



VERSION 1 SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

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Done ____/15. 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:

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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

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

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 for Council meetings as information becomes available.
- 2) **Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports** – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
- 3) **Oculina Evaluation Plan** (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area:

- Law Enforcement
- Research scientists
- Commercial fishermen
- Recreational fishermen
- Outreach experts
- Non-governmental Organizations
- Council staff

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

Timing

The Evaluation Team will deliver its first report to the Council by the **March 2007** Council meeting in order for the Council to make its determination on whether or not it is necessary to change the size and configuration of the Closed Area. The Team will submit its second report by **March 2014** in order for the Council to re-evaluate all regulations within *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area.

- 4) New 5-Year Evaluation Plan
 - a. ✓Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting.
Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
 - b. ✓Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team – November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
 - c. ✓SSC Review – April 2015
 - d. ✓Council sees final report – June 2015
 - e. Council reviews final report – September -> December 2015
 - f. Document revised and distributed – by June 30, September 30, December 30, 2015.
 - g. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.

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

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

1. ✓Assign Team –

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

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

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

Timing 2013/14/15:

- a. ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓If EIS required, Draft Regulatory Amendment 16: review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- d. ✓Scoping – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- e. ✓Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2014
- f. ✓Based on the time necessary for Protected Resources to complete their analyses, a timing change was approved by the Council at the June 2014 meeting:
Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.
- g. ✓IPT meeting: 7/21/2014
- h. ✓IPT meeting: 11/20/2014
- i. The Council approved the following revised timing change for RA 16 at the December 2014 meeting:
✓DEC 2014 – ADD/REMOVE ALTS
✓JAN 2015 – TAKE TO LWTRT

√DEC 2014 – MAR 2015 – ADDITIONAL BIO AND ECON ANALYSIS OF ALTS

√MAR 2015 – REVIEW DOC, CHOOSE PREFERRED, DEIS STARTS

√MAR – JUN – REVISE DOC

√JUN – REVIEW DOC, VOTE TO SEND OUT TO PH

AUG – PH

SEPT – REVIEW PH COMMENTS & DRAFT BiOp

DEC 2015 – FINAL VOTE ON SENDING TO THE SECRETARY FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT NC MEETING

√IPT meeting: 1/8/2015

j. √Review/modify amendment, choose preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – June 2015

k. √Public hearings – August 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)

l. √Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015

m. Review final amendment and approved for formal review – December 2015

n. Document preparation for formal review: Brian – can we do this in November??

1. IPT leads review completed by _____.

2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.

3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.

4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.

5. Corrections made by _____.

k. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____. Done ____/15.

l. Proposed Rule published ____/16.

1. Send to Council, AP & SSC

2. Comments due by ____/16.

m. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____.

1. Send to Council, AP & SSC

2. Post to web site

n. Regulations effective ____/16.

3. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)/EIS – Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese

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

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

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

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

- E. √At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target speckled hind/warsaw grouper spawning sites.

1. Assign Team – TBD

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data). Ken Lindeman (Contractor)
- b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Jack McGovern (Biologist), David Records (Economist), Mike Jepson

- (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Adam Bailey (Regulations writer).
- c. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Mike Burton (Biologist) and Larry Perruso (Economist).
 - d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

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

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

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

February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013

Crown Plaza
 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
 North Charleston, SC 29418
 Phone: 843-744-4422

- E. √Meeting arrangements
 - a. √Memo to Workgroup members – Roger to do on 12/11/12 with dates and city only (not hotel). Done 12/11/12.
 - b. √FR notice
 - c. √Briefing materials including presentation – done 1/2/13
- F. √Workgroup Report
 - a. ~~Draft completed at meeting.~~ Not completed during meeting.
 - b. √Final report for inclusion in 2nd BBook – 2/22/13. Draft of workgroup report distributed and posted on 2/27/13.
- G. √In preparation for the September 2013 Snapper Grouper Committee meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target spawning sites.
- H. √The Committee/Council will provide guidance on actions and timing at the September 2013 meeting.

Timing 2013/14/15 (assuming EIS):

- a. ✓ Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓ Staff/IPT to prepare Scoping Document for Regulatory Amendment 17 – September/November 2014
 - iii. First briefing book deadline – COB 11/8/13
 - iv. Second briefing book deadline – COB 11/22/13
- c. ✓ Review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motion: TAKE ALL ALTERNATIVES TO SCOPING IN AUGUST (2014) AND HAVE THE AP RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL'S JUNE 2014 MEETING
- d. ✓ NOI published: 12/4/2013
- e. ✓ AP meeting – April 8 (1:30) to April 11 (noon); MPAs on April 9th all day (See XII. AP Meetings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
MPA Presentations on April 9th:
 - i. Kim Iverson – Outreach; confirmed
 - ii. _____ - Law Enforcement; Coast Guard confirmed; NMFS ?
 - iii. Stacey Harter – SEFSC; confirmed
 - iv. Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart – SERFS; confirmed
 - v. George Sedberry – MPA Expert Workgroup; confirmed
 - vi. Will Heymen – LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc.; confirmed
 - vii. Mike Burton – SEFSC; confirmed
 - viii. John Hunt – FL FWC; confirmed
- f. ✓ Review AP input and ~~approve alternatives/sites for scoping~~ – June 2014. At the June 2014 meeting the Council changed the approach to using Spawning SMZs through Amendment 36; timing remains the same.
- g. ✓ Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- h. ✓ Review scoping comments and provide guidance for more complete analyses – September 2014. At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added two actions that result in more time for document preparation for public hearings.
- i. ✓ Staff revise document and prepare for AP review and for December Council meeting.
- j. ✓ AP review – October 21-22, 2014
- k. ✓ IPT meeting held – October 24, 2014
- l. ✓ Council provide guidance on actions and timing – December 2014
- m. ✓ Council provided revised guidance on actions and timing and approved for 1st Round of Public Hearings – March 2015
- n. ✓ Council staff prepares Public Hearing Summary document – March 2015
- o. ✓ Snapper Grouper AP review and input – April 13-14, 2015
- p. ✓ Informal workshop – April 13, 2015 beginning at 5:30 pm
- q. ✓ SSC review and input – April 28-30, 2015
- r. ✓ 1st Round of Public Hearings – webinar and 1 in-person at June meeting (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – April 2015

- s. ✓Council reviews AP, SSC, and public input; chooses alternatives for detailed analyses; chooses preferred alternatives if possible; and approves for 2nd Round of Public Hearings – June 2015
- t. ✓Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – June 2015 – August 2015
- u. ✓Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – August 2015
- v. ✓Public hearings – 1 webinar and 5 in-person hearings (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – August 2015
- w. ✓Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve all actions – September 2015
- x. Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – September-November 2015
- y. Review DEIS comments, modify Am 36 as required, and approve for formal review – December 2015 or March 2016
- o. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- o. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by December 17, 2015 if no changes or January 14, 2016 if modified at the December meeting. Done ____/15.
- p. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/16.
- q. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- r. Regulations effective ____/16.

4. *System Management Plan – Chip Collier/Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese*

At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to work on a System Management Plan (SMP) for the existing 8 MPAs. An outline was presented at the September 2013 meeting and this item will be worked on during 2014.

IPT Team

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

Note: The Council has contracted with Michelle Tishler to assist in completing the SMP.

A framework is in development for a System Management Plan (SMP) for the eight SAFMC Snapper-Grouper Amendment 14 MPAs and to provide a foundation for potential future SAFMC MPA management plans in the southeast U.S. This document is currently in outline form, serving as a starting point to expand the development of adaptive- and effectiveness-based management of the SAFMC's array of protected areas.

This SMP draft outline is intended to also increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources intended by the Amendment 14 MPAs. Once the primary working outline structure is established, the component sections of the SMP will be populated and vetted through the SAFMC's public process.

The final SMP will contain the proposed management action items and background details for the eight MPAs established by Amendment 14 in January of 2009.

To provide a foundation for the SMP, four steps for management actions are proposed: resource protection, research and monitoring, outreach and education, and administrative and financial. Additionally, management effectiveness evaluations are recommended as a fundamental component that the final SMP will contain to determine the status and utility of the MPAs in achieving the intentions set by Amendment 14. The final SMP expects to support the requirements of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S. Public Law 109-479 2007) and aims to utilize

MPAs in the southeast as a viable fishery management tool to protect and assess target resource populations and associated habitats.

Initial Timing 2014:

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

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

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

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

Final Timing 2015:

- a. Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
- b. √IPT meeting – 12/10/14
- c. √IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
- d. √Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015
- e. √IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
- f. √Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- g. √SSC input – April 28-30, 2015
- h. √Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015. Council only reviewed draft.
- i. √IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- j. √Public input – July/August/September 2015
- k. √Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- l. IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- m. SSC review – October 2015
- n. Snapper Grouper AP input – November 2015
- o. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – December 2015

5. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 35/EA (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsements) – Myra Brouwer*

Note: SG Amendment 34 is part of Comprehensive AM and Dolphin Allocation Amendment.

At the March 2014 meeting, the Council approved a motion to remove Nassau grouper, dog snapper, schoolmaster, mahogany, and black snapper from the snapper grouper FMU. At the June 2014, the Council approved a motion to not include Nassau grouper in Amendment 35.

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (Data), Anik Clemens (Regulations Writer), David Records (Economist), David Dale (HCD), Jenny Lee (PR)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried (Biologist), Larry Perruso (Economist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after a range of actions is determined by the Council. The NEPA checklist was sent out to the IPT at SERO on November 4, 2014. SERO determined the document should be an EA.

Proposed Draft Timing 2014-15:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2014
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2014
- c. ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2014
- e. ✓At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added an action related to golden tilefish endorsements to the amendment.
- f. ✓IPT prepare document – September through November
- g. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and approve for public hearings – December 2014
- h. ✓Public Hearings – January 2015 (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- i. ✓Committee/Council review public hearing comments and approve all actions – March 2015
- j. ✓Committee/Council review, modify, and approve for formal review – June 2015
- i. ✓Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.

4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by_____
5. Corrections made by _____.
- k. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2015. Done 9/10/15.
- l. Proposed Rule published ____/15.
 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 2. Comments due by ____/15.
- m. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 15.
 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 2. Post to web site
- j. Regulations effective ____/16.

6. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 37/EA or EIS (Hogfish) – Myra*

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council changed Amendment 37 to address the following items and moved Short-term Visioning Items to 2016:

1. Adjustment to hogfish fishing levels and management measures in response to stock assessment
2. Adjustment to spawning season closure for shallow water grouper
3. Modify the recreational bag limit for black sea bass
4. Adjustment of size limit for red grouper
5. Restructuring of the Jacks Complex and trip limit for almaco jack
6. Removal of size limits for deepwater species (silk snapper, queen snapper, and blackfin snapper)

Note: At the June 2015 meeting, the Council moved all items except hogfish out of Am 37.

IPT Team

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

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

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2015
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2015
- c. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- d. ✓NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes – July 31, 2015
- e. ✓Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)
- f. ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – September 2015
- g. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- h. Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – December 2015
- i. Public Hearings – January/February 2016; in person, listening stations or webinar?
- j. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions, and approve for formal review – March 2016. Note: due to statutory deadline to end overfishing; want regulations in place 1/1/17.
- k. Document preparation for formal review:

- a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2016. Done _____/16.
- l. Proposed Rule published _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by _____/16.
- m. Final Rule published _____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective _____/16.

7. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (BSB Bag Limit, Jacks Trip Limit, & Golden Tilefish Fishing Year Start) – Myra*

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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

Note: At the June 2015 meeting, the Council changed the actions to include BSB bag limit, jacks trip limit, and golden tilefish fishing year start data.

IPT Team

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

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

√NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. √Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2015
- b. √Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2015; Council Chair and SG Committee Chair clarified that intent was for RA 23 to be scoped in August.
- c. Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)
- d. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- e. Committee/Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2015
- f. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____

- g. Committee/Council reviews document, selects preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – December 2015
- h. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- i. Public Hearings – January 2016; in person or via webinar?
- j. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment and approve all actions – March 2016
- k. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- l. Committee/Council review, modify, and approve for formal review – June 2016
- m. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2016. Done _____/16.
- n. Proposed Rule published _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by _____/16.
- o. Final Rule published _____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective _____/16.
Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.

8. Snapper Grouper Amendment 38 (Blueline Tilefish) – Myra

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

MOTION: DIRECT THAT THE SSC DETERMINE, AT ITS APRIL 2015 MEETING, THE GEOGRAPHIC RANGE COVERED BY THE SEDAR 32 ASSESSMENT.

IF WARRANTED, REQUEST EMERGENCY ACTION TO EXTEND REGULATIONS PROPOSED IN AMENDMENT 32, ONCE THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED, TO THE AREAS THAT THE SSC CONSIDERS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE STOCK ASSESSMENT.

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

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

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

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

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

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

IPT Team

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√NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Christina Package (Social Scientist); Heather Blough (NEPA); Jessica Stephens (Data Analyst); and Mark Fields (OLE).

√NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Scott Crosson

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

9. Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline Tilefish, Yellowtail Snapper FY & BSB Bag Limit)/EA- Myra Brouwer

IPT Team

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

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team:

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. √Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – September 2015
- b. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- c. Public Hearings – November 2016; via webinar
- d. Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment; approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2015
- e. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2016. Done _____/16.
- f. Proposed Rule published _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by _____/16.
- g. Final Rule published _____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
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Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.

II. ECOSYSTEM

1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese*

Note: The original FEP document was prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, SARP, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This was the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT was established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one was not needed for the FEP.

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

Ecosystem Tools and GIS (Atlas, Digital Dashboard and Ecospecies); Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research and Monitoring; Food Webs and Connectivity, and Fisheries Oceanography and Climate– ongoing.

- f. ✓April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting to include sessions on threats to fish habitat, energy, and food webs and connectivity.
- g. November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting to include sessions on research and monitoring and artificial reefs.
- h. March/April 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise, and complete addressing EFH 5 year review provisions.
- i. November 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise, and complete addressing EFH 5 year review provisions.

2. *Essential Fish Habitat – Roger*

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

- B. Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
 - a. ✓Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel during April 2015 meeting will be updated on regional partner SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report.
 - b. ✓State of SA Condition Report Complete – Include Appendix to FEP II

**FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process:
Council Meeting Timeline (July 2015)**

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

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

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

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

September 2015 Council Meetings: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.

December 2015 Council Meeting: Provide Guidance/Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs for inclusion into FEP II. Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.

March 2016 Council Meeting: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.

June 2016 Council Meeting: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.

September 2016 Meeting: Complete Draft FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review

December 2016 Meeting: Finalize and Approve FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review

3. *Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2015)*

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

- 1) √PEW Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force Meeting February 4, 2015 New Orleans, La
- 2) √SA Ecosystem Modeling Workshop February 10-11, 2015 at FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL
- 3) √SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup Meeting March 3, 2015 in Conjunction with SAFMC Meeting, St. Simons Island, GA
- 4) √SARP Steering Committee Meeting May 12-15, 2015 Hunt, Texas
- 5) √SECOORA Steering Committee, Board and Stakeholder Meetings May 19-20, 2015 Jacksonville, FL
- 6) √SALCC Exec. Comm. and Steering Committee Meetings June, 2015
- 7) Coordination meeting with ESRI Ocean Program Staff- Facilitating regional GIS system refinement and operation Summer/Fall 2015
- 8) Society for Conservation GIS July 9-12, 2015 Monterey, CA
- 9) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees August 2015
- 10) SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup Meeting September 2015
- 11) Governors SAA Meeting September, 2015
- 12) Oceans 2015 October 19-22, 2015 Washington, DC
- 13) Climate Variability and Fisheries Workshop: Setting Research Priorities for the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Regions, October 26-28, 2015 Orlando, FL
- 14) SARP Steering Committee/SEAFWA Meeting November 1-5, 2015 Ashville, NC
- 15) Pulley Ridge Connectivity Study PI /Board Member Meeting Nov./Dec. 2015 RSMAS, Miami, FL
- 16) ESRI Ocean Forum Redlands, CA, November, 2015
- 17) Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting November 17-19, 2015 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL

Meetings/Webinars/Workshops Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update / 5 Year Review (March 2015)

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 – December, 2016	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of: developing FEP II sections; development of a regional mapping strategy connected to managed species and their EFH for the region; enhancement of the South Atlantic regional ocean observation coverage and capability; refining the connection with regional conservation blueprint; enhancement of regional online spatial presentation of species, habitat or fishery operations information; development of a South Atlantic ecosystem model suite and tools for evaluation/ management; and information to enhance/refine EFH designations. (Including but not limited to: SEAMAP, SALCC, SARP, SECOORA, GSAA, ESRI, etc.)	By Meeting
√February 7-8, 2015	Ecosystem Modeling Workshop: Review Ecopath modeling, Ecosystem Simulation modeling, oceanographic models and data, regional conservation blueprint and connectivity modeling, and habitat modeling to enhance stock assessments	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
√March 3, 2015	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with March 2015 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, Georgia
√April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
Spring/Summer 2015	Collaboration meeting with ESRI Oceans Program on refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial presentations and online platforms and tools that would better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region	Redlands, CA
January 2015- March 2016 (ongoing)	FEP II Section and EFH Update Email Coordination/Webinars: Bottom Habitat, Artificial Reefs, Pelagic Habitat, Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves), Wetlands Marsh and Oyster/Shell Habitat Possible input on Estuarine Wetland Habitat during Healthy Ecosystem Technical Team Meeting at Annual GSAA Meeting	Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars September 2015
January 2015- June 2016 (ongoing)	Managed Species Sections Council, ASMFC and HMS. Email Coordination with presentation on Ecospecies online system, identification and engagement of species experts	Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars Council Species September 2015
June 2014- December 2016 (ongoing)	South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II	In conjunction with Climate and Fisheries Workshop October 2015
September 2014- March 2016 (ongoing)	Sections on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expand on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants Habitat/Ecosystem AP discuss structure of Section	Email Coordination / Meeting September 2015

March 2015 – March 2016 (ongoing)	Update Socio Economic Section. Engage SEP in discussion on section update (April 2015)	Charleston, SC
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Note: The SEP will be engaged to help provide general input and guidance in the update of the first Section of FEP I, Volume III Human and Institutional Environment which presents information on Fishing Communities associated with each SA State (including methodology). Present Sections are to be provided to SEP members for guidance in subsequent Section updates. Final review of draft sections of Volume III will occur at April 2016 SEP meeting.

4. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3/EA (SG Am 26, DW Am 3, CMP Am 21, and GCrab Am 7) – Chip Collier

Items included during scoping:

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:

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

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

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

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

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

Timing:

- A. ✓Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
- B. ✓Council refines list and approves for scoping – December 2011 meeting
- C. ✓Scope in January/February – see below for details

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

Appoint IPT Team:

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

Advisory Panel Input:

- A. √Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- B. √Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- C. √Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- D. √Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- E. √Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials

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

Specific Steps:

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

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

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

<u>January 24, 2012</u> Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	<u>January 31, 2012</u> Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
<u>January 26, 2012</u> BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	<u>February 1, 2012</u> Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800
<u>January 30, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>February 2, 2012</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888

- E. √Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- F. √Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.

- G. √Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- H. √Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- I. √Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- ~~J. Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12~~
- ~~K. Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12~~
- L. √CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- M. √Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

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

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

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

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<u>August 9, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>August 8, 2012</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>August 7, 2012</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	<u>August 6, 2012</u> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043
<u>August 14, 2012</u> Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	<u>August 16, 2012</u> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- P. √BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- Q. √Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

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

- R. √Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- S. √IPT completes analyses
 - a. 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
 - b. 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
 - d. 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
 - e. 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
 - f. 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
 - g. 11/26/12 – 2nd briefing book ready at 9 am
- T. √Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012 meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.

AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.

- U. √Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
 - a. √Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
 - b. √Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
- V. √IPT completes analyses
 - a. √January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
 - b. √_____ – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. √_____ – revised document sent to IPT
 - d. √_____ – comments due back from IPT
 - e. √2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
- ~~W. √South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
- J. √At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- X. √September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
- Y. √December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
- Z. √March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.

At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils

are working on a shared cost approach to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on species-specific observer requirements.

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

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

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

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

III. Coral Amendment – Chip Collier

1. Joint Coral Amendment 9/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

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

A.

IV. MACKEREL

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

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. √GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), David Keys (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), and Stephen Holiman (Economist)
- d. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
- e. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

Items:

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

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

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

m. Document submitted to NMFS – _____

Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

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

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

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

IPT Team:

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

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

Proposed Timing 2014:

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

Proposed Timing 2015/2016:

- a. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – GMFMC in October 2015.
- b. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in December 2015.

- c. Public hearings – SAFMC in January 2016.
- d. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – GMFMC in January 2016.
- e. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in March 2016.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS – April/May 2016 (depends on if the Gulf Council approves in January or April 2016).

3. *JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP AMENDMENT 28 (Permit/FMP Split)/EA or EIS? – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)*

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

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

At their March 2015 meeting, the South Atlantic Council approved the following:

MOTION: DISCONTINUE WORK ON AMENDMENT 28.

Approved by Committee. APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

At their June 2015 meeting, the Gulf Council approved the following:

MOTION: STAFF CONTINUE WORK ON CMP AMENDMENT 28.

Approved by Gulf Council (11/1).

MOTION: ADD TO THE SCOPE OF WORK IN AMENDMENT 28 TO PROCEED WITH SEPARATE FMPS IN THE MANAGEMENT OF KING MACKEREL, SPANISH MACKEREL, AND COBIA.

Approved by Gulf Council (11/3).

V. SPINY LOBSTER

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

√Draft Letter

√EDs & Chairs Review Letter

√Jessica/Martha Review Letter

√Send letter to NMFS.

1. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – Kari

VI. SHRIMP – Chip Collier

1. Potential Cold Water Closure

1. Plan for action in 2015 if requested. Shrimp Amendment 9 was approved and the new process was used in 2014 and can be used during the winter of 2015 if necessary.

VII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian

√Golden Crab AP meeting prior to June 2014 Council meeting. Topics include:

1. Input on Accountability Measures
2. Potential modifications to fishing zones
3. Other issues

√AP meets May 2, 2014 from 1-5 pm in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (See Section XII. for details)

√Golden Crab Committee meeting during the June 2014 meeting. Provide guidance to staff.

√AP meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL January 23, 2014 from 10 am – 5 pm.

1. Mapping of areas and potential modifications to allowable fishing areas.
2. Potential change in fishing year.

√Committee meeting during March 2-6, 2015 meeting in St. Simons Island, GA.

1. Determine if need to develop a new amendment.
2. If yes, approve scoping document.
3. Scope during August 2015.

The Council approved the following motion at the March 2015 meeting:

**BEGIN IDENTIFYING DATA AND HABITAT CHARACTERIZATION FOR
EVALUATING A POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN ZONE FOR
GOLDEN CRAB TO BE DISCUSSED AGAIN BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE.**

Data request to Bonnie.

√Initial email from Brian. Done.

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

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

VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

1. *Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment* - Gregg

Note: This was previously Action 2 in CEBA-3.

Note: This will be a joint amendment with the Gulf Council with the South Atlantic Council as administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 29, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 10, and Snapper Grouper Amendment 42

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

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

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

Timing: WILL BE WORKED ON AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Prepare draft amendment document from CEBA-3 – Gregg in early January 2013
- ii. IPT review and revise document
- iii. Document reviewed during Gulf Council February 5-8, 2013 meeting.
- iv. Timing determined after Gulf Council meeting
- v. IPT meeting with Gulf Staff - April 1, 2013

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC requested a presentation on the pilot study from the SEFSC. After receiving the presentation at the September 2013 meeting, the Committee and Council will provide guidance to staff/IPT on timing and scope.

At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC requested the SEFSC provide updates at each Council meeting on progress of the commercial electronic logbook pilot study and directed staff to defer work on the amendment until the pilot is completed.

At the March 2014 meeting, Dr. Bonnie Ponwith updated the committee on the status of this electronic logbook pilot project. The committee discussed the original intent to provide fishermen the option of filing their logbook form electronically or using the current paper logbook versus the current pilot study evaluating an on-vessel electronic logbook. Input from the Snapper Grouper visioning process thus far indicates support for reporting electronically rather than via paper. The committee expressed interest in future discussions about providing the opportunity for fishermen to report electronically, in

addition to using paper. The Council directed staff to provide some options on how commercial fishermen could report electronically and via paper and provide at the June 2014 meeting.

At the June 2014 meeting, Dr. Bonnie Ponwith updated the committee on the status of this electronic logbook pilot project. The committee directed staff to work with ACCSP on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form. Gregg Waugh will be the staff person working on this and NMFS SERO (Andy Strelcheck) and SEFSC (Dave Gloeckner/Steve Turner) will appoint an individual to work on this along with NOAA GC (Monica Smit-Brunello).

Timing:

- A. √Options drafted by Gregg – by _____; done for 2nd bb.
- B. xProvided to IPT for review – by
- C. xComments due - by
- D. √Options ready for briefing book – 5/16/14; included in 2nd bb.
- E. √Committee/Council guidance at June 2014 meeting.
- F. √NMFS SERO appoints Andy Strelcheck
- G. √NMFS SEFSC appoints Dave Gloeckner/Steve Turner
- H. √Gregg to follow-up with Mike Cahall – done June 20, 2014
- I. √Group to draft implementation plan with timing and report to Council in December 2014. Status report presented to Council with goal of implementing in early 2015.
- J. √Status report to Council in March 2015.
- K. √Status report to Council in June 2015.
- L. Status report to Council in September 2015.
- M. Status report to Council in December 2015.

2. JOINT SAFMC/GMFMFC Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Gregg (GMFMFC Administrative Lead) (SG Am 39/DW Am 9/CMP Am 27)

Note: At the September 2015 meeting, the South Atlantic Council voted to develop a separate SA For-Hire Reporting Amendment

Need additional SAFMC guidance on level of participation.

The Gulf Council approved the following motions at their October 2012 meeting:

- a. Motion#1: To create a subcommittee with a member of the South Atlantic, HMS, Gulf Council, SEFSC, and MRIP to coordinate and bring back a complementary document to deal with headboat data collection system.
Motion carried with no opposition.

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), John Carmichael, Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. √GMFMFC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMFC Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Rich Malinowski (NMFS Lead), Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf or Adam Bailey (Reg Writers), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Jenny Lee (PR), Kelly Moran-Kalamus (OLE), Carolyn Sramek (Permits)
- d. √NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertelein, Shannon Cass-Calay (SEFSC)
- e. √NOAA GC – Mara Levy

SA Only IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), John Carmichael, Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. ?NMFS SERO Team: Rich Malinowski (NMFS Lead), Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf or Adam Bailey (Reg Writers), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Jenny Lee (PR), Kelly Moran-Kalamus (OLE), Carolyn Sramek (Permits)
- c. ?NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertelein, Shannon Cass-Calay (SEFSC)
- d. ?NOAA GC – Mara Levy

√Technical Subcommittee

- a. GMFMFC – John Froeschke
- b. SAFMC – John Carmichael/Mike Errigo
- c. NMFS SERO – Andy Strelcheck
- d. NMFS SEFSC – Ken Brennan and Vivian Matter
- e. MRIP – Dr. Ron Saltz
- e. HMS – George Silva
- f. ASFMC – Beverly Sauls
- g. ACCSP – Mike Cahall
- h. GSFMC – Greg Bray

- i. Doug Mumford – NC
- j. Eric Hiltz – SC
- k. Mark Fisher – TX

Timing – work with Gulf Council to determine timing.

- a. Technical Sub-Committee meets May 28-29, 2014 in Tampa, FL

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC reiterated their direction to staff to work with the GMFMC on this amendment in 2014.

√Request other organizations make appointments.

At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

- 1. APPOINT JOHN CARMICHAEL/MIKE ERRIGO AS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SEPARATING CHARTERBOATS FROM THE MRIP SAMPLING PROGRAM
- 2. Directed staff to work with Gulf Council staff and NMFS staff on a Generic Amendment addressing Charter Reporting

At the December 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

MOTION #1: The Councils' intent is to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically at a minimum of weekly as is being implemented for headboats. It is the Councils' intent that this information be updated on the SERO's website on some regular period.

MOTON #2: Direct staff to draft a letter from SAFMC/GMFMC to the agencies/partners (MRIP, HMS, SEFSC, SERO, ACCSP AND ASMFC) requesting they appoint representatives prior to the South Atlantic Council's March 2014 meeting.

At the March 2014 meeting, the South Atlantic Council discussed the Gulf Council's interest in moving this amendment along and that the technical subcommittee provide their report by summer and their approved motion to develop a joint framework action to establish electronic reporting or other approved methods within the federally permitted reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics charter fishery. The committee discussed this but felt that the technical committee would need the rest of this year to complete their work. The committee discussed work that could be conducted by the two Councils to begin working on an amendment to require electronic reporting from charter vessels. The Council directed South Atlantic Staff to work with Gulf Staff to provide support to the technical committee and facilitate the committee's work. Discuss what work can be accomplished on the amendment while the technical committee is completing their work. Report back at the June 2014 meeting.

□IPT Leads met via phone on 3/12/15 to review SAFMC actions and prepare the document for the upcoming GMFMC March 2015 meeting.

☐The IPT will meet in early April after the Gulf's March/April 2015 meeting.

2014 Schedule:

- a) ☒The Council also directed staff to draft a letter from the SAFMC/GMFMC asking the other agencies/partners to appoint representatives to the committee prior to the Council's March 2014 meeting.
- b) ☒Letter to agencies/partners:
 - (i) ☒Draft prepared – done 1/31/14
 - (ii) ☒Sent to GMFMC by – done 1/31/14
 - (iii) ☒Sent to Partners by – done 2/4/14
- c) ☒Technical subcommittee work during 2014 and develop a recommendation to present to the Council in December 2014 or March 2015.
- d) ☒Staff to continue work on the technical sub-committee to complete the report for the December 2014 meeting.
- e) ☒The Council directed staff to work with Gulf Council staff to prepare amendment to implement similar measures in the charterboat reporting amendment as were implemented for headboats while taking into considerations the recommendations in the Charterboat Technical Committee Final Report – December 2014.

2015/16 Schedule:

- A. ☐Technical Sub-Committee finalized report – November 2014.
- B. ☐Council reviews final report
 - a. ☐SAFMC – December 2014
 - b. ☐GMFMC – January 2015
- C. Council reviews options and provide guidance to Staff/IPT
 - a. ☐SAFMC – March 2015
 - b. ☐GMFMC – March 30 – April 2, 2015
- D. ☐Council reviews and approves for public hearings; the Councils revised the timing at the June 2015 meeting.
- E. ☐IPT/Staff conduct analyses:
 - a. Section due to John/Rich – 7/15/15
 - b. Document sent to IPT for review – 7/20/15
 - c. IPT comments due – 7/27/15
 - d. Gulf final briefing book deadline – 7/31/15
- F. ☐Councils review and approve for public hearings.

Note: At the September 2015 meeting, the South Atlantic Council voted to develop a separate SA For-Hire Reporting Amendment. The timing shown below is for SA only amendment.

 - a. SAFMC – September 14-18, 2015 in Hilton Head, SC.
 - b. ~~GMFMC – August 10-14, 2015 in New Orleans, LA~~
- G. IPT/Staff conduct analyses:
 - a. Section due to Gregg/Karla – ____/15
 - b. Document sent to IPT for review – ____/15
 - c. IPT comments due – ____/15

- d. Briefing book deadline – 11/16/15
- H. Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at the December 7-11, 2015 in Atlantic Beach, NC.
- I. IPT/Staff conduct analyses:
 - a. Section due to Gregg/Karla – ____/16
 - b. Document sent to IPT for review – ____/16
 - c. IPT comments due – ____/16
 - d. Public hearing document deadline – 1/12/16
- J. Public hearings – January/February 2016
- K. Council reviews public hearing input and approves all actions at the March 7-11, 2016 meeting in Jekyll Island, GA
- L. IPT/Staff finalize amendment/analyses:
 - a. Section due to Gregg/Karla – ____/16
 - b. Document sent to IPT for review – ____/16
 - c. IPT comments due – ____/16
 - d. Briefing book deadline – 5/23/16
- M. Council approves for final review at the June 13-17, 2016 meeting in Cocoa Beach, Florida
- N. Send document for final review – by June 30, 2016

IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO – Brian

Note: Comprehensive ACL Amendment was #2, CE-BA 3 is #3, and the Joint SA/GM Dealer Amendment was #4.

1. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillet Issue)/EA - Brian

- i. √Council reviews public input, revises document as necessary, and approves for formal review – December 2014. Done 12/5/14.
- ii. √Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
 - a. IPT needs one final review
 - b. Jack needs one final review
 - c. IRFA needs to be done
 - d. When these are done, then Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review
- iii. √SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by January 30, 2015. Done 5/1/15. Target for regulations to be in place by Summer 2015 but likely winter due to delay in final approval of amendment.
- iv. Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - a. Published in *Federal Register* on _____.
 - b. Comments due _____.
- v. Proposed Rule published _____.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by _____.
- vi. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/15.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective ____/15.

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

IPT Team

√SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team:

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

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

X. GENERIC AM/DOLPHIN ALLOCATION AMENDMENT/EA – Brian

(Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 8, Snapper Grouper Amendment 34, and Golden Crab Amendment 9)

- a. √Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve all actions – September 2014
- b. Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
 - 1. √IPT needs one final review
 - 2. √Jack needs one final review
 - 3. IRFA needs to be done
 - 4. When these are done, then Gregg, √Monica, √Jack, and Ben final review
- c. √Review final amendment and approve for formal review – December 5, 2014
- d. √Document submitted to NMFS – December 2014; done 2/27/15.
- e. √Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - 1. Published in *Federal Register* on 7/15/14.
 - 2. Comments due 9/14/15.
- f. Proposed Rule published 9/29/15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Gregg to review and draft comment if needed – by 10/23/15
 - 3. Comments due by 10/29/15
- g. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
 - 3. Regulations effective ____/15.

XI. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – John

1. *xSSC Winter Meeting Conference Call (week of February 9-13)*

If necessary, to review analyses or documents for March Council meeting
Not held.

2. *√SSC Spring 2015 Meeting – April 28-30, 2015*

*value after item # is estimated time allotment. Please advise if more time is required.

- 1) 3h Review Florida Mutton Snapper Updated Assessment (FL FWC)
 - a. Fishing Level Recommendations
- 2) 2h Protected Resources Presentation (SERO)
- 3) .5h Oculina Evaluation Team Final Report (Staff)
- 4) 1h Review 2014 Landings and Catch limits (SERO)
- 5) 1h Stock Status Determinations Process (SERO Presentation)
- 6) .5h Progress report on SEFSC Headboat Data Evaluation (SEFSC)
- 7) .25h Report from National SSC Workshop V (Chair)
- 8) .5h Report on the SEFSC Assessment Program Review (SEFSC)
- 9) .25h Report on MRIP Calibration Workshop and Effort Survey Transition (Staff)
- 10) .5h Report on the Council Visioning Project (Staff)
- 11) .5h Spiny Lobster Review Panel Recommendations (staff)
- 12) .25h Review SAFMC Annual Research and Monitoring Plan
- 13) 1h SEDAR items (Staff)
 - a. SEDAR 41 Schedule update
 - b. Data Best Practices Workshop Update
 - c. FWC proposals for black grouper and yellowtail snapper
 - d. Red Grouper Update TORs
 - e. Assessment Priorities for 2017
- 14) Amendments (Staff, others as noted)
 - a. 2h SG RA 16, with SERO presentation on revised analyses
 - b. 1h SG Amend 36, with SERO presentation on id'ing spawning aggregations
 - c. .5h Hogfish rebuilding plan amendment (tentative)
- 15) .25h Updates/FYI ongoing projects (amends/actions without action items)
 - a. Octocoral Status Report
 - b. SG Amend 35
- 16) 0h Election

Federal Register notice filed 3/12/15.

3. √SSC Webinar (Blueline Tilefish Projections) – 6/3/15 from 1-3 pm

- A. Federal Register Notice – notice sent 5/1/15.
- B. Briefing Materials

4. SSC Technical Orientation for new Members – via webinar; in August

5. √SSC Summer 2015 Meeting (Conf Call or Webinar): SSC Webinar (Blueline Tilefish Projections) – 9/9/15 from 1-3 pm

- A. Federal Register Notice – notice sent 7/22/15.
 - B. Briefing Materials – est 8/12.
- Topics: Blueline tilefish projections and fishing level recommendations

6. SSC Fall 2015 Meeting – October 20 (1 pm) - 22 (noon or 3 pm)

1 pm 20th to noon or 3 pm on 22nd (depend on agenda)

Orientation for new members on am of 20th.

- A. SEDAR Items
 - i. (hold this...pending stock id info expected in Dec 2015 since that could affect TORs (and may lead us to consider an Standard assess track)). Data Best Practices Workshop report
 - ii. TORs for Goliath Grouper assessment review
 - iii. Assessment priorities for 2018
 - iv. Steering Committee meeting items
- B. Report on Landings and Stock Status
- C. Review consequences of setting specifications in numbers vs pounds.
- D. Report from ABC control rule revision work group
- E. FMPS
 - i. Snapper grouper 36
 - ii. System Management Plan
 - iii. Snapper grouper RA 16
- F. Report on SAFMC Citizen Science project
- G. Review revised Research Recommendations & Priorities
- H. National assessment prioritization tool

7. √Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Meeting – April 27, 2015

8. SEP April 26, 2016 (tentative date)

9. *SSC April 26-28, 2016 (tentative dates)*

- A. SEDAR 41, red snapper and gray triggerfish
- B. Golden Tilefish assessment update

10. *SSC & SEP October 18-20, 2016 (tentative dates)*

- A. SEDAR 46 Goliath Grouper
- B. SEDAR 48 black grouper

XII. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

Crown Plaza requested for Charleston meetings.

Federal Register notices are due 30 days prior to meeting; send to Kim.

Meeting requests to Cindy.

1. $\sqrt{\text{Golden Crab AP - Brian}}$

- a. January 23, 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm
- b. Location: Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- c. Items
 - 1. Potential modifications to fishing year
 - 2. Potential modifications to fishing zones; mapping
 - 3. Others?
- d. Federal Register notice
- e. Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

2. $\sqrt{\text{Law Enforcement AP - Myra}}$

- A. March 2, 2015 1:30 - 5pm
- B. Location: St. Simons Island, GA
- C. Items
 - 1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Species Removal & Golden Tilefish Endorsements)
 - 2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - 3. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots)
 - 4. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 2/12/15

3. $\sqrt{\text{Habitat AP - Roger}}$

- A. April 7, 2015 (9 am) to April 8, 2015 (5pm)
 - Location: Crowne Plaza
 - 4381 Tanger Outlet Boulevard
 - North Charleston, SC 29418
 - Reservations: 1-866-358-6255
 - Phone: 843-744-4422/Fax: 843-744-4472
- B. Items
 - 1. Policy Statements
 - 2. Others?
- C. $\sqrt{\text{Federal Register notice filed 3/9/15}}$
- D. Briefing materials by 3/27/15

4. ✓ *Snapper Grouper AP - Myra*

- A. April 13, 2015 (1:30 pm) – April 14, 2015 (5 pm)
- B. Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418; phone 843/308-9330
- C. Items
 - 1. Amendment 37 (Multiple Species)
 - 2. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots)
 - d. Visioning
 - e. Joint SA/GM Amendments (S. Florida Issues, CB Reporting & ET Plan)
 - f. System Management Plan for MPAs
- D. ✓ Federal Register notice filed 3/13/15.
- E. Briefing materials by 3/25/15. Done _____

5. ✓ *Mackerel AP - Kari*

- A. April 15, 2015 (9 am – 5 pm)
- B. Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418; phone 843/308-9330
- C. Items
 - i. Status of CMP Amendment 20A
 - ii. Status CMP Amendment 20B
 - iii. Status of South Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013
 - 4. Status of Framework Amendment 1
 - 5. Status of Framework Amendment 2
 - 6. CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations for Spanish Mackerel)
 - 7. CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACL/stock boundary)
 - 8. ET Final Plan, 2 letters and Charterboat Amendment
 - 9. Others?
- D. ✓ Federal Register notice filed 3/16/15.
- E. Briefing materials by 3/25/15. Done 3/___/15.

6. ✓ *Joint Shrimp/Deepwater Shrimp AP - Chip*

- A. April 16, 2015 (9 am – 3 pm)
- B. Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418; phone 843/308-9330
- C. Items
 - 1. Shrimp Biological Opinion (21014)
 - 2. Reporting Requirements from BiOP
 - 3. Shrimp Procedural Workshop Results
- D. ✓ Federal Register notice filed 3/16/15.
- E. Briefing materials by ____/15

7. Snapper Grouper AP - Myra

- a. November 3, 2015 (1:30 pm) – November 4, 2015 (5 pm)
- b. Location: Charleston, SC
- c. Items
 - 1. Others?
- B. Federal Register notice
- C. Briefing materials by ____/15

~~8. Mackerel AP - Kari~~

- ~~A. November 2, 2015 (9 am – 5 pm)~~
- ~~B. Location: Charleston, SC~~
- ~~C. Items~~
 - ~~1. Others?~~
- ~~D. Federal Register notice~~
- ~~E. Briefing materials by ____/15. Done _/_/15.~~

9. Habitat AP - Roger

- A. November 17, 2015 (9 am) to November 18, 2015 (5pm)
- B. Location: St. Petersburg, FL @ FWRI
- C. Items
 - 1. Review Redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Energy
 - 2. Artificial Reef Session and Review Draft EFH Policy Statement
 - 3. Research, Monitoring and Technology Session
 - 4. Session on Food Webs and Connectivity and Fisheries and Climate Variability
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 11/3/15

10.I & E AP - Amber

- A. November 5, 2015 9 am – 5 pm
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
 - 1. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by ____/15

XIII. VISIONING – Amber/Myra

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved holding port meetings during February – March 2014.

Proposed Timing 2014:

- a) ✓Port Meetings – February through April 2014
- b) ✓Comments accepted through May 30, 2014
- c) ✓Council reviews comments – June 2014
 - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
 - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- d) ✓Council work on Vision/Strategic Plan – October 14 (1 pm) to October 16 (3pm), 2014 in North Charleston, SC (Crown Plaza)
 - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
 - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- e) ✓Council review of Draft Strategic Goals (Management and Communication) for Vision Blueprint– December 2014
 - i. Overview – Amber
 - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval

Revised timing from December 2014 Visioning Workshop:

- ✓March 2015: Review of draft strategic goals (Science & Governance) for Vision Blueprint; further revise Management & Communication strategic goals; plan public input activities.
- ✓June 2015 Council meeting: Finalize strategic goals and draft Vision Blueprint; prep for public input activities.
- June – September 2015: Collect public input via webinars, listening stations, and at public hearings.
- September 2015: Review public input and plan for October Council Visioning Workshop
- October 2015 Council Visioning Workshop to prioritize short-term and long-term items and further refine for development of SG Amendment 38.
- December 2015 Council meeting: Review and approve prioritized items to be scoped

XIV. SOUTH FLORIDA MANAGEMENT ISSUES/GOLIATH GROUP JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE (SG Am 40)– Bob/Gregg (GMFMC Administrative Lead)

South Atlantic Council (2014/15):

1. Council members – Ben Hartig, Michelle Duval, Jessica McCawley, Chester Brewer & Charlie Phillips
2. Staff – Bob Mahood & Gregg Waugh
3. Others – Luiz Barbieri & John Hunt

Gulf of Mexico Council (2014/15):

1. Council members – Martha Bademan, Roy Williams, John Sanchez & Pam Dana
2. Staff – Doug Gregory & Carrie Simmons

√The group has held a number of meetings via webinar and phone. The first in-person meeting was held January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.

√The second in-person meeting was held July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier (Coral), Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues).
- b. √GMFMC Team: Carrie Simmons (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, Assane Diagne, and Doug Gregory
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Rich Malinowski (NMFS Lead), Nikhil Mehta, Andy Herndon (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Tony Lamberte (Economist), and Tracy Dunn (OLE)
- d. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Jeff Isley and Matthew McPherson
- e. √NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes

1. Goliath Grouper

- a. SSC/Assessment group to determine if sufficient data exist for another assessment – Carrie/Luiz Gulf lead. If yes, FWC staff have volunteered to be lead on the stock assessment. If no, the SSC group would provide a coordinated scientific sampling plan to address any missing data needs.
- b. SEDAR representative as we move forward – Julie Neer

2. Speckled hind/Warsaw grouper

- a. South Atlantic & Gulf SSC Subcommittee to explore methods to determine stock status of speckled hind and warsaw grouper and suggest a path forward – John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead) working with Luiz and Carrie to organize meeting; may need to meet several times.

- b. Timing - can the group meet prior to July 22-24, 2014 Jt. Committee meeting?
- c. Education program to help people distinguish snowy grouper from warsaw grouper – handle through normal Information & Education activities.

3. SAFMC Only Snapper Grouper Amendment (Snapper Grouper Amendment 35) – Gregg Waugh->Myra Brouwer (SAMFC Lead)

- a. Species to remove (Gulf removed these species from Reef Fish FMU in 2011):
 - i. Dog snapper
 - ii. Schoolmaster
 - iii. Mahogany snapper
 - iv. Black snapper
- b. Vermilion snapper – change to 10” TL (same as Gulf). Florida would take their own action to make this change.

MOTION #1: TAKE AN ACTION TO REMOVE NASSAU GROUPE, DOG SNAPPER, SCHOOL MASTER, MAHOGANY AND BLACK SNAPPER FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPE FMU.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL [Intent to scope in August 2014]

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council excluded removal of Nassau grouper and approved the document for scoping. See Snapper Grouper #13 for timing, etc. on Amendment 34.

4. Joint Amendment to address all other species/actions

- a. Prepared by Joint Council Committee on South Florida Issues – document preparation, actions/alternatives, analysis and recommendation of preferred alternatives.
- b. Draft Amendment provided to Gulf Council and South Atlantic Council for consideration by full Councils not committees.
- c. IPT-like group to guide development (work assignments, timeframes for deliverables, etc.):
 - i. South Atlantic Council – Bob Mahood & Gregg Waugh
 - ii. Gulf of Mexico Council – Doug Gregory & Carrie Simmons
 - iii. NMFS SERO – Jack McGovern
 - iv. NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes
 - v. Florida – Jessica McCawley, Martha Bademan, Luiz Barbieri & John Hunt

**MOTION #2: APPROVE THE PROCESS DESCRIBED FOR HOW THE JOINT SOUTH
FLORIDA MANAGEMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE WOULD OPERATE.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

d. Timing:

- i. ✓Group met January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL
- ii. ✓Group to meet July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.
- iii. ✓Briefing book materials to be posted and distributed July 14, 2014
- iv. ✓Scoping conducted 2013-2014 by Florida at workshops and at each Group meeting, Council meeting, etc.
- v. ✓Council review and provide guidance – September 2014
- vi. ✓Council review and provide guidance – December 2014. SAFMC provided guidance on AM alternatives.
- vii. ✓Group to meet January 13-14, 2015 in Key West, FL.
- viii. ✓Councils review committee recommendations:
 - 1. ✓SAFMC – March 2-6, 2015
 - 2. ✓GMFMC – March 30 – April 2, 2015
- ix. ✓Councils review committee recommendations and provide guidance on Actions 1-4 at Joint SAFMC and GMFMC Council Session on June 11, 2015
- x. Councils complete review of draft amendment
 - 1. SAFMC – September 2015
 - 2. GMFMC – October 2015
- xi. IPT/Staff complete analyses
- xii. Councils review, select preferred alternatives, and approves for public hearings; targeting:
 - 1. SAFMC – March 2016
 - 2. GMFMC – April 2016
- xiii. Public hearings (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
 - 1. SAFMC – August 2016
 - 2. GMFMC – ??? 2016
- xiv. Councils review public hearing input and approves action
 - 1. SAFMC – September 2015
 - 2. GMFMC – August/October 2015
- xv. Councils approves for final review
 - 1. SAFMC – December 2015
 - 2. GMFMC – October 2015/January 2016

NOTE: THIS AMENDMENT IS ON HOLD PENDING A DECISION TO REACTIVATE. EACH COUNCIL HAS PULLED ITEMS INTO SEPARATE AMENDMENTS AND A DECISION WILL BE MADE IN THE FUTURE WHETHER ADDITIONAL WORK ON A JOINT AMENDMENT IS NECESSARY.

XV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

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

1. *√Dates and Locations for January 2015*

A. Dates and requested locations: **Hearings from 4-7 pm except Key West.**

Revised process for these Public Hearings:

1. Staff presentations, questions, and then public comments will be conducted in the same room.
2. Times – most begin at 4 pm but Key West begins at 5:30 pm.
3. Amendments – Key West, Cocoa Beach & Georgetown will cover SG Am 35 (Species Removal & Golden Tilefish Endorsements). Cocoa Beach will also cover scoping for CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures).

<u>January 13, 2015</u> Marriott Key West Beachside 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, Florida 33040 Phone: 305-296-8100	<u>January 20, 2015</u> Hull's Seafood Market/Restaurant 111 W Granada Blvd Ormond Beach, FL 32174
<u>January 21, 2014</u> Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 North Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-799-0003	<u>January 27, 2014</u> Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony 22 Hobcaw Road Georgetown, SC 29442 Phone: 843-904-9024
<u>January 28, 2015</u> T's Café 2004 NC HWY 172 Sneads Ferry, NC 28460	

- B. √Amendments:
 - 1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsements) (Myra) – public hearings
 - 2. CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures) - scoping
- C. √Rooms Needed – one room for staff presentation, questions, and public comments)
- D. √Federal Register Notice – by _____, 2014
 - a. Notice sent to NOAA –
 - b. Publish notice –
- E. √Document preparation
 - a. Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - ii. Summary documents posted by 1/7/15 for Am 35 and 1/14/15 for CMP Am 26.
 - iii. Amendments posted by 1/7/15 or 1/12/15 at the latest for Am 35.
 - iv. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 1/7/15 for Am 35 and 1/14/15 for CMP Am 26.
 - b. Comments due by 5 pm on 2/4/15 for SG Am 35 and 2/11/15 for CMP Am 26.
 - c. Email address for public comments: mike.collins@safmc.net
 Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line: SG Am 35 & CMP Am 26.
 - d. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. SG Am 35 (Myra) – 1/8/15
 - ii. CMP Am 26 (Kari) – 2/4/15
- D. √Staff attending hearings – Gregg – Key West; Myra – Cocoa Beach & Georgetown; Kari – Cocoa Beach only; Julie (Administrative) all sites; Amber – Key West & Georgetown; and Kim – Cocoa Beach.
- E. √Council chairs:
 - a. SC – Mel (chair);
 - b. Cocoa Beach – Ben (chair)
 - c. Key West – Ben/Jessica (chair)

2. **√Webinar Public Hearings – April 2015**

A. Amendment: Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) (Gregg/Roger)

B. Document/presentation/hearing preparation:

1. Summary document.
 - a. Document posted by 4/3/15. Done _____.
 - b. Presentation done by 4/6/15. Done _____.
 - c. Video presentation done by 4/6/15. Done _____.
2. Comments due by 5 pm on May 1, 2015
3. Email addresses: Please put “Amendment 36” in the subject line.
 1. Mike.collins@safmc.net
4. Presentation/Informal Q & A and then Public Hearing; done via webinar with listening/comment stations. Evenings beginning at 6 pm.
5. Record public hearing webinar.
6. Public Hearings/Listening/Commenting stations – all start at 6 p.m. except Key West that starts at 5:30 p.m. Information on how to sign-up for the webinar will be posted to the Council’s website.
 1. Test process – 3/31 at 2 pm
 2. Listening/commenting stations will be available at the following locations:

<u>April 20, 2015 (Mel)</u> S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources Marine Resources Research Institute Auditorium 217 Ft. Johnson Road, SC 29422-2559 Phone: 843-953-9300	<u>April 20, 2015 (Chris)</u> Holiday Inn Express 722 Highway 17 Little River, SC 29566 Phone: 843-281-9400
<u>April 21, 2015 (Michelle)</u> N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-726-7021	<u>April 22, 2015 (Doug)</u> Coastal Resources Division GA Dept. of Natural Resources One Conservation Way Brunswick, GA 31520-8687 Phone: 912-264-7218
<u>April 22, 2015 (Zack)</u> Richmond Hill Fish Hatchery 110 Hatchery Drive Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-756-3691	<u>April 23, 2015 (Ben/Erika)</u> Hampton Inn Daytona Speedway 1715 W. International Speedway Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Phone: 386-257-4030
<u>June 10, 2015 (Ben)</u> Doubletree Grand Key Resort 3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-293-1818	

Notes:

1. Council staff will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to test their equipment/connection. If there are any issues please contact Mike Collins at 843-763-1050.
2. If you have any documents, charts, etc. you want shown during the webinar when you are commenting, please email them ahead of time to Mike.Collins@safmc.net
3. Need phone line with speakerphone and ability to project from computer.

- C. Workshop** – held during AP meeting in N. Charleston (Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418, phone: 843-308-9330) on 4/13 beginning at 5:30 pm; webinar items 1 through 3 below and then break out into groups. FR Notice filed with SG AP FR notice on 3/13/15.
1. Overview of Approach, Sample Locations & SMP - Gregg (10 min + 5 min Q&A)
 2. Results of recent monitoring – Will Heyman (10 min + 5 min Q&A)
 3. Council's GIS system & How to provide suggested areas – Roger (10 min + 5 min Q&A)
 4. Open Exchange of Ideas/Information – laminated charts (Roger to provide updated charts for Mike to have laminated) on tables with the opportunity for attendees to provide suggested areas. Gregg, Roger, Amber, and Other staff if needed at each table.
 5. Input = boxes drawn on the charts at the meeting. Also can provide input via the Council's GIS site by 5 pm on May 1, 2015.
 6. Revise Poster to have at workshop - Amber

3. *√***Dates and Locations for August 2015**

- A. Draft dates and requested locations:
Spiny Lobster season opens on August 6th.

Scoping Webinar for SG Am 37 (Hogfish) & SG RA 23 (Golden Tilefish Fishing Year, Black Sea Bass Bag, & Jacks Trip Limit)

August 10, 2015 (Webinar)

Via Webinar beginning at 6 pm

Comments due by 5 pm on August 17th.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots) Public Hearings: **Starts @ 4 pm**

<u>August 11, 2015 (Chris)</u> Holiday Inn Express 722 Highway 17 Little River, SC 29566 Phone: 843-281-9400	<u>August 12, 2015 (Michelle)</u> Comfort Suites 130 Workshop Lane Jacksonville, NC 28546 Phone: 910-346-8900
<u>August 17, 2015 (Ben)</u> Hull's Seafood Market/Restaurant 111 W Granada Blvd Ormond Beach, FL 32174 Phone: 386-673-8888	

Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) Public Hearings: **Held from 4-7 pm**

<u>August 10, 2015 (Mel)</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	<u>August 18, 2015 – Webinar Hearing</u> Start at 6 pm Focus on Warsaw Hole, Florida but cover other actions/alternatives
<u>August 12, 2015 (Chris)</u> Murrells Inlet Community Center 4462 Murrells Inlet Road Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 Phone: 843-651-7373	<u>August 13, 2015 (Michelle)</u> N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-726-7021
<u>August 24, 2015 (Doug)</u> Coastal Resources Division GA Dept. of Natural Resources One Conservation Way Brunswick, GA 31520-8687 Phone: 912-264-7218	<u>August 25, 2015 (Ben)</u> Hilton Garden Inn-Daytona Beach Airport 189 Midway Avenue Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Phone: 386-944-4000

Note: Will also get Visioning input at the Am 36 public hearings.

- B. Amendments:
 - 1. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots) (Brian) – in-person public hearings; no webinar
 - 2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) (Gregg/Roger) – in-person public hearings/webinar
 - 3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – scoping
 - 4. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Golden Tilefish Fishing Year, Black Sea Bass Bag, & Jacks Trip) - scoping
- C. Rooms Needed –area for registration/information plus 1 room (tech. presentation and recording comments)
 - 1. SG Reg Am 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots) – 20-25 people
 - 2. SG Am 36 (Spawning SMZs) – 30-50 people
 - 3. SG Am 37/RA 23 – scoping via webinar
- D. Federal Register Notice – by 6/29/15
 - a. Notice sent to NOAA – 7/10/15 for Am 36/RA 16; 7/7 & 7/20 for Am 37/RA 23.
 - b. Publish notice –
- E. Document preparation
 - a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by 7/30/15.
 - ii. Amendments posted by 7/30/15 or 8/4/15 at the latest.
 - iii. PowerPoint & Video presentation posted on 7/30/15.
 - b. Documents available and posted on web site by 7/30/15.
 - c. Comments due
 - i. SG RA 16 - by 5 pm on 8/21/15
 - ii. SG Am 36 – by 5 pm on 8/31/15
 - iii. SG Am 37/RA 23 – by 5 pm on 8/17/15
 - d. Email address for public comments: Please put Amendment # in Subject mike.collins@safmc.net
 - e. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. SG RegAm 16 (Brian) – 8/3/15
 - ii. SG Am 36 (Gregg) – 8/5/15.
- F. Staff attending hearings –
 - a. SG RA 16 - Brian all Reg Am 16 sites;
 - b. SG Am 36 – Gregg all Am 36 sites; Julie/Mike (Administrative) all sites; and Amber/Kim with Amber collecting Visioning Input.
- G. Council chairs –
 - a. NC
 - i. Jacksonville – August 12th Michelle (chair); no sleeping rooms needed
 - ii. Morehead City – August 13th Michelle (chair); Gregg, Julie, Kim, Amber sleeping rooms
 - b. SC
 - i. N. Charleston – Mel (chair) August 10th; no sleeping rooms needed
 - ii. Little River – Chris (chair); August 11th no sleeping rooms needed
 - iii. Murrells Inlet – Chris (chair); August 12th; Gregg, Julie, Kim, Amber sleeping rooms

- c. GA – Doug (chair); August 24th; Gregg, Julie, Kim, Amber sleeping rooms
- d. Florida
 - i. Ormond Beach – August 17th Ben (chair); Erika attending; Brian, Erika & Ben sleeping rooms nearby
 - ii. Daytona Beach – August 25th Ben (chair); Erika attending; Ben, Erika & Gregg, Julie, Kim, Amber sleeping rooms

4. Dates and Locations for November 2015

- A. Amendment:
 - a. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 25 (BLT, Yellowtail FY & BSB Bag) (Myra)
 - b. Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 (Commercial Trip Limit) (Brian)
- B. Document/presentation/hearing preparation:
 - 1. Summary documents.
 - a. Documents posted by 10/__/15. Done _____.
 - b. Presentations done by 10/__/15. Done _____.
 - c. Video presentations done by 10/__/15. Done _____.
 - 2. Comments due by 5 pm on November __, 2015
 - 3. Email addresses: Please put “SG RegAm 25” or “DW RegAm 1” in the subject line.
 - a. Mike.collins@safmc.net
 - 4. Presentation/Informal Q & A and then Public Hearing; done via webinar with **listening/comment stations**. Evenings beginning at 6 pm.
 - 5. Record Q&A, question session at hearing, and public hearing webinar.
 - 6. Public Hearings/**Listening/Commenting** stations – all start at 6 p.m. Information on how to sign-up for the webinar will be posted to the Council’s website.
 - a. Test process – ____??
 - b. **Listening/commenting stations or Hearings??** will be available at the following locations: **Week or November 9-12??**

Here is what we used in April. Need to pick dates, locations, and get chairs.

<u>April 20, 2015 (Mel)</u> S.C. Dept. of Natural Resources Marine Resources Research Institute Auditorium 217 Ft. Johnson Road, SC 29422-2559 Phone: 843-953-9300	<u>April 20, 2015 (Chris)</u> Holiday Inn Express 722 Highway 17 Little River, SC 29566 Phone: 843-281-9400
<u>April 21, 2015 (Michelle)</u> N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-726-7021	<u>April 22, 2015 (Doug)</u> Coastal Resources Division GA Dept. of Natural Resources One Conservation Way Brunswick, GA 31520-8687 Phone: 912-264-7218
<u>April 22, 2015 (Zack)</u> Richmond Hill Fish Hatchery 110 Hatchery Drive Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-756-3691	<u>April 23, 2015 (Ben/Erika)</u> Hampton Inn Daytona Speedway 1715 W. International Speedway Blvd. Daytona Beach, FL 32114 Phone: 386-257-4030

<u>June 10, 2015 (Ben)</u> Doubletree Grand Key Resort 3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-293-1818	
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Notes:

1. Council staff will be available beginning at 5:00 p.m. for anyone who wants to test their equipment/connection. If there are any issues please contact Mike Collins at 843-763-1050.
2. If you have any documents, charts, etc. you want shown during the webinar when you are commenting, please email them ahead of time to Mike.Collins@safmc.net
3. Need phone line with speakerphone and ability to project from computer.

5. *Dates and Locations for January/February 2016*

A. **Draft dates and draft requested locations:** **Hearings** – weeks of Jan 25-29, 2016 and Feb 1-5, 2016

Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings: **Held from 4-7 pm**

Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Mel) Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Chris) Murrells Inlet Community Center 4462 Murrells Inlet Road Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 Phone: 843-651-7373
Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Michelle) N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-726-7021	
Jan/Feb __, 2016 – (Ben) Doubletree Grand Key Resort 3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-293-1818	Jan/Feb __, 2016 – (Ben) Key Largo or Miami
Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Ben) Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 North Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-799-0003	Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Doug) Coastal Resources Division GA Dept. of Natural Resources One Conservation Way Brunswick, GA 31520-8687 Phone: 912-264-7218

Public Hearing to cover Mid-Atlantic for South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (Gregg)

Feb 8, 2016 (Webinar only)
Via Webinar beginning at 6 pm

Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2016.

Public Hearing to cover Mid-Atlantic for CMP 26 Amendment (Kari)

Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Webinar only)
Via Webinar beginning at 6 pm

Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2016.

Scoping Hearing for Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) (Myra)

Jan/Feb __, 2016 (Webinar only)

Via Webinar beginning at 6 pm

Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2016.

- B. Amendments:
 - 1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) (Myra) – scoping via webinar only
 - 2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) (Myra) – public hearings
 - 3. South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (Gregg) – public hearings
 - 4. CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/MMs)(Kari) – public hearings
 - 5. Joint SA/GM SG/Reeffish Amendment (Yellowtail ABC/ACL & AM) (Gregg) – may be added to SG Reg Am 25 if Gulf Council agrees to approach
- C. Rooms Needed –area for registration/information plus 2 rooms (tech. presentation and recording comments in 1 room and tech. Hogfish presentation in other room)
 - 1. SG Am 37 (Hogfish) – 50-75 people
 - 2. CMP Am 26 & For-Hire Reporting – 50-75 people
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 - d. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. Snapper Grouper Amendments 41 (Mutton Snapper) (scoping) and 37 (Hogfish) (public hearing) – Myra; January 20, 2016.
 - ii. CMP Am 26 & For-Hire Reporting – Kari/Gregg; January 19, 2016.
- J. Staff attending hearings – Myra, Kari & Gregg; Julie/Mike (Administrative) all sites; and Amber/Kim at ____???
- K. Council chairs –
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XVI. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

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

- A. December 7-11, 2015 – Atlantic Beach, North Carolina; hotel cutoff 11/7/15
Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
Reservations: 800-222-8733; Phone: 252-240-1155
Fax: 252-240-1452
- B. March 7-11, 2016 – Jekyll Island, Georgia
Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island GA 31527
Phone: Reservations: 888-627-8316 or 912-635-4545/Fax: 912-319-2838
- C. June 13-17, 2016 – Cocoa Beach, Florida (Note: GMFMC meets same week)
Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront
1550 N. Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach FL 32931
Phone: Reservations: 1-800-445-8667 or 321-799-0003/Fax: 321-799-0003
- D. September 12-16, 2016 – North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina
Marina Inn at Grande Dunes
8121 Amalfi Place
Myrtle Beach SC 29572
Phone: Toll Free: 1-877-403-7676 or 843-913-1333/Fax: 843-913-1334
- E. December 5-9, 2016 – Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach NC 28512
Phone: Reservations: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-222-4065

XVII.SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND MARCH 2015 MEETING

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

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Direct staff to conduct another review of the Oculina Closed Area Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
2. Staff from the SEFSC, SERO, and Council examine how suggested approaches to monitor recreational landings of rarely encountered species would work for deepwater species in the South Atlantic (blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, snowy grouper, and wreckfish). Also provide information on cost of implementing new approaches.
3. REQUEST THAT THE SCC RE-EVALUATE THE APPLICATION OF THE ORCS METHODOLOGY TO THE NEW HOGFISH STOCK (GA-NC)
4. SEND LETTER TO MRIP REQUESTING RE-EVALUATION OF HOGFISH CATCH ESTIMATES FOR 2015

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

1. Work with the Habitat AP to further refine existing and develop new SAFMC EFH policy statements for consideration at the December 2014 Council meeting.
2. Staff coordinate with NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division to monitor the ongoing evaluation of ESA impacts and response associated with activities associated with Miami Harbor deepening and further evaluate the need for response associated with impacts to EFH. Staff will also coordinate with NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division and council members regarding the proposed Port of Palm Beach project.
3. Direct staff to develop a document that describes all the management actions taken by the Council to protect habitats and manage fisheries off the coast of northeast Florida. Present results to the Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee by the March or June 2014 Council meetings.
4. Recommendations for ongoing FEP II Development:
 - a. Develop Executive Summary for FEP II;
 - b. Enhance use of online tools and visibility of Habitat Conservation/Ecosystem Based Fishery Management and FEP II development (e.g., use SAFMC Digital Dashboard to highlight effort and collaboration with Regional Partners)
5. anything from September???

C. Golden Crab – Brian

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

D. Mackerel – Kari

1. PREPARE DRAFT AMENDMENT 26 FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN DECEMBER 2015.
2. ALLOW STAFF/IPT TO REORGANIZE DOCUMENT AND ACTIONS AS NECESSARY.
3. DRAFT A LETTER TO HMS IN SUPPORT OF A TRIP LIMIT AND POSSIBLE

BYCATCH ALLOWANCE FOR HMS (SMALL COASTAL) SHARKS IN THE SPANISH MACKEREL GILLNET FISHERY.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian

1. Anything from September??

F. Shrimp – Chip

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

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1. Anything from September??

H. SEDAR – John

1. Direct staff to: Modify the research plan and forward it to the agency.

I. SSC Selection - John

1. Send letters of appointment to new members and letters of thanks to those not appointed.

J. AP Selection – Kim

1. Have staff provide a history of the addition of NGO seats on various Aps for discussion at the next AP Selection Committee meeting.
2. Contact the MAFMC regarding the appointment of a liaison to the King and Spanish Mackerel AP.
3. Provide meeting attendance information on the applicant summary spreadsheets for future Committee meetings.

K. Data Collection – Gregg

1. Direct staff to continue working with ACCSP (Mike Cahall) on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form for voluntary use by commercial fishermen.
2. Direct staff to work with the Interdisciplinary Planning Team (IPT) to revise the South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment, to complete all necessary analyses, and to bring the document back at the December meeting for approval for public hearings.

L. Protected Resources – Chip

1. The committee recommended staff revise the integration agreement and work with SERO Protected Resources staff to further develop the document and present the document at the December Council Meeting.

M. Spiny Lobster – Kari

1. None.

N. Full Council – Bob

1. Letter to NMFS; MOTION: RECOMMEND TO NMFS THAT THE LIONFISH EFP REQUEST BE APPROVED
APPROVED BY COUNCIL
2. Letter to NMFS; MOTION: RECOMMEND TO NMFS THAT THE SNOWY GROUPER EFP REQUEST BE APPROVED AND RECOMMEND THAT THEY ALSO LOOK AT GUT CONTENTS AND COLLECT BYCATCH DATA ON OBSERVED TRIPS
APPROVED BY COUNCIL
3. MOTION: STAFF DEVELOP A PROCEDURE TO EVALUATE OUTLIER OR UNUSUAL MRIP CATCH ESTIMATES BEFORE THEY ARE USED IN ACTIVATING ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES (I.E., FISHERY CLOSURES)
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

John to take lead on this activity.

XVIII. October 14 (8:30 am) – 15 (5 pm), 2015 Council Visioning Workshop – North Charleston, SC - **DRAFT**

Hotel requested: Crown Plaza Hotel, North Charleston; hotel cutoff _____.

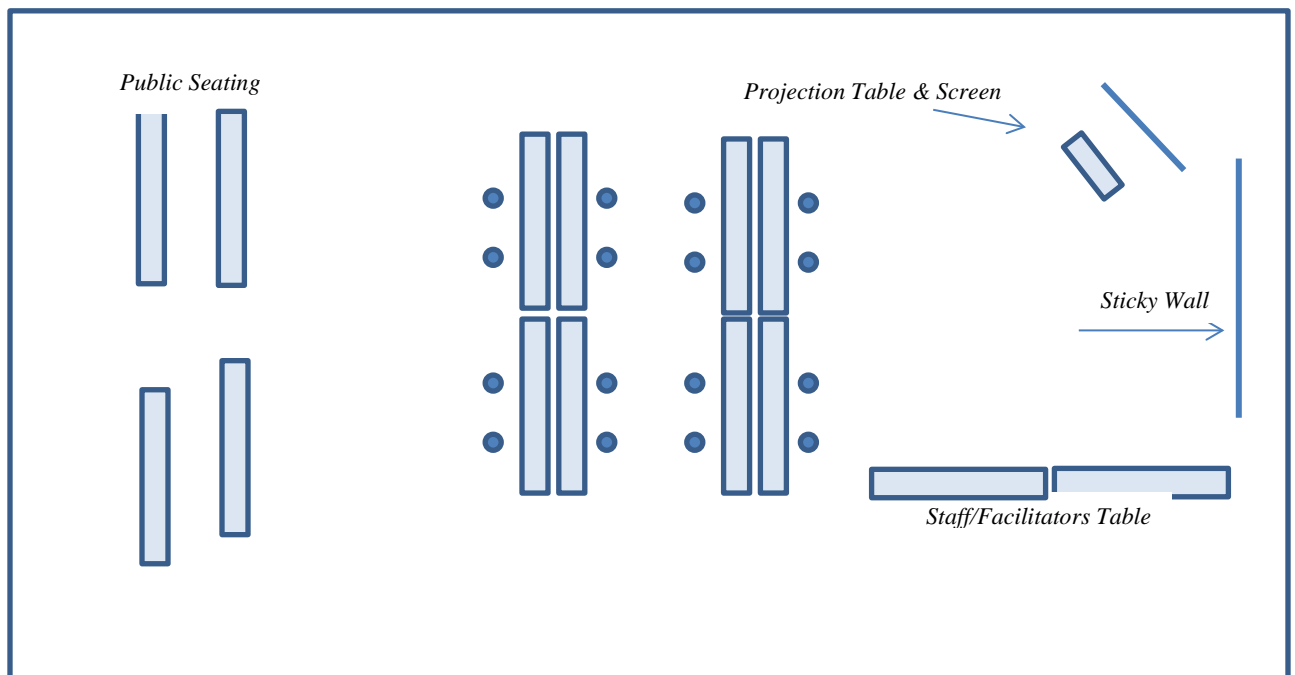
TO's Requested; done _____.

FR Notice; done _____.

Council staff will facilitate the Council Visioning Workshop and lead the Council through discussions and brainstorming exercises to prioritize short-term and long-term management actions for management of the snapper grouper fishery. Utilizing the input received from the public comment collected from March through June 2015, Council will prioritize objectives and strategies for each strategic goal into short-term and long-term actions to be developed in Snapper Grouper Amendment 37. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 will be developed at the September 2015 Council meeting.

Meeting set-up:

- Tables arranged in clusters
- Breakout group discussions
- Assigned seating; Participants rotate seats in the morning and afternoon



General Schedule:**Day 1** – Wednesday

- Start at 8:30 AM; End at 5:00PM; (Public Comment 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM??)
- Staff debriefing from 5:00-6:00PM
- Social??

Day 2 – Thursday

- Start at 8:30AM – 12:00PM;
- Lunch from 12:00PM – 1:30PM;
- Start 1:30PM – 5:00 PM; (Public Comment 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM)
- Staff debriefing from 5:00-6:00PM

Meeting Purpose & Objectives:

- To prioritize objectives in the draft vision blueprint into short-term and long-term action items for subsequent amendments under the snapper grouper fishery management plan.
- Framework for review of Blueprint.

Participants: Council members

Meeting Facilitator: Amber Von Harten

XIX. December 7-11, 2015 – Atlantic Beach, NC – DRAFT

Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
Phone: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-240-1452

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3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 11/18/2015 AT 5 PM
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 11/19/2015 AT noon
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 11/19/2015
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 11/19/2015.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (All Final Items) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT NOON AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 11/30/2015.

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

Bob – memo to Roy [Note: **see committees & Council presentations** below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]
Done _____.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below.** We also need to have the recreational catch data for non-snapper grouper species. Done _____

Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm

- A. Council Member Visioning Workshop (TAB 1) Monday 8:30 am – 10:30:** What do we want our snapper grouper fishery to look like?
- (1) Final review and approval of Blueprint
 - (2) Future plans for review/modification of Blueprint
- B. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 2) (**PART CLOSED??**) – Monday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Appointments if any???
 - (2) Approvals: Goliath Grouper Review TORs
 - (3) SEDAR Projects Update
 - (4) SEDAR Steering Committee Report
 - (5) How to Prioritize Assessments – Dr. Rick Methot
 - (6) Long term assessment priorities: 2018-2020

- C. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 3) – Monday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Report from Habitat AP meeting – Roger
 - (2) EFH Policy Statements: Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Draft EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs
 - a. Overview – Roger
 - b. Committee Discussion & Action – Wilson Laney
 - (3) FEP II Development and EFH Updates and Regional Ecosystem Coordination (South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling and Climate and Fisheries Workshop)
 - a. Overview – Roger
 - b. Committee Discussion & Action – Doug Haymans and Wilson Laney
 - (4) Technology Session –
 - (5) Others?
- D. Personnel Committee (Bob/Mike) (TAB 4) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:00 am – 11:00 am**
- (1) Interviews for Executive Director
 - (2) Others?
- E. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Update from SERO
 - (2) CMP Biological Opinion
 - (3) Status of MOU
 - (4) Others??
- F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
 - (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
 - (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
 - (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy)
 - b. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)
 - c. Am 33/34
 - d. Am 35
 - (5) Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - a. Overview of final document and codified text – Brian/NMFS
 - b. Committee modifies document and approves for formal review– Michelle Duval
 - (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
 - (7) Blueline Tilefish
 - a. Stock ID: Initial Results (SSC Review at April 2016 meeting) – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - b. Committee discussion and provide direction to staff – Michelle Duval

- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 25 (Blueline tilefish, Yellowtail snapper & Black sea bass bag limit)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, select preferred alternatives, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for scoping – Michelle Duval
- (10) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - a. Overview of document – Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document if necessary, select remaining preferreds, and approve amendment – Michelle Duval
- (11) System Management Plan for Amendment 14 MPAs
 - a. Overview – Chip
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document, and approves – Michelle Duval
- (12) Follow up on approaches to monitor recreational harvest of deepwater species
 - a. Overview – John
 - b. Committee discussion and direction to staff – Michelle Duval

G. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 7) – Thursday 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (4) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures)
 - a. Overview of Actions & Alternatives – Kari
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, selects preferreds, and approve for public hearings – Ben Hartig

H. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 8) – Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 noon

- (1) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - a. Status of work from NMFS
 - b. CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) Amendment – direction to staff – Mel Bell
- (2) Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study – SEFSC
- (3) Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Overview – Gregg
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell
- (4) South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Overview of document - Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, selects preferreds, and approves for public hearings – Mel Bell

I. Dolphin Wahoo Committee (Brian) (TAB 9) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- (1) Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1
 - a. Overview of public comments & document – Brian
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, selects preferreds, and approves for formal review – Anna Beckwith

(2) Others?

J. Spiny Lobster Committee (Bob/Mike) (TAB 10) – Thursday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- (1) Overview of landings & AM Required Action – Kari
- (2) Committee review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
- (3) Others?

K. Executive/Finance Committee (Bob/Mike) (TAB 11) – Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

- (1) Budget
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities for 2016/17 – Gregg
- (3) Others?

L. Public Comments – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

M. Council Session (TAB 12) – Friday 8:30 pm – ???? pm

I. Presentations

1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) **System Management Plan for MPAs**
- (2) **Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots)**
- (3) **Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 25** (Blueline tilefish, Yellowtail snapper & Black sea bass bag limit)
- (4) **Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1** (Commercial dolphin trip limit)

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

- (1) **Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – public hearings**
- (2) **Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) – scoping**
- (3) **Joint SA/GM CMP Am 26 (KM ACLs/Boundary/MMSs) – public hearings**
- (4) **South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment – public hearings**

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- A. Visioning Workshop Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- B. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- C. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- D. Personnel Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- E. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- H. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- I. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- J. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- K. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 11) – ACTION

- L. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - (b) ~~Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site~~
 - (e) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
 - ~~(b) Progress reports on headboat data entry~~
 - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

XX. March 7-11, 2016 – Jekyll Island, GA – **ROUGH DRAFT**

Westin Jekyll Island

110 Ocean Way

Jekyll Island GA 31527

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

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7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (All Final Items) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT NOON AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 2/29/2016.

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

Bob – memo to Roy [Note: **see committees & Council presentations** below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]

Done _____.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below.** We also need to have the recreational catch data for non-snapper grouper species. Done _____

Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm

A. ~~Council Member Visioning Workshop (TAB 1) Monday 9:00 am – noon:~~ What do we want our snapper-grouper fishery to look like?

- (1) ~~Final review and approval of Blueprint~~
- (2) ~~Future plans for review/modification of Blueprint~~

Spiny Lobster Committee

- (1) Actions related to AM
- (2) Others??

B. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 2) – Monday 1:30 pm – 2:30 am

- (1) Update from SERO
- (2) CMP Biological Opinion
- (3) Status of MOU
- (4) Others??

C. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 3) – Monday 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- (1) Report from webinars – Roger
- (2) FEP II Development and EFH Updates and Regional Ecosystem Coordination (South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling and Climate and Fisheries Workshop)
 - c. Overview – Roger
 - d. Committee Discussion & Action – Doug Haymans and Wilson Laney
- (3) Others?

D. ??AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 4) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:00 am – 11:00 am

E. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 5) (PART CLOSED??) – Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Appointments if any???
- (2) SEDAR Projects Update
- (3) SEDAR Steering Committee Report
- (4) Others??

F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy)
 - b. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)
 - c. Am 33/34
 - d. Am 35
 - e. Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline tilefish, Yellowtail snapper & Black sea bass bag limit)
- (5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - a. Overview of document & public hearing comments – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve all actions– Michelle Duval
- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview of document & scoping comments – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for public hearings?? – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - a. Overview of document & DEIS comments – Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document if necessary, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (8) Follow up on approaches to monitor recreational harvest of deepwater species
 - a. Overview – John
 - b. Committee discussion and direction to staff – Michelle Duval

G. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 7) – Thursday 8:30 pm – 10:00 pm

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (4) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures)
 - c. Review Public Hearing Comments – Kari
 - d. Overview of Actions & Alternatives – Kari
 - e. Committee reviews, modifies, and approve for formal review – Ben Hartig

H. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 8) – Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 noon

- (1) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - a. Status of work from NMFS
 - b. CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) Amendment – direction to staff
- (2) Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Overview – Gregg
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell
- (3) Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study – SEFSC
- (4) GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - a. Review public hearing comments – Gregg
 - b. Overview of document - Gregg
 - c. Committee reviews, modifies, and approves all actions – Mel Bell

I. Dolphin Wahoo Committee (Brian) (TAB 9) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- (1) Overview of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus ACLs – NMFS
- (2) Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 - NMFS
- (3) Others?

**J. Executive/Finance Committee (Bob/Mike) (TAB 10) – Thursday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
noon**

- (1) Budget
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Gregg
- (3) Others?

K. Public Comments – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

**L. Council Session (TAB 11) – Thursday 3:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 12
noon**

I. Presentations

1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
- (2) CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/MMs)

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) – public hearings???

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- M. Visioning Workshop Report or Spiny Lobster?? (TAB 1) – ACTION
- N. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- O. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- P. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- Q. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- R. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- S. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- T. Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- U. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 10) – ACTION
- V. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - (b) ~~Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site~~
 - (e) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
 - ~~(b) Progress reports on headboat data entry~~
 - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

XXI. 2015 PRIORITIES & TIMING – Exhibit #1 shows most recent Council-approved activity schedule (Approved at December 2014 meeting and updated at March 2015 meeting).

The following items are listed in priority order. Note: Multiple Items are listed with the same Priority #. **WILL BE UPDATED PRIOR TO DECEMBER MEETING**

1. Visioning Public Input – Amber

1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37/EA or EIS (Multiple Species) – Myra

- A. √Work on this amendment will begin in late 2014/early 2015 after the visioning process is complete and the Council has approved their Vision/Strategic Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery.
- B. √Council staff recommends moving Short-term Visioning Items to Snapper Grouper Amendment 40 & work on this in 2016. Also, add almaco trip limit, removal of size limits for deepwater species, and mutton snapper to Amendment 37.
- C. √At the March 2015 meeting, the Council moved short-term visioning items to 2016 and added a number of items to Amendment 37.
- D. Council reviews document, provide guidance, & approve for scoping – June 2015
- E. Council reviews document and approves for public hearings – September 2015.
- F. Public hearings via in-person, Webinar & Listening Stations – November 2015.
- G. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions – December 2015.
- H. Council reviews final document and approves for formal review – March 2016.
- I. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- J. Proposed rule published on _____.
- K. Final rule published on _____.
- L. Final regulations effective _____.

2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – Gregg/Roger

- A. √Council working on document 2012 onwards
- B. √Scoping August 2014.
- C. √Council reviews document and approves for 1st round of public hearings – March 2015.
- D. √Public hearings via Webinar & Listening Stations – April/May 2015.
- E. Council reviews public hearing comments, selects preferred alternatives and approves for 2nd round of public hearings – June 2015.
- F. Public hearings via Webinar & Listening Stations – August 2015.
- G. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review – September 2015.
- H. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- I. Proposed rule published on _____.
- J. Final rule published on _____.
- K. Final regulations effective _____.

3. *System Management Plan (for MPAs from Amendment 14 MPAs) – Gregg/Roger/Chip*

- A. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to work on a System Management Plan for the existing 8 MPAs. An outline was presented at the meeting and this item will be worked on in 2014.
- B. ✓Council modified the timing at the June & December 2014 meetings
- C. ✓Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
- D. ✓IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
- E. ✓Council receives update – March 2015
- F. IPT works on SMP – March through June 2015
- G. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- H. Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015
- I. IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- J. Public input – July/August/September 2015
- K. Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- L. IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- M. Snapper Grouper AP input – October 2015
- N. SSC review – October 2015
- O. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – December 2015
- P. Distribute to Council members, Advisory Panels, SSC, NMFS, others

4. *Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Gregg*

- A. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council appointed John Carmichael/Mike Errigo as the SAFMC representatives on the subcommittee working on the technical aspects of separating charterboats from the MRIP sampling program.
- B. ✓At the December 2013 meeting, the Council indicated their intent to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically at a minimum of weekly as is being implemented for headboats. Further, it is the Council's intent that this information be updated on the SERO's website on some regular period.
The Council also directed staff to draft a letter from the SAFMC/GMFMC asking the other agencies/partners to appoint representatives to the committee prior to the Council's March 2014 meeting.
- C. ✓Letter sent by _____. Done 2/4/14.
- D. ✓Technical subcommittee work during 2014 and develop a recommendation to present to the Council in December 2014.
- E. ☐ Technical Sub-Committee finalized report – November 2014.
- F. ☐ Council reviews final report
 - a. ☐ SAFMC – December 2014
 - b. ☐ GMFMC – January 2015
- G. Council reviews options and provide guidance to Staff/IPT
 - a. ☐ SAFMC – March 2015
 - b. ✓GMFMC – March 30 – April 2, 2015
- H. Council reviews and approves for public hearings
 - a. SAFMC – June 2015

- b. GMFMC – June 2015
- I. Public hearings – July (GMFMC)/August (SAFMC) 2015
- J. Council reviews public hearing input and approves actions
 - a. SAFMC – September 2015
 - b. GMFMC – August/October 2015
- K. Councils approves for final review
 - a. SAFMC – December 2015
 - b. GMFMC – October 2015/January 2016

1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 38 (Blueline tilefish) – Myra

WILL BE ADDED AFTER SSC REVIEW IN APRIL AND COUNCIL GUIDANCE IN JUNE 2015

2. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16/EIS (Black Sea Bass) – Brian

- A. ✓Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at June 2013 meeting
- B. ✓Options reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting
- C. ✓SSC & AP review – October & November 2013
- D. ✓Approve for scoping – December 2013
- E. ✓Scoping – January 2014
- F. ✓Review scoping comments & provide guidance – March 2014
- G. ✓Council modified timing at the June and December 2014 meetings
- H. ✓Review/modify document, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2015
- I. Review/modify document and approve for public hearings – June 2015
- J. Public hearings – August 2015
- K. Review public hearing comments, BiOp, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015
- L. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – December 2015
- M. Send to Secretary of Commerce by December 18, 2014. Done _____.
- N. Proposed rule published on _____.
- O. Final rule published on _____.
- P. Final regulations effective _____.

3. Fishery Ecosystem Plan II - Roger

- A. ✓Work to begin in late 2013 and continue into 2014 and 2015
- B. ✓Council receives presentation on FEP II development and completion timeline – December 2014

6. *Joint SA/GM Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures) – Kari*

- A. √Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- B. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- C. √Scoping In-Person – January 2014
- D. GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014
- E. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – √SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- F. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in June 2015 and GMFMC in June 2015?
- G. Public hearings – SAFMC in August 2015 and GMFMC in July/August 2015?
- H. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve all actions – SAFMC in September 2015 and GMFMC in August/October 2015?
- I. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – SAFMC in December 2015 and GMFMC in October 2015/January 2016?
- J. Document submitted to NMFS – December 2015/January 2016
- K. Proposed rule published on _____.
- L. Final rule published on _____.
- M. Final regulations effective _____.

4. *Joint SA/GM Amendment (Issues from S. FL Committee) – Gregg*

- A. √Group met January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL
- B. √Group to meet July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.
- C. √Briefing book materials to be posted and distributed July 14, 2014
- D. √Scoping conducted 2013-2014 by Florida at workshops and at each Group meeting, Council meeting, etc.
- E. √Council review and provide guidance – September 2014
- F. √Council review and provide guidance – December 2014. SAFMC provided guidance on AM alternatives.
- G. √Group met January 13-14, 2015 in Key West, FL.
- H. Councils reviews and approves for public hearings – June 2015
 - a. SAFMC
 - b. GMFMC
- I. Public hearings – August 2015
- J. Councils review public hearing input and approve actions
 - a. SAFMC – September 2015
 - b. GMFMC – August/October 2015
- K. Councils approve for final review
 - a. SAFMC – December 2015
 - b. GMFMC – October 2015/January 2016
- L. Document submitted to NMFS – December 2015/January 2016
- M. Proposed rule published on _____.
- N. Final rule published on _____.
- O. Final regulations effective _____.

5. ~~Joint SA/GM CMP Amendment 28 (Permit/FMP Split) – Kari~~

AT THE MARCH 2015 MEETING, THE COUNCIL STOPPED WORK ON THIS AMENDMENT.

6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species)

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2014
- b. ✓Scoping – August 2014
- c. ✓Approve for public hearings – December 2014
- d. ✓Public hearings – January 2015
- e. ✓Review public comments, revise document, and approve all actions – March 2015
- f. Approve for formal review – June 2015
- g. Document submitted to NMFS – June 2015
- h. Proposed rule published on _____.
- i. Final rule published on _____.
- j. Final regulations effective _____.

7. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Golden tilefish) – Myra

- A. ✓At the March meeting, the Council directed staff to begin work on items related to golden tilefish.
- B. Council reviews document, provides guidance, and approves for scoping – June 2015
- C. Council reviews document, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for public hearings – September 2015
- D. Public hearings – November 2015
- E. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment and approve all actions – December 2015
- F. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – March 2015
- G. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- H. Proposed rule published on _____.
- I. Final rule published on _____.
- J. Final regulations effective _____.

13. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Bycatch) - Chip

- A. ✓SAFMC reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – March 2012
- B. ✓SSC input at April 3-5, 2012 meeting in Savannah, GA
- C. ✓APs reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – April & May 2012
- D. ✓~~Approve for public hearings at June.~~ At the June meeting, the Council made the following changes:
 - a. Moved Coral HAPC issues to CE-BA 4
 - b. Moved the MPA issues to CE-BA 4
 - c. Modified, added VMS requirement, and approved the Data Collection actions/alternatives for public hearings
- E. ✓Public hearings in August.

- F. ✓Review hearing comments, modify and ~~approve for formal review~~ in September 2012.
- G. ✓At the September 2012 meeting, the Council made the following changes:
 - a. Moved Coral HAPC issues to Coral Amendment 7 which was later corrected to Coral Amendment 8
 - b. Moved the MPA issues to Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17
 - c. Modified CE-BA 3 and directed staff to have the Gulf Council review at their October meeting and prepare the amendment for final SAFMC review at the December 2012 meeting
- H. ~~Modify and approve for formal review in December 2012.~~
- I. ✓At the December 2012 meeting, the Council made the following changes:
 - a. Moved Action 1. For-hire Reporting in the SAFMC to a separate Generic SA/GM Joint Amendment; directed staff to work with the Gulf Council on a separate Generic GM/SA Joint Amendment to address additional headboat reporting requirements; and directed staff to track the Gulf Council's work on charterboat reporting
 - b. Moved Action 2. Commercial Reporting to a separate Generic SA/GM Joint Amendment
 - c. Moved Action 3. VMS to a separate Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
 - d. Directed staff to modify CE-BA 3 with the remaining action addressing bycatch reporting and prepare for final approval at the March 2013 meeting
- J. ✓~~Review and approve for formal review at March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~ At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. The Council requested an analysis from NOAA GC to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- K. ✓Council receives NOAA GC presentation and provides guidance on next steps at September 2013 meeting. Postponed to the December 2013 meeting. Postponed to the March 2014 meeting. Update provided at December 2014 meeting.
- L. NMFS SERO provide updates at ✓March, June & September 2015 meetings.
- M. Council reviews draft document and approves for public hearings – December 2015
- N. Public hearings via webinar – January/February 2016
- O. Review public hearing comments, modify document as necessary, and approve all actions – March 2016
- P. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – June 2016 meeting
- Q. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – June 2016
- R. Proposed rule published on _____.
- S. Final rule published on _____.
- T. Final regulations effective _____

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8. Joint SA/GM Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment – Gregg

- A. ✓At the December 2012 meeting, the Council moved commercial logbook reporting from CE-BA 3 and directed staff to develop a joint amendment with the Gulf Council.
- B. ✓Gulf Council approved at their February 2013 meeting

- C. ✓SAFMC provide guidance at March, June & September 2013 meeting on approach and timing
- D. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council requested the SEFSC provide updates at each Council meeting on progress of the commercial electronic logbook pilot study and directed staff to defer work on the amendment until the pilot is completed.

9. Snapper Grouper Amendment XX (Update Wreckfish ITQ) – Myra

8. Golden Crab Amendment XX? (Modify Fishing Areas??) – Brian

✓At the

9. Shrimp Closure Work (if required) – Chip

- A. The new process allows States to request action by NMFS directly so this should not require any work on the Council's part.

10. Joint SA/GM Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel ACL Shift/Allocations) – Kari

- A. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- B. ✓Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- C. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014
- D. GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014
- E. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – ✓SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- F. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in June 2014 and GMFMC in June 2014?
- G. Public hearings – SAFMC in August 2014 and GMFMC in July/August 2014?
- H. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in September 2014 and GMFMC in August/October 2014?
- I. Document submitted to NMFS – October/November 2014
- J. Proposed rule published on _____.
- K. Final rule published on _____.
- L. Final regulations effective _____.

13. Calico Scallop FMP –

- A. Periodically catches occur and the Council may at some point in the future address this fishery.

Need to add: Citizen Science Program (John/Amber): January 2016 Workshop

AMENDMENT MOVED FROM 2015 BUT NOT RANKED

Snapper Grouper Amendment XX (Short-term visioning) – Myra

Snapper Grouper Amendment XX (Allocations from visioning) – Brian

	2015											
SAFMC CY 2015 SCHEDULE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
FMPS/AMENDMENTS/FRAMEWORKS												
Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)			O			D/As	Ps	Ps	Ah		P	P/A
Proposed Revised Timeline for Hogfish:			O			D/As		Ps	D			Ah
Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)									O/As			Ah
Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)			Ah	P	P	Ah		P	P/A			F
System Management Plan for SG Amendment 14 MPAs			D			D	IP	IP	P/A			F
Snapper Grouper Amendment 38 (Bluefin Tilefish)(DETERMINE @ SEPTEMBER)			O			O			?			?
Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting Amendment (Gulf Lead) (COUNTS AS 2 AMENDMENTS)			O			O			Ah		P	A
Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pot Closure)			O			Ah		P	A			F/S
Fishery Ecosystem Plan II			D			D			D			D
Joint SA/GM CMP Am 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/MMSs; Gulf Lead) (2 AMENDMENTS)	Ps		O			O			O			Ah
Joint SA/GM Amendment (Issues from South Florida Committee) (Gulf Lead) (2 AMENDMENTS)			O			O			P/A			F/S
Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing species & Golden Tilefish Endorsement)			P/A			F/S						
Snapper Grouper Regulatory Am 23 (BSB Bag, Jacks Trip limit & GT FY Start)								Ps	D			Ah
Visioning Public Input			D			Ah/P	P	P	D	A		Ah
Items for 2016:												
Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 24 (Multiple Species)						As	Ps	Ps	Ah		P	P/A
Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Golden Tilefish)			O			D/As	Ps	Ps	Ah		P	P/A
Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment #3 (Bycatch)			D			D			D			Ah
Joint SA/GM Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment												
Snapper Grouper Amendment 42-43 (Update Wreckfish ITQ)												
Coral/Shrimp Golden Crab Amendment XX (Modify GC & Establish RS Fishing Areas)												
Shrimp Closure Work (states can request directly to NMFS)												
Joint SA/GM Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Allocations)												
Calico Scallop FMP												
Snapper Grouper Amendment XX (Short-term Visioning)												
Snapper Grouper Amendment XX (Allocations from Visioning)												
D = Plan development; AS = Approve for public scoping; Ps = Public Scoping												
O = Develop options/review options paper; Ah = Approve for public hearing												
P = Public hearing; IP = Informal public hearing; N = NMFS informal review												
A = Council approve; F = Final Review; NDC = NMFS determination of complete for DEIS filing												
S = Submit for Secretarial review												

Exhibit 1. Council-approved activity schedule as of March 2015 meeting.