting.
  - d. Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 11/10/11 for December 2011 meeting.
- 3) 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.
- 4) **Oculina Evaluation Team to prepare OECA Evaluation Report in 2014.** This report is a follow-up to the February 2007 Oculina Evaluation Team Report. The report is to provide an update on accomplishments addressing the following components as specified in Final Evaluation Plan for OECA:
  - a. Outreach
  - b. Research/Assessment
  - c. Law Enforcement

### 2. *Amendment 18 - Myra & Brian*

**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 18th, 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.
  - E. ~~√~~Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT September 20, 2010. IPT meeting held September 27, 2010.
- Note:** ~~At the September 2010 meeting, the Council split Amendment 18 into Amendment 18A and 18B:~~

### **3. Amendment 18A/EIS – Brian**

**Note: At the June 2011 meeting, the Council reorganized Amendments 18A and 18B. These changes are reflected in the list of actions and under the information for 2011 below.**

Brian – SAFMC Lead; Kate Michie – NMFS Lead

#### **Amendment 18A**

- Black sea bass rebuilding strategy
- Black sea bass MSA parameters
- Black sea bass AMs
- Black sea bass actions;
  - 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;
- Black sea bass spawning season closure
- Black sea bass ACLs & Management Measure changes based on assessment
  - Minimum size limit
  - Commercial trip limit
- Black sea bass allocations within commercial sectors
- Changes to improve data collection in the snapper grouper fishery

**[Golden tilefish items moved to Am 18B]**

#### **Team Members**

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead and commercial description and fishery impacts); Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin (SIA), Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (Coral issues) and John Carmichael.
- b. NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead); Nikhil Mehta, Karla Gore, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational description and fishery impacts); David Dale (HCD), Otha Easley (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writer).
- c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams and Scott Crosson.
- d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

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

- A. ~~✓Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT September 30, 2010. IPT meeting held September 27, 2010. Materials for inclusion in the first briefing book due November 12, 2010.~~
- B. ~~✓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~~
- C. ~~√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 \_\_\_\_\_.~~
- D. ~~NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by \_\_\_\_\_.~~
- E. ~~Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Completed prior to the March 2011 Council meeting.~~
- F. ~~Completion of Amendment 18A/DEIS:~~
- ~~√(1) Review public hearing comments, choose preferred alternatives, 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.~~
- G. ~~√Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT December 16, 2010.~~

## 2011 Activities:

- A. √IPT meeting held January \_\_, 2011. Materials for inclusion in the first briefing book due February \_\_, 2011.
- B. √March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – Council provided guidance to staff/team.
- C. √Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. √IPT meeting held \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. √Materials for inclusion in first briefing book due May \_\_, 2011.
- F. √Council provides guidance at June 2011 meeting.
- G. Preparation of Amendment 18A/EA or EIS for September 2011 meeting:
  - (1) NMFS determines EA or EIS
  - (2) √Distribute motions/alternatives from June meeting
  - (3) IPT call 6/30
  - (4) Sections due to team leads (Brian & Kate) by 7/26
  - (5) July 27 to 29 – Incorporate IPT sections
  - ~~(6) August 1 – Send to GC, Regional NEPA, SEFSC for 2 week review~~
  - ~~(7) August 1 to August 15 – Review~~
  - (8) Ready for briefing book – week of August 29<sup>th</sup> or 9 am September 6<sup>th</sup> at latest
- H. √Review document and approve for public hearings – September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting
- I. Document preparation for public hearings after September meeting – Amendment 18A/DEIS:
  - (1) √Distribute motions/alternatives from September meeting
  - (2) √IPT call 9/27 at 1 pm
  - (3) Sections due to team leads (Brian & Kate) by October 21, 2011
  - (4) October 25, 2011– PPI review of DEIS
  - (5) October 25, 2011 – GC review
  - (6) November 8, 2011– PPI gives final clearance of DEIS
  - (7) Documents ready to be posted to website by noon on October 21, 2011
- J.
  - (1) November 11, 2011 (Friday) – DEIS files
  - (2) November 18, 2011 (Friday) – DEIS publishes; starts 45-day comment period.  
Transmit Amendment/DEIS to SEFSC.
  - (3) January 2, 2012– DEIS 45-day comment period ends.

- K. PH held in November & December 2011 and cover SG Amendments 18A/EIS (Black Sea Bass), 20A/EA (Wreckfish) & 24/EA (Red Grouper):  
**Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm except Charleston & Raleigh from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

2011	City & Location	Hearing Chairs	Staff	Hotel Rooms?
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11/15	Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	Ben Hartig (John Jolley to attend)	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff, Ben & John
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- a. Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
- b. PH Comment Period: October 21, 2011 – 5 pm on November 21, 2011
- c. FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- d. Amendment available
  - i. Complete by 10/21/11
  - ii. Posted to web by 10/21/11
- e. Public Hearing Summary available
  - i. Complete by 10/21/11
  - ii. Posted to web by 10/21/11
- f. Email address: [SGAmend18APHcomment@safmc.net](mailto:SGAmend18APHcomment@safmc.net)
- g. Public Hearing Presentation

- L. Review public hearing comments, review revised document, modify as appropriate, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – December 5-9, 2011 Council meeting
- M. Amendment 18A/FEIS completion:
  - (1) TEAM finalizes document (including revisions to FEIS and proposed rule) – by Middle of January
  - (2) Council staff finalizes document Late January
- N. Council sends Amendment 18A/FEIS to Secretary of Commerce by **Regulations to be effective by June 1, 2012.**
- O. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- P. Notice of Availability published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/12.
  - (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 \_\_\_\_\_.



#### **4. Amendment 18B/EA – Myra**

**Note: At the June 2011 meeting, the Council reorganized Amendments 18A and 18B. These changes are reflected in the list of actions and under the information for 2011 below.**

Myra – SAFMC Lead; Karla Gore – NMFS Lead

##### **Amendment 18B/EA**

- Limit participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (endorsements)
- Establish appeals process
- Allocate commercial quota between longline and hook-and-line
- Allow for transferability of golden tilefish endorsements
- Changes to the golden tilefish fishing year
- Commercial trip limits
- Recreational season or some other mechanism to limit to recreational ACL/ACT

In December 2011, the Council will consider adding the following items:

- Update MSA Parameters (ABC, OFL, ACL, ACT, OY)
- Golden tilefish rebuilding strategy if determined overfished
- Golden tilefish AMs – change to track ACLs

##### **Team Members**

- a. Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront (update 2010 data and commercial fishery impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (SIA), Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (Coral issues) and John Carmichael.
- b. NMFS Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead); Nikhil Mehta, Kate Michie, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational description and fishery impacts); David Dale (HCD), Otha Easley (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writers), Erik Williams and Scott Crosson (SEFSC).
- c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

##### **2011 Activities:**

- A. √IPT meeting held January \_\_, 2011. Materials for inclusion in the first briefing book due February \_\_, 2011.
- B. √March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – Council provided guidance to staff/team.
- C. √Motions and revised alternatives sent to IPT \_\_\_\_\_.
- D. √IPT meeting held \_\_\_\_\_.
- E. √Materials for inclusion in first briefing book due May \_\_, 2011.
- F. √Council provides guidance at June 2011 meeting.
- G. Preparation of Amendment 18B/EA for September 2011 meeting:
  - (1) √Distribute motions/alternatives from June meeting
  - (2) √IPT call 7/6/11

- (3) √Sections due to team leads (Myra & Karla) by 8/17
- (4) √August 17 to 29 – Incorporate IPT sections
- (5) September 1 – Send to GC, Regional NEPA, SEFSC for 2 week review
- (6) September 1 to 15 – Review
- (7) √Ready for briefing book – week of August 29<sup>th</sup> or 9 am September 6<sup>th</sup> at latest
- H. √Review document and ~~approve for public hearings~~ – September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting; Council deferred approving for public hearings until December 5-9, 2011 meeting.
- I. Document preparation for December meeting
  - (1) √Distribute motions/alternatives from September meeting
  - (2) IPT call 10/4/11 at 2 pm
  - (3) Sections due to team leads (Myra & Karla) by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (4) \_\_\_\_\_ – Incorporate IPT sections
  - (5) \_\_\_\_\_ – Send to GC, Regional NEPA, SEFSC for 2 week review
  - (6) \_\_\_\_\_ – Review
  - (7) First Briefing Book deadline – 11/8/11
  - (8) Second Briefing Book deadline – 11/23/11
- J. Snapper Grouper AP input during October 5-6, 2011 meeting
  - (1) √Distribute briefing materials 9/26
  - (2) Distribute AP input to IPT for incorporation into Amendment document 10/10
- K. PH held in January/February and cover Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B/EA, Golden Crab Amendment 6/EA (Catch Shares), Scoping for CEBA-3, and in Key Largo Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/EIS: **REQUESTED LOCATIONS SHOWN BUT NOT FINALIZED YET**

Public hearings/Scoping will be held from 4-7 pm

<b>January 24, 2012</b> North Charleston	<b>January 26, 2012</b> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637
<b>January 30, 2012</b> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b>January 31, 2012</b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b>February 1, 2012</b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	<b>February 2, 2012</b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888

- (1) Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
- (2) PH Comment Period: January 13, 2011 – 5 pm on February 13, 2011
- (3) FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- (4) Amendment available
  - i. Complete by 1/13/12
  - ii. Posted to web by 1/13/12

- (5) Public Hearing Summary available
  - i. Complete by 1/13/12
  - ii. Posted to web by 1/13/12
- (6) Email address: [SGAmend18BPHcomment@safmc.net](mailto:SGAmend18BPHcomment@safmc.net)
- (7) Public Hearing Presentation
  
- L. Review public hearing comments, review revised document, modify as appropriate, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – March 5-9, 2012 Council meeting
- M. Amendment 18B/EA completion:
  - (1) TEAM finalizes document (including proposed rule) – by 3/23/12.
  - (2) Council staff finalizes document 3/29/12.
- N. Council sends Amendment 18B/EA to Secretary of Commerce by March 30, 2012.
- O. Regulations to be effective prior to January 1, 2013 or sooner if the fishing year changes; intent to have regulations effective prior to next fishing year.
- P. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q. Notice of Availability published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/12.
  - (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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## **5. *Amendment 18C - 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.

## 6. *Amendment 20/EA (Changes to the Wreckfish ITQ) - Kari*

- 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.~~

J. ~~— ✓December Council Meeting: The Council was provided an update on progress made on Amendment 20.~~

**2011 Activities:**

- A. √Scoping – January/February 2011
- B. √March 2011 Council meeting – review scoping comments and provide direction to Staff/IPT.
- C. √June 2011 Council meeting – review document and provide direction to Staff/IPT.

**Note: At the June meeting the Council split Amendment 20 into 20A (4 issues) and 20B (remaining issues).**

**7. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A (Wreckfish 4 issues)**

SG Amendment 20A/EA – Actions Included:

- a. Define which shares will be reverted
- b. Define how to redistribute reverted shares
- c. Define a share cap on ownership
- d. Appeals/Set aside

SG Amendment 20A/EA IPT Team Members:

- √a. SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC lead); Brian Chevront, Myra Brouwer, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues).
- √b. NMFS SERO Team: Mike Travis (NMFS Lead), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie, Andy Strelcheck, Janet Miller, Christina Package (SIA), Otha Easley (OLE), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore, Jack McGovern, Andy Herndon, Amanda Frick, Anne Marie Eich (Regulations writer) and David Keys (NEPA).
- √c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson and David Gloeckner.
- √d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

SG Amendment 20A - 2011 Activities:

- A. √IPT meeting – timeline and writing responsibilities; June 30
- B. √NMFS determines EA or EIS. IPT recommends EA.
- C. √Revisions to document for August 9, 2011 Council meeting
- D. √Council provides guidance at August 9, 2011 Council meeting – choose preferreds if possible (and approve for public hearings if required for timing). NMFS advised that approving for public hearings in September would meet the required timing.
- E. Preparation of Amendment 20A/EA for September 2011 meeting:
  - (1) √Distribute motions/alternatives from August meeting
  - (2) √IPT call 6/30
  - (3) √Sections due to team leads (Kari and Mike/Nik) by 8/31
  - (4) √Sept 1-2 – Incorporate IPT sections
  - (5) √Ready for briefing book – week of August 29<sup>th</sup> or 9 am September 6<sup>th</sup> at latest
- F. √Review document and approve for public hearings – September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting



- G. Document preparation for public hearings
- (1) √Distribute motions/alternatives from September meeting
  - (2) √IPT call 9/22
  - (3) Sections due to team leads (Kari & Mike/Nik) by 10/14
  - (4) Incorporate IPT sections – 10/14 or sooner thru 10/20
  - (5) Public Hearing Document & Summary posted to website – noon on 10/21
  - (6) Send to GC, Regional NEPA, SEFSC for 2 week review
  - (7) Review
  - (8) Documents ready to be posted to website by noon on October 21, 2011
- H. PH held in November & December 2011 and cover SG Amendments 18A/EIS (Black Sea Bass), 20A/EA (Wreckfish) & 24/EA (Red Grouper):  
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11/15	Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	Ben Hartig (John Jolley to attend)	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff, Ben & John
11/16	Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard <b>Cape Canaveral, FL 32920</b> Phone: 321-784-0000	Ben	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff & Ben
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12/6/11 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel 1707 Hillsborough Street <b>Raleigh, NC 27605</b> Phone: 919-828-0811	Mac	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim, Andrea & Julie	During Council meeting

- (1) Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
  - (2) PH Comment Period: October 21, 2011 – 5 pm on November 21, 2011
  - (3) FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (4) Amendment available
    - i. Complete by 10/21/11
    - ii. Posted to web by 10/21/11
  - (5) Public Hearing Summary available
    - i. Complete by 10/21/11
    - ii. Posted to web by 10/21/11
  - (6) Email address: [SGAmend20APHcomment@safmc.net](mailto:SGAmend20APHcomment@safmc.net)
  - (7) Public Hearing Presentation
- I. Document preparation for December Council meeting
    - (1) First briefing book – use public hearing documents
    - (2) Second briefing book – mailed on November 23rd
  - J. Review public hearing comments, review revised document, modify as appropriate, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – December 5-9, 2011 Council meeting
  - K. Amendment 20A/EA completion:
    - (1) TEAM finalizes document (including proposed rule) – by 12/14/11.
    - (2) Council staff finalizes document 12/15/11.
  - L. Council sends Amendment 20A/EA to Secretary of Commerce by December 16, 2011.
  - M. **Regulations to be effective prior to start of 2012/2013 fishing year.**
  - N. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
  - O. Notice of Availability published \_\_\_\_\_.
- (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/12.
  - (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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**8. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20B (Wreckfish remaining issues)-  
Kari**

**SG Amendment 20B – Actions Included:**

**a.**

SG Amendment 20B IPT Team members:

- √a. SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC lead); Brian Chevront, Myra Brouwer, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (Coral issues), and John Carmichael.
- √b. NMFS SERO Team: Mike Travis (NMFS Lead), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie, Andy Strelcheck, Janet Miller, Otha Easley (OLE), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore, Jack McGovern, Christine Package (Anthropologist), Andy Herndon, Amanda Frick, Anik Clemens and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writer) and David Keys (NEPA).
- √c. NMFS SEFSC Team: To be determined.
- √d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

**SG Amendment 20B - 2011 Activities: due to work on other amendments, this will  
resume in 2012**

- a. Revisions to document for \_\_\_\_\_ Council meeting

**9. *Amendment 21 Trip Limits Amendment – Myra***

(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.

**Note: At the March 2011 meeting the Council removed the Catch Share items from this amendment.**

**August/September 2011 Council meeting: requested clarification on whether this amendment should become an informational document; Council agreed and requested a briefing at some point in the future during 2012.**

**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.

**August/September 2011 Council meeting: requested clarification on whether this amendment should become an informational document; Council agreed and requested a briefing at some point in the future during 2012.**

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

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

[Note: CEBA 2 included SG Amendment 23 and the Comprehensive ACL Amendment included SG Amendment 25.]

This amendment specifies the rebuilding plan, MSY, OY, ACL, ACTs (recreational sector), allocations, and AMs for red grouper. The Council/NMFS has two years from notification of stock status to implement a rebuilding plan.

- A. IPT Members
  - √a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese, 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 and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writer); and Christina Package (Social Scientist) and Tony Lamberte (Economist).
  - c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Larry Perruso, Juan Agar, and David Carter (Economists, SEFSC)
  - d. NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello
- √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. √The determination has been made to prepare an EIS. NMFS to publish NOI and Council to hold scoping meetings in January/February 2011.
- L. √December meeting – Council approves for public scoping.

**2011 Activities:**

- A. √IPT call in January 2011. Date TBD.
- B. √NOI to publish Jan 12, 2011. Comment period Jan 13-Feb 14, 2011
- C. √Scoping – January/February
- D. √Council reviews scoping comments and provides guidance to staff/IPT in March 2011
- E. √Document ready for June BB by
- F. √Council approves for PH and DEIS review at June 2011 meeting
- G. Document preparation for public hearings
  - (1) √Distribute motions/alternatives from June meeting
  - (2) √IPT call 6/30
  - (3) √Sections due to team leads (Myra & Rick) by 7/26
  - (4) √July 27 to 29 – Incorporate IPT sections
- H. PH held in August

Public hearings will be held from 5-7 pm; Jacksonville & Cape Canaveral canceled due to hurricane.

<b>August 2011</b>	<b>City &amp; Location</b>	<b>Hearing Chairs</b>	<b>Hotel Rooms</b>
8/22	Hilton Wilmington Riverside 301 North Water Street <b>Wilmington, NC 28401</b> Phone: 1-910-763-5900	Mac	Need rooms
8/23	Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Boulevard <b>North Charleston, SC 29418</b> Phone: 843-308-9330	David	None
8/24	<del>Jacksonville Marriott</del> <del>4670 Salisbury Road</del> <del><b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b></del> <del>Phone: 904-296-2222</del>	Duane	Need rooms
8/25	<del>Radisson Resort at the Port</del> <del>8701 Astronaut Boulevard</del> <del><b>Cape Canaveral, FL 32920</b></del> <del>Phone: 321-784-0000</del>	Ben	Need rooms for staff

- a. √Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
- b. √PH Comment Period: August 12, 2011 – 5 pm on September 1, 2011
- c. √FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done 7/26/11.
- d. Amendment available
- e. √Complete by 8/12/11
- f. √Posted to web by 8/12/11
- g. √Public Hearing Summary available
- h. √Complete by 8/12/11
- i. √Posted to web by 8/12/11
- j. Email address: [SGAmend24PHcomment@safmc.net](mailto:SGAmend24PHcomment@safmc.net)
- k. √Public Hearing Presentation

- l. ✓Letter to Roy Crabtree requesting Phil Steele attend public hearings to explain commercial quota tracking – Gregg to draft for Bob’s review over David Cupka’s signature
- m. ✓Letter to Bonnie Ponwith requesting Deputy Director attend public hearings to explain recreational quota tracking – Gregg to draft for Bob’s review over David Cupka’s signature
- G. ~~DEIS comment period to end by September meeting; not sufficient time so will end by December meeting. DEIS filed by \_\_\_\_\_.~~
- I. ✓Council reviews PH/DEIS comments at September meeting and approves all actions; DEIS not filed so only PH comments reviewed.
  - (1) ✓Council will review public hearing comments and approve all action at September meeting; Deferred until December
  - (2) ✓DEIS comments will be reviewed at December meeting.
- J. Document revisions after September Meeting
  - (1) ✓September 19 – E-mail Amendment to IPT
  - (2) ✓September 21 - IPT conference call; IPT recommends EA. The recommendation was forwarded to David Keys and Monica Smit-Brunello on 9/21/11. The IPT also decided to move forward with the timing of an EA unless notified otherwise.
  - (3)
  - (4) October 5 – Sections due to Rick & Myra
  - (5) Myra/Rick provide document to NOAA GC, NEPA, Council/SERO staff for review - October 10 AM
  - (6) NOAA GC, NEPA, Council/SERO staff review - October 10 through October 14
  - (7) Myra/Rick incorporate reviewer's comments - October 17 through October 19
  - (8) Document ready for web posting by October 21
- K. PH held in November & December 2011 and cover SG Amendments 18A/EIS (Black Sea Bass), 20A/EA (Wreckfish) & 24/EA (Red Grouper):  
**Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm except Charleston and Raleigh: 5:30 – 7:30 pm**

2011	City & Location	Hearing Chairs	Staff	Hotel Rooms?
11/14	Avista Resort 300 N. Ocean Blvd. <b>North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582</b> Phone: 843-249-2521	Tom Swatzel (Michelle & Tom Burgess to attend)	Gregg, Andrea & Mike	Gregg 11/13
11/14	Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah/Midtown 20 Johnson Street <b>Savannah, GA 31405</b> Phone: 912-721-3700	Duane Harris	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff
11/15 <b>5:30 – 7:30 pm</b>	The Charleston Marriott Hotel 170 Lockwood Boulevard <b>Charleston, SC 29403</b> Phone: 843-723-3000	Robert Boyles (Duane if Robert can’t since attending Habitat)	Gregg, Andrea & Mike	None

11/15	Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	Ben Hartig (John Jolley to attend)	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff, Ben & John
11/16	Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard <b>Cape Canaveral, FL 32920</b> Phone: 321-784-0000	Ben	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff & Ben
11/17	Key Largo Bay Marriott 103800 Overseas Highway <b>Key Largo, FL 33037</b> Phone: 305-453-0000	Ben Hartig (John Jolley to attend)	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff, Ben & John
12/6/11 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel 1707 Hillsborough Street <b>Raleigh, NC 27605</b> Phone: 919-828-0811	Mac	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim, Andrea & Julie	During Council meeting

- a. Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
- b. PH Comment Period: October 21, 2011 – 5 pm on November 21, 2011
- c. FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- d. Amendment available
  - i. Complete by 10/21/11
  - ii. Posted to web by 10/21/11
- e. Public Hearing Summary available
  - i. Complete by 10/21/11
  - ii. Posted to web by 10/21/11
- L. Document preparation for December Council meeting
  - (1) First briefing book – use public hearing documents
  - (2) Second briefing book – mailed on November 23rd
- M. Council approves document for SOC submission at December 5-9, 2011 meeting
- N. Council send for formal review – by December 15, 2011
- O. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- P. Notice of Availability of Amendment published \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.
  - (2) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_.
- Q. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.
  - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_, 2012.
  - (3) PRA completed (OMB cleared) \_\_\_\_\_.
- R. Final Rule published no later than June 9, 2012 to meet statutory deadline.
  - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (2) Implementation Date \_\_\_\_\_.





## **12. Regulatory Amendment 11/EA (Adjustments to Am 17B Closure) - Brian**

**Note: No statutory deadline.**

- A. Assign Team – TBD
  - a. √SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Myra Brouwer, Roger Pugliese (EFH) and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
  - b. NMFS SERO Team: Rick Devictor (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie, Andy Strelcheck, Nick Farmer, Otha Easley (OLE), David Dale (HCD), Jack McGovern, Andy Herndon, Jennifer Lee, Scott Sandorf (Regulations writer), Denise Johnson, and David Keys (NEPA).
  - c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Christopher Liese (economist) and Nate Bacheler (biologist)
  - d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- B. √Council reviews and provides guidance – March 2011.
- C. √SSC Reviews materials from March meeting (additional analyses not provided) – April 2011
- D. √Council reviews and provide guidance – June 2011
- E. √SSC reviews draft amendment via mail prior to August 2011 Council meeting
- F. √Document finalization for August 2011 meeting
- G. √Council reviews public comments, revises amendment as necessary, and approves for formal review by SOC – August 9, 2011 meeting
- H. √Document preparation for formal review:
  - (1) √IPT completes document – 8/17/11
  - (2) √Council chair reviews document & proposed rule – 8/26/11
  - (3) √Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule – done 9/27/11.
  - (4) √Corrections made by – completed on 9/28/11.
  - (5) √Council sends amendment for formal review – by August 22, 2011. Done 9/28/11.
- I. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- J. Notice of Availability of Amendment 18 published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- K. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- L. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Post to web site

## II. ECOSYSTEM

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

Note: The original 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 was the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT was established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one was not needed for the FEP.

- A. Original FEP Approved by Council – March 2009
- B. Original 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
- C. Process for FEP II – **Roger to add**

### **Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2011):**

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings/coordination are scheduled in 2011:

- 1) ✓South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Steering Committee Meeting: February 1-2, 2011 Raleigh, NC
- 2) ✓SE Climate Service Center Workshop: March 1-2, 2011 Atlanta, GA
- 3) ✓SARP Science and Data Committee Meeting, May 10-11, 2011 Charleston, SC
- 4) ✓SECOORA Board of Directors Meeting, May 16-18, 2011 Savannah, GA
- 5) ✓Atlantic Wind Energy Workshop: July 12-14, 2011 Charleston, SC
- 6) ✓SEAMAP SA and Joint South Atlantic, GOM and Caribbean Committee Meetings: August 8-10, 2011 Key West, FL
- 7) SECOORA Board of Directors and Governors South Atlantic Alliance Steering Committee/EPT Meeting, September 7-9, 2011 Savannah, GA
- 8) Oceans 2010, September 18-24, 2011 Kona, HI
- 9) SARP Member Meeting/SEAFWA, October 24-16, 2011 Nashville, TN
- 10) Habitat and Environmental Advisory Panel Meeting, November 15-16, 2011 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.

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

- 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. ✓CE-BA 2 IPT conference call 12/15/10.

**2011 Activities:**

- A. √IPT revised sections to Anna by 1/10/11.
- B. √Public Hearing Summary and Draft document complete, 1/14/11.
- C. √Public hearings January/February 2011.
- D. √March 7-11, 2011 Council Meeting. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions.
- E. √June 13-17, 2011 Council Meeting. Council reviews complete document and approves for formal review by Secretary of Commerce. This approval was contingent upon Gulf Council approving Action 4, Preferred Alternative 3 during their August Council meeting because this action amends the Mackerel FMP which is a joint FMP with the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils.
- F. √Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review by June 29, 2011. Done on July 15, 2011.
- G. √Gulf Council approval of CE-BA 2 during their August 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting.
- H. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_9/26\_\_\_/11.
- G. Notice of Availability of Amendment published \_\_\_9/26\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_11/25\_\_\_/11.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- J. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- K. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC

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

##### Items to be included:

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

##### Timing:

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

##### Appoint IPT Team:

- A. ✓ Council Team – Anna Martin (Council Lead), Brian Chevront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer, 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); 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 – To be determined
- D. ✓ NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

##### Advisory Panel Input:

- A. Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- B. Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) ✓ Hotel location
    - Charleston Marriott Hotel
    - 170 Lockwood Boulevard
    - Charleston SC 29403
    - Phone: 1-800-968-3569 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-0276

**Group Rate:** \$132 (Tax Exempt); \$150.82 (Non Tax Exempt) – (\$132 + 13.5% tax + \$1 destination fee). Rate good for single and double occupancy and 2 days pre and post meeting dates **based on availability only.**

**Cutoff Date:** 9/4/2011

- (2) FR notice
- (3) Briefing materials

C. Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC

(1) Hotel location

Charleston Marriott Hotel  
170 Lockwood Boulevard  
Charleston SC 29403  
Phone: 1-800-968-3569 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-0276

**Group Rate:** \$132 (Tax Exempt); \$150.82 (Non Tax Exempt) – (\$132 + 13.5% tax + \$1 destination fee). Rate good for single and double occupancy and 2 days pre and post meeting dates **based on availability only.**

**Cutoff Date:** 10/15/2011

- (2) FR notice
- (3) Briefing materials

Specific Steps:

- A. NOI to publish in FR by\_\_\_\_\_. NOI published on\_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. (Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the December 2011 Council meeting and NMFS will conduct scoping during the Council’s MSA scoping in January/February 2012)
- B. Draft MSA scoping document.
- C. Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.  
Schedule a Team call if needed.



- D. MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. To be held late January/early February. **Old locations shown as examples below; need to be updated as necessary**

**Scoping from 4-7 pm**

<p><b>January 24, 2012</b> North Charleston</p>	<p><b>January 26, 2012</b> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
<p><b>January 30, 2012</b> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><b>January 31, 2012</b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><b>February 1, 2012</b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222</p>	<p><b>February 2, 2012</b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888</p>

- E. Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- F. Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.
- G. Anna drafts options paper and distributes to Team by 3/XX/12
- H. Team provides edits to Anna by 4/XX/12
- I. Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- J. Anna revises CE-BA 3 options paper and provides to Team by 4/XX/12
- K. Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12
- L. Options Paper to Gregg for BB by 5/XX/12
- M. Committee/Council revises Options Paper at June Council meeting and provides directions to staff
- N. Staff revises Options Paper according to guidance
- O. BB version ready by August XX, 2012
- P. Coral AP meeting Fall 2012– comments from AP summarized for BB.
- Q. Committee/Council revises Options Paper at September 2012 meeting and provides directions to staff
- R. Staff revises Options Paper according to guidance
- S. Team reviews Options Paper and provides comments to Anna by October XX, 2012
- T. Options Paper ready for BB by November XX, 2012
- U. Committee/Council revises Options Paper at December 2012 meeting and provides direction to staff

### 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.~~

~~H. — SAFMC~~

- ~~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, Karen Burns & Assane Diagne.
- 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), Anik Clemens (Regulations writer), Mike Jepson, 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 – 1/14/10. NMFS determined 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. Done 11/3/10.
  - c. √Comments to authors – by November 5, 2010. Ext. to 11/8/10.
  - d. √Revised sections sent to Gregg – by November 12, 2010. Done 11/15/10.
  - e. √Revised document sent to IPT – by November 22, 2010. Done 11/23/10.
  - f. √Comments and additions to Gregg – by November 24, 2010. Ext. to 11/26/10.
  - g. √Document revised and included in SAFMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Briefing Book – on November 29, 2010.
- G. Document preparation schedule for Gulf Council’s February 2011 meeting
  - a. √Gregg to send abbreviated Section 2 with new alternatives for the Joint Action to IPT by COB on 12/17/10 – done on 12/17/10.
  - b. √Gregg to send revised Amendment with changes to actions/alternatives to team by 1/5/11. Done with some edits still to be done on 1/5/11.
  - c. Team input to Rick Leard by 1/18/11.
  - d. Rick Leard to make changes and have ready for Gulf briefing book by
- H. Councils review Draft Amendment/EA (or DEIS) and approve for public hearings
  - a. √GMFMC – ~~February 7-10, 2011 in Gulfport, MS~~. Key West, FL June 6-9, 2011. Done June 2011.
  - 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); Gulf Mackerel hearings were postponed to August 1-3, 2011.

Public hearings would be held from 5-7 pm

GM Dates (April 2011)	CMP Am 18 Gulf Approved	SA Dates (April 2011)	CMP Am 18 SAFMC Approved	Spiny Lobster Am 10 Gulf Approved	Spiny Lobster Am 10 SAFMC Approved
4/20	Key West, FL	4/20	Key West, FL		Key West, FL
4/19	Marathon, FL	4/19	Marathon, FL	Marathon, FL	Marathon, FL
?	Maderia Beach, FL	4/18	Cape Canaveral, FL		Cape Canaveral, FL
8/3	Panama City, FL	4/14	Jacksonville, FL		Jacksonville, FL
8/2	Orange Beach, AL	4/13	Savannah/Pooler, GA		Savannah/Pooler, GA
?	Biloxi, MS	4/12	Charleston, SC		Charleston, SC
8/2	Grand Isla, LA	4/11	New Bern, NC		New Bern, NC
?	South Houston, TX				
8/1	Port Aransas, TX				
8/	Gulfport, MS				
8/2	St. Petersburg, FL				

- a. √Hotel arrangements –
  - b. √FR Notice –
    - i. SAFMC will do for KW, Marathon and other SA locations.
    - ii. GMFMC will do for Gulf hearings
  - c. √Public Hearing Summary
  - d. √Public Hearing Presentation
- J. √Review public comments and provide final approval of Amendment 18/EA (~~or EIS~~) for formal review by SOC – the Councils did not approve for formal review at June.
- a. GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee – June 7<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; done during joint June meeting.
- K. Final approval for formal review:
- a. √SAFMC – August 9, 2011
  - b. √GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011
- L. Document preparation for formal review:
- (1) √IPT completes document – 8/22/11
  - (2) √Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule – 8/25/11 and 9/22/11
  - (3) √Corrections made by 9/26/11
  - (4) Council chair reviews document & proposed rule
- M. √Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA (~~or EIS~~)/Proposed rule for formal review – ~~July~~ August/September 2011. Done 9/23/11.
- N. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_9/23\_\_\_\_/11.
- O. Notice of Availability of Amendment 18 published \_\_\_\_\_9/29\_\_\_\_/11.
- (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_10/28\_\_/11.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- P. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- Q. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC

## **2. Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 19 - Gregg**

### IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Rick Leard (GMFMC Lead) and Assane Diagne (Ava Lasseter – GM?)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead), Nikhil Mehta, Denise Johnson, David Dale, Jennifer Lee, and David Keys.
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Christopher Liese and Nancie Cummings
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy

### Items:

- A. Prohibit sale of Coastal Migratory Pelagics
- B. Address permit issues (e.g., cobia has no permit requirement)
- C. Pursue jointly with the Gulf Council if they are interested.

Steps: : due to work on other amendments, this will resume in 2012

- A. ✓March 2011 meeting – Council reviews Discussion Paper and provide guidance
- B. ✓June 2011 meeting – Council reviews Discussion Paper and provide guidance
- C. Develop timing and steps to complete – IPT after Amendment 18 is complete
- D. ✓September 2011 meeting – SAFMC provided guidance to move forward with Amendment 19 and to present data on number of tournaments with sales at the December mackerel committee meeting.
- E. October 2011 meeting – GMFMC provides guidance.
- F. December 2011 meeting – SAFMC mackerel committee reviews tournament information and provides guidance.

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

- A. Modify boundaries in for Gulf migratory group king mackerel
- B. Change the opening date for Gulf migratory group king mackerel in the Western Zone
- C. LAPP
- D. √September 2011 meeting – SAFMC provided guidance not to move forward with a LAPP and to develop an amendment addressing a number of issues.
- E. October 2011 meeting – GMFMC to provide guidance.
- F. December 2011 meeting – SAFMC to review list of potential items and provide guidance.



**4. Allocation of Commercial Quota- will be addressed if necessary in Amendment XX**

[Note: Mackerel Amendment 21 is contained in CEBA 2.]

- 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]

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

- 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.

## **5. Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment XX**

[Note: Mackerel Amendment 21 is contained in CEBA 2.]

- A. Potential items: Other changes as indicated in the scoping document (including item requested by MAFMC). Size limits, bag limits, and trip limits
- B. List of items from SAFMC decision document. Could be a framework action.

## IV. SPINY LOBSTER AMENDMENT 10

### 1. *√Spiny Lobster Amendment 10 – Gregg/Kari*

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. NMFS published NOI for the Lobster Am 10 EIS on 3/12/10.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**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 and Scott Crosson.
- 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. Done June 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. Done 10/29/10.
  - 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. Done 11/12/10.
- G. √Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 18-19, 2010
- H. √SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
  - a. SSC Subcommittee – rejected assessment
  - b. Gulf SSC meets December 13-15, 2010
  - c. SAFMC SSC meets April 5-7, 2011. Final report received from SSC by Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at noon for presentation to hearings beginning April 11<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.
- I. √Document preparation schedule for Gulf Council meeting
  - a. √Revised Amendment document with SAFMC actions sent to IPT – by COB 12/16/10. Done 12/16/10.
  - b. IPT input to Gregg – by 1/10/11 (1/12/11 at the latest).
  - c. Gregg to provide revised document to Carrie for Gulf briefing book – by 1/14/11.
- J. √Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS and approve for public hearings –
  - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 Gulfport, MS; two documents:
    - i. SpLobAm10Alts as reviewed by SAFMC 2010

- ii. Revised Spiny Lobster Amendment 10 document
- b. √SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- K. √Public Hearings – April 2011 (Note: Hearings will be Joint Mackerel & Spiny Lobster)

Public hearings would be held from 5-7 pm

<b>GM Dates (April 2011)</b>	<b>CMP Am 18 Gulf Approved</b>	<b>SA Dates (April 2011)</b>	<b>CMP Am 18 SAFMC Approved</b>	<b>Spiny Lobster Am 10 Gulf Approved</b>	<b>Spiny Lobster Am 10 SAFMC Approved</b>
4/20	Key West, FL	4/20	Key West, FL		Key West, FL
4/19	Marathon, FL	4/19	Marathon, FL	Marathon, FL	Marathon, FL
?	Maderia Beach, FL	4/18	Cape Canaveral, FL		Cape Canaveral, FL
?	Panama City, FL	4/14	Jacksonville, FL		Jacksonville, FL
?	Orange Beach, AL	4/13	Savannah/Pooler, GA		Savannah/Pooler, GA
?	Biloxi, MS	4/12	Charleston, SC		Charleston, SC
?	Grand Isla, LA	4/11	New Bern, NC		New Bern, NC
5/9	St. Petersburg Beach, FL				

- a. √Hotel arrangements –
  - b. √FR Notice –
    - i. SAFMC will do for KW, Marathon and other SA locations.
    - ii. GMFMC will do for Gulf hearings
  - c. √Public Hearing Summary
  - d. √Public Hearing Presentation
- L. √Review public comments and provide final approval of Amendment 10 for formal review by SOC –
- a. √GMFMC/SAFMC Spiny Lobster Committee – June 7<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. Done during joint June Council meeting.
- M. √Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011. Done 7/20/11.
- N. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as 7/21/11.
- O. Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 published 9/2/11.
- a. Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on 11/1/11.
  - b. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - c. Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - d. Amendment approved on           /11.
- N. Proposed Rule published 9/23/11.
- a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - b. Comments due by 10/24/11.
- O. Final Rule published           /11.
- a. Send to Council, AP & SSC

## **2. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 – Kari**

The Gulf and South Atlantic Councils will prepare a joint amendment to meet the recommendations from the Biological Opinion issued by NMFS in 2009.

### **Actions**

*Limit fishing areas (i.e., spatial closures) to protect threatened staghorn and elkhorn coral*

*Require gear markings on trap lines*

These actions were also included in Amendment 10 but the Councils chose No Action as the Preferred Alternative for both actions, with the understanding that the actions would be re-addressed in a timely manner in Amendment 11. NMFS Protected Resources (PR) will work with industry and other user groups to identify areas of high concentration of staghorn and elkhorn coral in order to minimize impact by lobster traps.

### **STEPS:**

- A. √July 2011- NMFS PR holds meeting with stakeholders to identify areas to prohibit traps  
Workshops were held July 12-13. The first day was mostly Sanctuary staff and a few industry people, basically just a discussion about best criteria to determine areas to protect. Second day there were about the same people along with more industry folks. Andy provided maps with new areas marked as key *Acropora* areas, and fishermen marked on maps to indicate if this was a good spot or to recommend other areas with high *Acropora* density. The maps with the new proposed areas were returned to participants for further review August 31.
- B. √NMFS SERO develops alternatives for limiting fishing areas and gear markings on trap line actions.
- C. √NMFS SERO determined an SEIS is required.
- D. √September 2011- South Atlantic Council receives report on actions to meet BO.
- E. October 24-27, 2011 in New Orleans, LA – Gulf Council reviews draft document and selects preferred alternatives.
- F. December 5-9, 2011- South Atlantic Council reviews draft document and selects preferred alternatives.
- G. Public Hearings – SAFMC will conduct the public hearing with participation of NMFS staff at Key Largo on January 30, 2012. The Gulf Council would need to schedule their Spiny Lobster Committee on January 31 or later during their Council meeting week.

Requested public hearing locations are shown below but have not been finalized.



Scoping/hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<p><b><u>January 24, 2012</u></b>  North Charleston</p>	<p><b><u>January 26, 2012</u></b>  Bridge Pointe Hotel  101 Howell Road  New Bern, North Carolina 28582  Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
<p><b><u>January 30, 2012</u></b>  Key Largo Grande  97000 South Overseas Highway  Key Largo, Florida 33037  Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><b><u>January 31, 2012</u></b>  Doubletree Hotel  2080 N. Atlantic Avenue  Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931  Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><b><u>February 1, 2012</u></b>  Jacksonville Marriott  4670 Salisbury Road  <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b>  Phone: 904-296-2222</p>	<p><b><u>February 2, 2012</u></b>  Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum  175 Bourne Ave.  Pooler, Georgia 31322  Phone: 912-748-8888</p>

- H. February 2012 – Gulf Council reviews document and approves for formal review.
- I. March 5-9, 2012 in Savannah, GA – South Atlantic Council reviews document and approves for formal review.
- J. Document preparation for formal review:
  - (1) IPT completes document
  - (2) Council chair reviews document & proposed rule
  - (3) Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule
  - (4) Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_
- K. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/SEIS/Proposed rule for formal review – April/May 2012. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- L. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- M. Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 published \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- N. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- O. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Post to websites

## V. SHRIMP – Kari

### 1. *Shrimp Amendment 9*

Items to be addressed: Modify list based on council guidance

- 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.

The Shrimp/Deepwater Shrimp APs met during the September meeting and provide recommendations to the Council on this list. Based on the AP input, the Council modified the list of items for Amendment 9 to include:

- A. Modify protocol for states to request concurrent closure of the EEZ during severe winter weather to expedite the process.
- B. Revise MSST proxy for pink shrimp.

### 2011 Activities

1. √Joint shrimp and deepwater shrimp AP meeting during September 12-16, 2011 council meeting (Deepwater & Shrimp APs to meet 1:30 – 5:30 pm on Monday, September 12):
  - (1) Items for Amendment 9
  - (2) SEFSC Presentation on results from economic survey
  - (3) SEFSC Presentation on bycatch research and data collection
  - (4) SERO PR (Jennifer Lee?) Presentation on turtles and Atlantic sturgeon
2. √Shrimp Committee to meet 8:30 am – noon on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 – provide guidance to staff/IPT on whether or not an Amendment is needed. If so, provide guidance on timing for work to begin in 2012.
3. **Need to form IPT**

### 2. ***SHRIMP ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION***

- A. √Survey finalized by SEFSC. 20-30% of shrimpers will be selected annually to participate.
- B. √Survey begins April 2010.
- C. √Presentation to Council June 2011. Delayed until September 2011.

**3. *Potential Cold Water Closure***

- A. ✓Cold water closure of federal waters off of SC was implemented at the request of the state.
- B. Discuss options for more timely execution of these types of closures (to be included in Amendment 9).
- C. Plan for action in 2012 if requested.

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

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.

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

- 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 – Larry Perruso, Juan Agar, and David Carter ~~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 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. ~~Motions and document sent to Team on Dec 15, 2010~~

U. ~~Team conference call Dec 16, 2010~~

**2011 ACTIVITIES:**

- A. √Sections due to Team leads by January 10, 2011.
- B. √Document and summary ready for distribution and posting on web by Jan 14, 2011.
- C. √Public hearings in January/February 2011 – see XI. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings. Public hearing comment period: January 12 – February 14, 2011.
- D. √March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions.
- E. √DEIS comment period June 17 – August 1, 2011.
- F. ~~June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting. Council to review DEIS comments and complete document; approves for formal review by Secretary of Commerce.~~ DEIS comment period did not end prior to June meeting so the Council will review the DEIS comments as a special one-day meeting on August 9, 2011.
- G. √August 9, 2011 Council meeting – Council to review DEIS comments and approve Comp ACL Amendment for formal review and implementation.
- H. Document preparation for formal review:
  - (1) √IPT completes document – issues identified that require Council guidance
  - (2) ~~Council chair reviews document & proposed rule~~
  - (3) ~~Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule~~
  - (4) Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_
- I. √September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – Council to provide guidance on issues identified and approve Comp ACL Amendment/EIS
- J. Document preparation for formal review:
  - (1) √IPT completes document by October 4, 2011. Done 9/26/11.
  - (2) Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by October 7, 2011
  - (3) Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by October 7, 2011
  - (4) Corrections made by October 12, 2011
- K. Send Comp ACL Amendment/FEIS/Proposed rule for formal review – ~~August 19, 2011.~~ October 13, 2011
- L. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- M. Notice of Availability of Comp ACL Amendment published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- N. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- O. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- P. Send to Council, AP & SSC

## **VII. GOLDEN CRAB AMENDMENT 6/EA (Catch Shares) – Brian**

Scoped January/February 2011. NOI published on 1/3/11.

- A. Appoint Team Members
  - 1. √SAFMC: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead) and Kari MacLauchlin.
  - 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.  
√NMFS determined EA required – done August 2011.
- C. √September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- D. √December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – ~~choose preferred alternatives~~ approve public scoping document.



### **2011 Activities:**

- A. √Scoping meetings in January/February
- B. √March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – review scoping comments and provide guidance to staff/IPT to complete analysis of eligibility and initial allocation scenarios.
- C. √June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review analysis of the eligibility and initial allocation scenarios; removed some unnecessary actions; added additional cap share alternatives.
- D. √IPT meeting – July 20, 2011 from 10 – 11 am
- E. √AP Meeting – July 26, 2011
- F. √July/Aug- IPT responds to AP recommendations; complete analysis and document.
- G. √September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review AP recommendations and choose preferred alternatives. ~~Approve for public hearings.~~ In June the Council provided guidance that approval for public hearings would occur at the December 2011 meeting.
- H. Document preparation for December meeting
  - (1) Distribute motions/alternatives from September meeting
  - (2) IPT call \_10/11/11\_
  - (3) Sections due to team leads (Brian & Karla) by \_11/10/11\_
  - (4) Incorporate IPT sections by \_11/13/11\_
  - (5) Document ready for briefing book by noon on November 14, 2011
- I. Golden Crab AP input during \_\_\_\_\_, 2011 meeting
  - (1) Distribute briefing materials
  - (2) Distribute AP input to IPT for incorporation into Amendment document
  - (3)
- J. December 5-9, 2011 Council meeting – review and approve for public hearings
- K. Document preparation for public hearings
  - (1) Distribute motions/alternatives from December meeting
  - (2) IPT call \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Sections due to team leads (Kari & Karla) by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (4) Incorporate IPT sections by \_\_\_\_\_
  - (5) Documents ready to be posted to website by noon on October 21, 2011
- L. Public hearings held in January/February 2012 and cover Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B/EA, Golden Crab Amendment 6/EA (Catch Shares), Scoping for CEBA-3, and in Key Largo Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/EIS:

**The following locations have been requested but not finalized.**

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<p><b>January 24, 2012</b> North Charleston</p>	<p><b>January 26, 2012</b> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
<p><b>January 30, 2012</b> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><b>January 31, 2012</b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><b>February 1, 2012</b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222</p>	<p><b>February 2, 2012</b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888</p>

- (1) Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
  - (2) PH Comment Period: January 13, 2012 – 5 pm on February 13, 2012
  - (3) FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (4) Amendment available
    - a. Complete by 1/13/12
    - b. Posted to web by 1/13/12
  - (5) Public Hearing Summary available
    - a. Complete by 1/13/12
    - b. Posted to web by 1/13/12
  - (6) Email address: [GCrabAmend6PHcomment@safmc.net](mailto:GCrabAmend6PHcomment@safmc.net)
  - (7) Public Hearing Presentation
- M. Review public hearing comments, review revised document, modify as appropriate, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – March 5-9, 2012 Council meeting
- N. Document preparation for formal review:
- (1) IPT completes document
  - (2) Council chair reviews document & proposed rule
  - (3) Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule
  - (4) Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_
- O. Send Golden Crab Amendment 6/EA/Proposed rule for formal review – April/May 2012. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- P. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- Q. Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 published \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/12.

- R. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/12.
- S. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/12.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Post to websites

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

### **1. Socio-Economic Sub-Group – Kari MacLauchlin/Brian Chevront/John Carmichael**

- A. Group to meet 1-5 pm November 7, 2011
  - (1) √Notice sent to participants – 8/18 John DONE
  - (2) √Hotel arrangements DONE
  - (3) FR notice – JOHN via Kim DONE
  - (4) Briefing materials sent by 10/25 – John/Kate/Brian
- B. Review:
  - (1) Golden Crab Amendment 6/EA
  - (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A (Wreckfish)
  - (3) Snapper Grouper Amendment 20B (Wreckfish)
  - (4) Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A (Black Sea Bass)
- C.

### **2. National SSC Meeting – October 4-6, 2011**

- A. Host: MAFMC  
LOCATION: Williamsburg, VA  
SAFMC Reps:
  - Luiz Barbieri,
  - Churchill Grimes
  - Sherry Larkin
  - John Whitehead
  - Scott Crosson
  - John Carmichael
  - Brian Chevront

### **3. SSC Fall 2011 Meeting**

- A. Group to meet November 8 (9am) -10, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) √Notice sent to participants – 7/1/11 John
  - (2) √Hotel arrangements
  - (3) √FR notice – Kim/John by 9/21/11; Done 9/14/11
  - (4) Briefing materials sent by 10/25/11 – John
- B. Review:
  - (1) SEDAR 25 Assessments (Black Sea Bass & Golden Tilefish)
  - (2) Black Sea Bass and Golden Tilefish OFL & ABC Recommendations
  - (3) ORCS Report (Berkson et al)
  - (4) Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A/EIS – final review
  - (5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B/EA – final review

- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A/EA – final review
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 24/EA – final review
- (8) Golden Crab Amendment 6 – final review
- (9) Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 – final review
- (10) National SSC Workshop Report
- (11) Stock Assessment Priorities for 2014-16
- (12) Wreckfish Stock Assessment

[Note: We must have the SSC final recommendations on black sea bass and golden tilefish (SEDAR 25 Assessments) by noon on Monday, November 14<sup>th</sup> for presentations at public hearings beginning at 5 pm the same day. The final written report is needed by 9 am on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> for inclusion in the final briefing book for the December meeting.]

#### **4. *SSC Spring 2012 Meeting***

- A. Group to meet April 3-5, 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Notice sent to participants – 1/11/12 John
  - (2) Hotel arrangements – Cindy; request submitted 8/29
  - (3) FR notice – Kim/John by 2/8/12
  - (4) Briefing materials sent by 3/20/12 – John
- B. Review:
  - (1) Draft CEBA 3
  - (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 20B/EA – final review
  - (3) SAFMC Research and Monitoring Plan
  - (4) ABC's and 2011 landings
  - (5) Recommendations on assessment for red snapper in 2013?

#### **5. *SSC Fall 2012 Meeting***

- A. Group to meet October 23-25, 2012 in Savannah, GA
  - (1) Notice sent to participants – \_\_\_\_/12 John
  - (2) Hotel arrangements – Cindy; request submitted 8/29
  - (3) FR notice – Kim/John by \_\_\_\_/12
  - (4) Briefing materials sent by \_\_\_\_/12 – John
- B. Review:
  - a. Spanish Mackerel & Cobia Assessments
  - b. SEDAR Updates (Vermilion Snapper & Red Pogy)
  - c. CEBA-3/EA – final review if not already submitted

**6. *SSC Conference Call – as needed***

- A. Group to meet \_\_\_\_\_ via conference call.
  - (i) Notice sent to participants – \_\_\_\_\_; John
  - (ii) Reserve conference line
  - (iii) FR notice – Kim
  - (iv) Briefing materials sent by \_\_\_\_\_ – John
- B. Review \_\_\_\_\_

## **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. Public Hearings after September 2011 Council meeting – 4-7 pm**

A. PH held in November/December 2011 and cover SG Amendments 18A/EIS (Black Sea Bass), 20A/EA (Wreckfish) & 24/EA (Red Grouper):

**Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm except Charleston and Raleigh (5:30 – 7:30 pm)**

<b>2011</b>	<b>City &amp; Location</b>	<b>Hearing Chairs</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Hotel Rooms?</b>
11/14	Avista Resort 300 N. Ocean Blvd. <b>North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582</b> Phone: 843-249-2521	Tom Swatzel (Michelle & Tom Burgess to attend)	Gregg, Andrea & Mike	Gregg 11/13
11/14	Hampton Inn & Suites Savannah/Midtown 20 Johnson Street <b>Savannah, GA 31405</b> Phone: 912-721-3700	Duane Harris	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff
11/15 5:30 – 7:30 pm	The Charleston Marriott Hotel 170 Lockwood Boulevard <b>Charleston, SC 29403</b> Phone: 843-723-3000	Robert Boyles (Duane if Robert can't since attending Habitat)	Gregg, Andrea & Mike	None
11/15	Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	Ben Hartig (John Jolley to attend)	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff, Ben & John
11/16	Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard <b>Cape Canaveral, FL 32920</b> Phone: 321-784-0000	Ben	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff & Ben
11/17	Key Largo Bay Marriott 103800 Overseas Highway <b>Key Largo, FL 33037</b> Phone: 305-453-0000	Ben Hartig (John Jolley to attend)	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim & Julie	Staff, Ben & John
12/6/11 5:30 – 7:30 pm	Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel 1707 Hillsborough Street <b>Raleigh, NC 27605</b> Phone: 919-828-0811	Mac	Brian, Myra, Kari, Kim, Andrea & Julie	During Council meeting

B. Rooms Needed – large area plus 3 rooms (1 recording and 2 for tech. presentations)

- i. General area (large) – sign-in and get information
- ii. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input

- iii. Room #2 – SG Amendment 18A (Brian)
  - iv. Room #3 – SG Amendment 20A (Kari)
  - v. Room #3 – SG Amendment 24 (Myra)
- C. Other Items:
- (1) Hotel arrangements – Cindy.
  - (2) PH Comment Period: October 21, 2011 – 5 pm on November 21, 2011
  - (3) FR Notice – Kim/Andrea; done \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (4) Amendment available
    - a. Complete by 10/21/11
    - b. Posted to web by 10/21/11
  - (5) Public Hearing Summary available
    - a. Complete by 10/21/11
    - b. Posted to web by 10/21/11
  - (6) Email addresses
  - (7) Public Hearing Presentations

**2. Scoping Meetings in Jan/Feb 2012 – 4-7 pm**

- A. MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. To be held late January/early February. **Old locations shown as examples below; need to be updated as necessary**
- B. Written comments (1/13-2/15) due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.

**3. Public Hearings in Jan/Feb 2012– 4-7 pm**

- A. Golden Crab Amendment 6 (Catch Shares) – Brian
- B. Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B (Golden Tilefish) – Myra
- C. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 (Area Closures for coral and rope marking) – Kari (SAFMC) – just Key Largo
- D. Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.

**4. Dates and Locations for Jan/Feb 2012**

- A. Dates and locations:

<b>January 24, 2012</b> North Charleston	<b>January 26, 2012</b> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637
<b>January 30, 2012</b> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b>January 31, 2012</b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b>February 1, 2012</b> Jacksonville Marriott	<b>February 2, 2012</b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum



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- B. Rooms Needed – large area plus 3 rooms (1 recording and 2 for tech. presentations)
- i. General area (large) – sign-in and get information; SEDAR/SSC/Science table
  - ii. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input
  - iii. Room #2 – Scoping CEBA 3& Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 in Key Largo (Kari)
  - iv. Room #3 – Golden Crab Amendment 6 (Brian)
  - v. Room #3 – Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B (Myra)
- C. Federal Register Notice
- a. NOI documents filed – done; comment period is 1/13 through 5 pm on 2/15.
  - b. Kim to publish notice – done; \_\_\_\_\_
- D. Document preparation
- a. Scoping – use existing documents with “SCOPING DOCUMENT” added on cover page. Use scoping document format for Amendment 22 (Red Snapper).
  - b. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
  - c. Documents available and posted on web site by 1/13/12.
- E. Council chairs
- a. NC –
  - b. SC –
  - c. GA –
  - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach –
  - e. Key Largo -

## **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 5-9, 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
- B. March 5-9, 2012 – Savannah, Georgia  
Savannah Hilton DeSoto  
15 East Liberty Street  
Savannah, GA 31401  
Phone: 1-877-280-0751 or 912-232-9000/Fax: 912-231-1633
- C. June 11-15, 2012 – Orlando, Florida  
Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel  
5445 Forbes Place  
Orlando, FL 32812  
Phone: 1-800-545-1985 or 407-240-1000/Fax: 407-240-1005
- D. September 10-14, 2012 – Charleston, 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 3-7, 2012 – Atlantic Beach, North Carolina  
Sheraton Atlantic Beach  
2717 W. Fort Macon Road  
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512  
Phone: 1-800-624-8875 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-240-1452

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

### **A. Snapper Grouper – Myra**

- a. Send a letter to the Gulf Council and the NMFS requesting the formation of an Ad Hoc joint committee (SA and Gulf councils) to consider the development of a joint management plan for south Florida fisheries. The Ad hoc committee would also discuss with the state of Florida delegation of management for some species to the state of Florida.
- b. Send a letter to the Mid Atlantic Council and the NMFS requesting the formation of an Ad Hoc joint committee (SA and Mid Atlantic Councils) to consider the development of a joint management plan for North Carolina fisheries. The Ad hoc committee would also discuss with the state of NC delegation of management for some species to the state of NC.
- c. Convene a panel in conjunction with GMFMC to explore approaches to move the goliath grouper fishery beyond the moratorium and collect information to support an informative assessment that will allow determination of stock status and possible recovery.
- d. Provide an update to the Council every 3 years on the landings and trends of stocks that have been removed from the Snapper Grouper FMU. (Immediate action not required)

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

- a. Follow-up with James Morris, NCOS, for December meeting presentation on lionfish
- b. Follow-up with Sandra Brooke to request presentation on SERMA project report/results at December LE Committee meeting.

### **C. Golden Crab – Brian**

**D. Mackerel – Gregg**

**Mackerel**

- a. Gather data on number of tournaments and sales for king and Spanish mackerel for presentation to Mackerel Committee in December 2011.
- b. Letter to GMFMC with SAFMC actions for future amendments – done via email correspondence with Rick Leard; working on draft document for use at the Gulf's October Council meeting.

**E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian**

- 1.

**F. Spiny Lobster – Kari**

- 1.

**G. Law Enforcement - Myra**

1. LE Officer of the Year award nominations.

**H. SEDAR – John**

1. Memo to SEFSC: Review prognosis for red snapper assessment in 2013, based on FI survey increases.

**I. SSC Selection - John**

- 1.

**J. AP Selection - Kim**

1. Follow up from the LE Committee recommendations regarding outreach as taken from the LE Committee Report last week.

**K. Full Council – Bob**

1. Send a letter to SERO recommending approval of experimental permit from NC aquarium.
2. Send a letter to appropriate person in NER for presentation on LWTRT proposed rule at December 2011 meeting.
3. Send a letter to RA requesting presentation on how Biological Opinion is prepared; presentation at December 2011 Spiny Lobster committee meeting.
4. Provide update on Law enforcement status of headboat fishermen completing affidavits saying misreported landings (from June Council meeting).

## XII. December 5-9, 2011 COUNCIL MEETING

Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel

1707 Hillsborough Street

Raleigh, NC 27605

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

1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – \_\_\_\_/11 @ 5 pm local time.
2. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO GREGG BY 11/8/2011 AT NOON.
3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 11/10/2011
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 11/15/2011 AT 9 a.m.
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 11/15/2011.
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (VIA OVERNIGHT) BY 11/17/2011.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (Minor Items only) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (OVERNIGHT) ON 11/23/2011.

[ \_\_\_\_\_ – GMFMC liason]

Bob – memo to Roy [Note: see mackerel, golden crab, shrimp, SEDAR, spiny lobster, snapper grouper & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]

Done \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob – memo to MRIP Van Vorhees (John). Request presentation on electronic logbook pilot program

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: see ecosystem, mackerel, shrimp, SEDAR, snapper grouper & Council presentations below. We also need to have the recreational catch data for non-snapper grouper species. Done \_\_\_\_\_]

**Public Hearing – Tuesday evening from 5:30-7:30 pm**

1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A/EIS
2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A/EA
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 24/Ea

**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 (Kari) (TAB 1) – Monday 1:30 – 3:00 pm**

- (1) How Biological Opinions Prepared – Jennifer Lee, NMFS SERO
- (2) Presentation on LWTRT Process to meet BO - ????, NMFS NERO??
- (3) Overview of Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 – NMFS SERO
- (4) Approve Amendment 11/EIS for Public Hearings – Committee Chair

- B. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 2) – Monday 3:00 – 4:00 pm**
- (1) LE Report on Headboat Misreporting Issue
  - (2) Presentation on Optimization of Surveillance and Enforcement in Remote Marine Protected Areas in the South Atlantic (SERMA) Project – Dr. Sandra Brooke, MCBI
  - (3) Action as Necessary – Committee Chair
  - (4) Other items?
- C. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Anna/Roger) (TAB 3) – Monday 4:00 – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Lionfish Presentation – Dr. James Morris, NCOS
  - (2) Status of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (CE-BA 2)/EA
  - (3) Approve Items to be scoped for CEBA 3 – Duane Harris
  - (4) Update on Ecosystem Activities – Anna Martin/Roger Pugliese, SAFMC Staff
- D. AP Selection Committee (Kim; CLOSED) (TAB 4) – Tuesday 8:30 – 9:30 am**
- (1) SEDAR Pool Applicants
- E. I & E Committee (Kim) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 9:30 – 10:30 am**
- F. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 10:30 am – noon**
- (1) Activity Schedule & Budget
  - (2) Others?
- G. Mackerel Committee (Gregg) (TAB 7) – Tuesday 1:30 – 3:00 pm**
- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quota Management – NMFS SERO
  - (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quotas – NMFS SEFSC
  - (3) Status of Mackerel Amendment 18– NMFS SERO
  - (4) Presentation on Tournament Sales
  - (5) Items for Amendment 20 – Guidance to Staff/IPT
- H. SEDAR (John) (TAB 8) – Tuesday 3:00 – 5:00 pm**
- (1) SEDAR Activities
  - (2) SEDAR 28 Appointments (if necessary)
  - (3) SEDAR Steering Committee Report
  - (3) Recommendations for SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting – David Cupka
  - (4) MRIP Electronic Logbook Study Presentation
    - a. Memo from Bob – John to draft
    - b. **Determine if presentation to SEDAR Committee or full council – by 10/15**  
Please. I prefer during SEDAR Committee.
  - (5) Report from SEFSC on red snapper assessment possibilities, 2013  
(SEDAR Committee request (9/11) for update in December and March on the survey performance and outlook for an assessment in 2013.)

- I. Golden Crab Committee (Brian) (TAB 9) – Wednesday 8:30 – 10:00 am**
- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quota – NMFS SERO
  - (2) Review Amendment 6 – Brian Chevront, SAFMC Staff
  - (3) Committee Direction to Staff & Approve for Public Hearings – David Cupka

**J. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 10) – Wednesday 10:00 – 5:00 pm and Thursday 8:30 am - noon**

1. Oculina Monitoring Reports
2. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quota Management – NMFS SERO
3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quotas – NMFS SEFSC
4. Committee Action as Necessary – Mac Currin
5. Status of Regulatory Amendment 11 (Alterations of Am. 17B Closure) – NMFS SERO
6. Status of Comprehensive ACL Amendment (ACLs & AMs) – NMFS SERO
7. Amendment 24/EA (Red Grouper)
  - a. Overview & Results of Public Hearings – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Results of DEIS Review – NMFS
  - c. Committee Action & Approve for formal review – Mac Currin
8. Amendment 18A/EIS (Black Sea Bass & Data Collection)
  - a. Overview & Results of Public Hearings – Brian Chevront
  - b. Results of DEIS Review – NMFS
  - c. Committee Action & Approve for formal review – Mac Currin
9. Amendment 20A/EA (Wreckfish ITQ)
  - a. Overview & Results of Public Hearings – Kari MacLauchlin
  - b. Committee Action & Approve for formal review – Mac Currin
10. Amendment 18B/EA (Golden Tilefish)
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - c. Committee Action & Approve for public hearings – Mac Currin

**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) – Thursday 1:30 – 5:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - noon**

**I. Presentations - ????**

1. What do we want our ecosystem to look like? Presentation by Rick Robins (MAFMC) on process being used in Mid-Atlantic

**II. Final Council Action and Comment:**

1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A/EIS or EA
2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A/EA
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 24/EIS

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

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

- A. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- B. Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- C. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- D. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- E. I & E Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. Executive/Finance Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- H. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 8)– ACTION
- I. Golden Crab Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- J. Snapper Grouper Committee (TAB 10) – ACTION
- K. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 11/14/2011 for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Commercial Quotas by fishing year: 1. Dolphin (soft quota); other species covered in committee meetings – NMFS SERO
  - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site – NMFS SERO
  - (c) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 11/14/2010 for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
  - (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. Dolphin & Wahoo.
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION



### **XIII. March 5-9, 2012 – Georgia**

Savannah Hilton DeSoto  
15 East Liberty Street  
Savannah, GA 31401

Phone: 1-877-280-0751 or 912-232-9000/Fax: 912-231-1633

1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – \_\_\_\_/12 @ 5 pm local time.
2. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO GREGG BY 2/7/2012 AT NOON.
3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/9/2012
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 2/14/2012 AT 9 a.m.
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 2/14/2012.
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 2/16/2012.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (Minor Items only) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 2/27/2012.

[\_\_\_\_\_ – GMFMC liason]

Bob – memo to Roy [Note: see mackerel, golden crab, shrimp, SEDAR, spiny lobster, snapper grouper & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]  
Done \_\_\_\_\_.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: see ecosystem, mackerel, shrimp, SEDAR, snapper grouper & Council presentations below. We also need to have the recreational catch data for non-snapper grouper species. Done \_\_\_\_\_

Informal Q & A with Roy & David – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm  
Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Thursday beginning at ????? pm; may do one evening?

#### **DRAFT – FINALIZE COMMITTEES TO MEET DURING REVIEW ON TUESDAY**

- A. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 1) – Monday 1:30 – 3:00 pm**
  - (1) Overview of Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 & Comments – NMFS SERO
    - a. Public Hearing Comments – NMFS
    - b. SDEIS Comments - NMFS
  - (2) Approve Amendment 11/SEIS for Formal Review – Committee Chair
  
- B. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 4)– Tuesday 3:00 – 4:00 pm**
  1. Action as Necessary – Chair
  2. Other items?
  
- C. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Anna/Roger) (TAB 5)– Tuesday 4:00 – 5:30 pm**
  - (1) Status of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (CE-BA 2)/EA

- (2) Review Public input on Items scoped for CEBA 3 – Duane Harris
- (3) Provide Direction to Staff/IPTs – Duane Harris
- (4) Update on Ecosystem Activities – Anna Martin/Roger Pugliese, SAFMC Staff

**D. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 6) – Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30 am**

- (1) Budget
- (2) Others?

**E. Mackerel Committee (Gregg) (TAB 7) – Wednesday 9:30 – 10:30 am**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quota Management – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quotas – NMFS SEFSC
- (3) Status of Mackerel Amendment 18– NMFS SERO  
SAFMC ACTION on Gulf Approval if Necessary
- (4) Other items?

**F. SEDAR (John) (TAB 8) – Wednesday 10:30 am - noon**

- (1) SEDAR Activities
- (2) SSC Recommendations on Assessment Priorities - 2014
- (3) Recommendations for SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting – David Cupka
- (4) Report from SEFSC on red snapper assessment possibilities for 2013  
(SEDAR Committee request (9/11) for update in December and March on the survey performance and outlook for an assessment in 2013.)

**G. Shrimp Committee**

1. Action as Necessary – Chair
2. Other items?

- H. Golden Crab Committee (Brian) (TAB 9) – Wednesday 1:30 – 3:30 pm**
- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quota – NMFS SERO
  - (2) Review Amendment 6 – Brian Chevront, SAFMC Staff
  - (3) Committee Direction to Staff & Approve for Public Hearings – David Cupka
- I. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 10)– Wednesday 3:30 – 5:00 pm and Thursday 8:30 am - noon**
2. Oculina Monitoring Reports
  3. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quota Management – NMFS SERO
  4. Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under Quotas – NMFS SEFSC
  5. Committee Action as Necessary – Mac Currin
  6. Status of Regulatory Amendment 11 (Alterations of Am. 17B Closure) – NMFS SERO
  7. Status of Comprehensive ACL Amendment (ACLs & AMs) – NMFS SERO
  8. Status of Amendment 24/EA (Red Grouper)
  9. Amendment 18A/EIS (Black Sea Bass & Data Collection)
    - d. Overview – Brian Chevront
    - e. Committee Action & Approve for public hearings – Mac Currin
  10. Amendment 18B/EA (Golden Tilefish)
    - b. Overview – Myra Brouwer
    - c. Committee Action & Approve for public hearings – Mac Currin
  11. Amendment 20A/EA (Wreckfish ITQ)
    - d. Overview – Kari MacLauchlin
    - e. Committee Action & Approve for public hearings – Mac Currin
- J. 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.**
- K. Council Session (with public comment period) – Thursday 1:30 – 5:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am - noon**
- I. Presentations - ????**
  - II. Final Council Action and Comment:**
    - (1) ?????
  - III. Committee Reports & Other Items**
- [Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION)??????]
- A. Shrimp Committee Report (TAB 1&2) – ACTION
  - B. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
  - C. Executive/Finance Committee Report – ACTION
  - D. SOPPs Committee Report – ACTION
  - E. SEDAR Committee Report – ACTION
  - F. Law Enforcement Committee Report – ACTION
  - G. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report – ACTION
  - H. Mackerel Committee Report – ACTION

- I. Golden Crab Committee Report – ACTION
- J. Snapper Grouper Committee – ACTION
- K. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2011 for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Commercial Quotas by fishing year: 1. Dolphin (soft quota); other species covered in committee meetings – NMFS SERO
  - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site – NMFS SERO
  - (c) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2010 for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
  - (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. Dolphin & Wahoo.
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

## XIV. 2011 PRIORITIES & TIMING

*[changes shown in italics]*

-----2011 STATUTORY DEADLINE-----

### √1. ***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. **Sent for formal review & implementation on July 15, 2011.**

### √2. ***Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Amendment 18 - Gregg***

(King & Spanish Mackerel & Cobia MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG  
SAFMC Staff lead; RICK LEARD, GMFMC Staff Lead; Sue Gerhart, NMFS 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 7, 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.) *GMFMC public hearings postponed to August 1-3, 2011.*
- H. √Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –

- a. √GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee – June 7<sup>th</sup> During Gulf meeting; *done during Joint June meeting.*
- b. √GMFMC – June 6-9, 2011 in Key West, FL
- c. √SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in Key West, FL
- I. √*Final approval for formal review*
  - a. √SAFMC – August 9, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - b. √GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011 in Austin, TX
- J. √Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA or EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011. **Sent for formal review and implementation on September 26, 2011.**
- K. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

### **√3. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS – Gregg/Kari/Carrie**

(Delegation to FL and MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG SAFMC Staff Lead; Carrie GMFMC Staff Lead; Sue Gerhart NMFS 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 and October 25-28, 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; did not provide OFL & ABC.
- 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 7<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; *done during Joint June meeting.*
- H. √Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – July 2011. **Sent for formal review & implementation on July 20, 2011.**
- K. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

[Note: Protected Resources issues will be readdressed in Amendment 11; see Item #13.]

#### **4. 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. *Council provided more guidance.*
- F. √Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - June 2011. *Council provided more guidance but deferred final approval to special August 9, 2011 meeting to review DEIS comments.*
- G. √Review final document, DEIS comments and approve for formal review and implementation – August 9, 2011 in Charleston, SC
- H. √Review corrections to final document and approve for formal review and implementation – September 16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
- I. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – ~~June~~ October 13, 2011.
- J. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

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

#### **5. 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. √Review and Provide Guidance – March 2011
- I. √Review, Provide Guidance and Approve for Public Hearings – June 2011
- J. √Public Hearings – August 22-25, 2011
- K. Public Hearings – November/September 2011  
*NMFS DEIS Comment Period to end prior to December 5, 2011*
- L. Final Council approval for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – December 2011.
- M. Final regulations effective by June 9, 2012.

√6. ***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
- √G. *Amendment approved on June 14, 2011*
- √H. *Implementation Dates: Black sea bass bag limit (6/27/11); commercial trip limits (7/15/11); black sea bass split quota was disapproved on protected resources issues.*

7. ***Snapper Grouper Amendment 18/18A/18B – Myra/Brian***

[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. NMFS/NOAA GC advised the Council in December 2010 that Amendment 18B is not needed, so there is no statutory deadline for Amendment 18A.]**

**[Note: The numbering was change to have the extension of FMU moved to 18B and the remaining items to 18A.]**

**[Note: At the June 2011 meeting, the Council split Amendment 18A into 18A & 18B. The old 18B becomes 18C.]**

- 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. The Council added new alternatives and did not approve the final actions.



- H. ✓ Review Amendment 18A in March or June 2011.
- I. Review complete Amendment 18A document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – June or September or December 2011.
- J. Send Amendment 18A to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – October 2011 or January 2012.
- K. Regulations effective by \_\_\_\_\_.

**COUNCIL PROVIDED GUIDANCE ON TIMING AT THE AUGUST & SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS:**

*Amendment 18A (Black Sea Bass & Data Collection)*

- A. ✓ September 12-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC – review, modify & approve for public hearings
- B. December 5-9, 2011 in Raleigh, NC – review, modify & approve for formal review

*Amendment 18B (Golden Tilefish) – IF POSSIBLE*

- A. September 12-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC – provide guidance to staff/IPT
- B. December 5-9, 2011 in Raleigh, NC - review, modify & approve for public hearings
- C. March 5-9, 2011 in Savannah, GA – review public hearing comments, modify & approve for formal review

**8. Golden Crab Amendment 6 (Brian)**

- ✓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. EA decision.
- ✓E. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- Note: Due to workload on amendments with a statutory deadline, work on Golden Crab Amendment 6 has been deferred into 2011.**
- ✓F. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- ✓G. December 5-9-7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- H. Public hearings – Jan/Feb 2012 ~~May 2011~~
- I. March 2012 ~~June 13-17, 2011~~ Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- J. June 2012 ~~September 12-16, 2011~~ Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.
- K. Final regulations implemented \_\_\_\_\_.

**9. ✓ Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 11/EA (Address SG Amendment 17B Closure) – Brian**

- A. Assign Team – done \_\_\_\_\_.
- ✓B. Team Conference Call – TBD
- ✓C. March 2011 – status report.
- ✓D. June 2011 – chose preferred alternatives and directed Staff/IPT to prepare for final approval at August 9, 2011 meeting.
- ✓E. August 9, 2011 – review, revise and approve for formal review and implementation
- ✓F. Send for formal review – August 22, 2011. **Sent for formal review and implementation on September 28, 2011.**

**10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 (Wreckfish ITQ) - KariKate**

[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.]

[Note: At the June 2010 meeting, the Council split Amendment 20 into 20A (3 items) and 20B (remaining items).]

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 \_\_\_\_\_.

**COUNCIL NEEDS TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE ON TIMING**

**11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A (Wreckfish ITQ: Define which shares will be reverted, Define a share cap on ownership, Define**

**how to redistribute reverted shares, and Establish appeals process) - Kari**

- A. September 12-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC – review, modify & approve for public hearings*
- B. December 5-9, 2011 in Raleigh, NC – review, modify & approve for formal review*

*Amendment 20B (Remaining Items)*

**12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 20B (Wreckfish ITQ remaining items) - Kari**

**13. Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 (~~COMPREHENSIVE CATCH SHARES/TRIP LIMITS~~) – Myra 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. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 - Kari**

**STEPS:**

- A. √July 2011- NMFS PR holds meeting with stakeholders to identify areas to prohibit traps
- B. √NMFS PR develops alternatives for limit fishing areas action.
- C. √NMFS SERO determines whether an EA or EIS is required? Determined SEIS required.
- D. √Sept 2011- Council reviews draft document and provide guidance.
- E. Dec 2011- Council reviews document, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for public hearings.
- F. Public hearings – Jan/Feb 2012
- G. Jan/Feb 2012- Gulf Council reviews public comments, reviews/modifies document and approves for formal review.
- H. March 2012- South Atlantic Council reviews public comments, reviews/modifies document and approves for formal review.