



SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: MARCH 6-10, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

SAFMC Draft Follow Up Agreement by: 3/24/17. Done. 3/27/2017

Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 3/24/17. Done.

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

SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 3/24/17.

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

Distribute to Council members & others:

Approved Version by 4/7/17. Done.



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I. SNAPPER GROUPE

Lead Staff: Myra Brouwer

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

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

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

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

There were different timing and scoping meetings for the SMZS

1. Timing of SMZs for Speckled Hind and Warsaw Grouper
 - a) ✓ At the September 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff/IPT to develop alternatives for the following items:
2. MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper
 - b) ✓ At the September 2012 meeting, the Council approved the following schedule:
 - 1) Council Approves for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
 - 2) Public hearings August 2013
 - 3) Public comment at September 2013 meeting
 - 4) Council final approval at September 2013 meeting
 - 5) Send to Secretary of Commerce September 27, 2013
 - 6) 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.

3. IPT

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data). Ken Lindeman (Contractor)
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern (Biologist), David Records (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Adam Bailey (Regulations writer).
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Mike Burton (Biologist) and Larry Perruso (Economist).
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

4. Timing of 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:

August 7, 2012 Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	August 8, 2012 Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
August 9, 2012 Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	August 16, 2012 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
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- e) ✓Meeting arrangements
- f) ✓Memo to Workgroup members – Roger to do on 12/11/12 with dates and city only (not hotel). Done 12/11/12.

- g) ✓FR notice
- h) ✓Briefing materials including presentation – done 1/2/13
- i) ✓Workgroup Report
- j) Draft completed at meeting. Not completed during meeting.
- k) ✓Final report for inclusion in 2nd BBook – 2/22/13. Draft of workgroup report distributed and posted on 2/27/13.
- l) ✓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.
- m) ✓The Committee/Council will provide guidance on actions and timing at the September 2013 meeting.

5. 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
- c) ✓First briefing book deadline – COB 11/8/13
- d) ✓Second briefing book deadline – COB 11/22/13
- e) ✓Review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- f) ✓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
- g) ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- h) ✓AP meeting – April 8 to April 11, 2014
- i) ✓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.
- j) ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- k) ✓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.
- l) ✓Staff revise document and prepare for AP review and for December Council meeting.
- m) ✓AP review – October 21-22, 2014
- n) ✓IPT meeting held – October 24, 2014
- o) ✓Council provide guidance on actions and timing – December 2014
- p) ✓Council provided revised guidance on actions and timing and approved for 1st Round of Public Hearings – March 2015

- q) ✓ Council staff prepares Public Hearing Summary document – March 2015
 - r) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP review and input – April 13-14, 2015
 - s) ✓ Informal workshop – April 13, 2015 beginning at 5:30 pm
 - t) ✓ SSC review and input – April 28-30, 2015
 - u) ✓ 1st Round of Public Hearings – webinar and 1 in-person at June meeting– April 2015
 - v) ✓ 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
 - w) ✓ Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – June 2015 – August 2015
 - x) ✓ Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – August 2015
 - y) ✓ Public hearings – 1 webinar and 5 in-person hearings– August 2015
 - z) ✓ Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve all actions – September 2015; the Council modified the schedule to move final approval from December 2015 to March 2016.
 - aa) ✓ IPT meeting held – October 19, 2015.
 - bb) ✓ Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – September-November 2015
 - cc) ✓ Review/modify Amendment 36, choose remaining preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – December 2015
 - dd) ✓ Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for DEIS review – December 2015
 - ee) ✓ DEIS comment period ends prior to March 7-11, 2016 Council meeting
 - ff) ✓ Review DEIS comments, modify Am 36 as required, and approve for formal review – March 2016
6. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 4/16.
 - b) ✓ Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on 4/16.
 - c) ✓ Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by 8/29/2016
 - d) ✓ Corrections made by 8/29/2016.
 - e) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by March 24, 2016 if no changes or March 31, 2016 if modified at the March meeting. Done 8/30/16.
 - f) ✓ Notice of Availability- published in FR on 1/4/17; Comments due by 3/6/17
 - g) ✓ Proposed Rule published 1/18/17.
 - i. Send to Council, AP
 - ii. Comments due by 3/6/17.
 - h) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - i) Spawning SMZs locations loaded to SAFMC Habitat and Ecosystem Atlas and Digital Dashboard Date ____/17
 - j) Send to Council, AP
 - k) Post to web site

- l) Regulations effective _____/17.

C. Amendment 37/ EIS (Hogfish) – Myra

1. IPT:

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

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

2. 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) ✓NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes – July 31, 2015
- d) ✓Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)
- e) ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – September 2015
- f) ✓IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by January 12, 2016
- g) ✓Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – December 2015
- h) ✓Public Hearings – January/February 2016; in person
- i) ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions - March 2016 and June 2016
- j) ✓Committee/Council approve for formal review September 2016. Note: due to statutory deadline to end overfishing; want regulations in place 2/1/17.

3. Document preparation for formal review

- a) ✓IPT leads review completed by 9/21/16.
- b) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 9/22/16 .
- c) ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 23, 2016. Done 9/23/16.
- d) ✓DEIS published 6/17/2016. Comment period ends 8/1/2016.
- e) ✓Proposed Rule published 12/16/16.
- f) ✓Comments due by 1/17/17.
- g) ✓Decision Day 1/5/17. Approved on 12/28/16.
- h) Final Rule published _____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.

- i) Send to Council & AP. Date sent _____.
- j) Post to web site. Date posted _____.
- k) Regulations effective _____/17.

D. Amendment 38 (Blueline)—Roger

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Christina Package (Social Scientist); Heather Blough; Noah Silverman (NEPA); Jessica Stephen (Data Analyst); and Mark Fields (OLE).
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Scott Crosson
 - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e) **Need to add Gulf and Mid-Atlantic representatives from NMFS Region & Centers and Councils.**

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

2. Major Steps:
 - a) ✓SEDAR Stock ID Workshop – determined 1 unit stock from the Gulf through the Mid-Atlantic.
 - b) ✓Staff provide SEDAR working paper: Summary: Habitat and Developing Spatial Species Information for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region
 - c) SEDAR Assessment – schedule will be adjusted and results completed by 12/17.
 - d) SSC review – April 2018.
 - e) Results to Council – June 2018.
3. Amendment work to begin July 2018
 - a) Councils (Gulf, South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic) agree on how to allocate ABC by Council jurisdiction.
 - b) Other preparatory work on draft amendment to specify management unit, parameters, and draft management measures so ready for IPT to begin analyses for June 2018 SAFMC meeting.
 - c) Others???
4. Proposed Draft Timing 2018-19:
 - a) Council guidance to prepare amendment – June 2018
 - b) Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – September/December 2018
 - c) IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
 - d) NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes – _____
 - e) Scoping – _____ (via webinar). FR notice due to Kim by _____
 - f) Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2019
 - g) IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by June 2019
 - h) Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – June 2019

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

E. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)/EA– Myra Brouwer

1. IPT:

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (IPT Lead); John McGovern; Christina Package-Ward; Denise Johnson; Michael Larkin; Adam Bailey; Jennifer Lee; Nikhil Mehta (Acting IPT Lead); Noah Silverman; Stephen Holiman; David Dale.
- c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Amy Schueller; Scott Crosson
- d) ✓ NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) ✓ NOAA OLE: Mark Fields

2. Timing 2015-16:

- a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2015
- b) ✓ Scoping Hearings – January/February 2016. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings, 5. Dates and Locations for January/February 2016 for specific dates, locations, and other items.
- c) ✓ Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2016
- d) ✓ Conduct as much analysis of the actions/alternatives as possible for distribution to FWC by 4/26/16. Done April 25, 2016.
- e) ✓ Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2016 Council meeting. Date done – June 15, 2016.

- f) ✓ In June 2016, Council votes to send Amendment 41 out for Public Hearings in August 2016. Date done June 17, 2016.
 - g) ✓ Public hearings in August 2016. See Section XIV for dates and locations.
 - h) ✓ At September 2016 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done 9/16/2016.
 - i) ✓ At December 2016 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 41 for Secretarial review. Date done 12/9/16.
3. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 12/5/16.
 - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 12/12/16 & 1/4/17.
 - c) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 2/28/17.
 - d) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - f) Comments due by ____/17. Date done _____.
 - g) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - h) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - j) Regulations effective ____/17.
 - k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

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

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

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

2. Annual Review

- a) Purpose: Allow the Council to conduct an internal review of progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- b) ✓ Council review and discussion of progress report at December 2016 Council meeting.
- c) ✓ Provide a written update and webinar to the public about progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- d) ✓ Webinars to update the public are scheduled for 10 am and 6 pm on November 21
- e) ✓ Webinar FRN notice due to Kim on October 20, 2016. Date done 10/13/16.

3. Biennial Review

- a) Purpose: Mid-term review of progress on the implementation of the Vision Blueprint and stakeholder perceptions.
- b) Timing: December 2018
- c) Tasks:
 - 1) Review the short-term action items from each goal to determine what outcomes were achieved in 2016-2018;
 - 2) Provide opportunity for public input on outcomes of short-term action items (survey, webinars/comment stations, etc.)

4. Comprehensive Review

- a) Purpose: Review and update the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint and Appendices.
- b) Timing: January – June 2020; Adoption of 2021-2026 Vision Blueprint in December 2020
- c) Tasks:
 - 1) Solicit public input on items in the existing blueprint (short- and long-term action items and items not considered in 2015) and any new ideas.
 - 2) Use a similar port meeting approach to collect public input and revise the Vision Blueprint based on stakeholder and Council member input.
- d) Draft Timing:
 - 1) December 2016, provide an update to Council and the public on the progress made towards implementing the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint. Date done _____.

G. Amendment 43 (red snapper and recreational reporting)

1. IPT:

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer
- b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor , Frank Helies (SERO Lead) (Fishery Biologist), David Records (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data

Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)

- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, David Carter
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) ✓NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement)

2. Proposed Draft Timing:

- a) ✓Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016.
- b) ✓Council review draft options paper – June 2016.
- c) ✓Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- d) ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- e) ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- f) Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- g) In June 2017, Council votes to send Amendment 43 to public hearings
- h) Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice due to Kim 28 days in advance
- i) At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- j) At December 2017 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 43 for Secretarial review. Date done _____.

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done ____/17.
- d) Proposed Rule published ____/18.
- e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- f) Comments due by ____/18. Date done _____.
- g) Final Rule published ____/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.
- h) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- j) Regulations effective ____/18.
- k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.

H. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational

1. IPT:

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

2. Timing:

- a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
- b) ✓Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- c) ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings. FR notice by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- d) ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- e) Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis -- June 2017. Date done _____.
- f) Council votes to send out for Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice by _____.
- g) Council reviews public hearing comments, provides guidance and approves all actions – September 2017. Date done _____.
- h) Council takes final action – December 2017. Date done _____.

3. 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 _____ 2018. Done ____/18.
- d) Proposed Rule published ____/18.
- e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- f) Comments due by ____/18. Date done _____.
- g) Final Rule published ____/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.
- h) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- i) Regulations effective ____/18.
- j) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.

I. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial

1. IPT:

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Adam Bailey (regs writer), Mike Jepson, Mike Travis, , Nick Farmer, Mary Wunderlich, David Dale, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), additional LAPP staff TBD
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Jocelyn D’ambrosio
- e) NOAA OLE: TBD

2. Timing:

- a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
- b) ✓Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- c) ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice by December 19, 2016.
- d) ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- e) Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to Council -- June 2017.
- f) Council approves for Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance.
- g) Review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives – September 2017.
- h) Council takes final action – December 2017.

3. 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 _____ 2018. Done _____/18.
- d) Proposed Rule published _____/18.
- e) Comments due by _____/18.
- f) Final Rule published _____/18. Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
- g) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- h) Regulations effective _____/18.
- i) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

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

1. IPT (Draft):
 - a) SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Co-lead), John Carmichael (SAFMC Co-lead)
 - b) NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Co-Lead), Frank Helies (NMFS Co-Lead), David Dale (HCD), Mary Wunderlich (PRD), Joelle Goodwin (Reg Writer)
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams & Larry Perruso
 - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018:
 - a) Council guidance to prepare amendment -- December 2016
 - b) Scoping TBD. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
 - c) Public Hearings – TBD. FR notice by _____.
 - d) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – TBD
 - e) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – TBD

3. 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 _____.
 - d) Proposed Rule published _____.
 - e) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - f) Comments due by _____.
 - g) Final Rule published _____. Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - h) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - i) Post to web site
 - j) Regulations effective _____
 - k) Fishery Bulletin published on _____.

K. Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program Review

Staff: Brian Chevront

1. IPT (Draft):
 - a) SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley
 - b) NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta, Rick DeVictor, Mike Travis, Jessica Stephen, Janet Miller, Britni LaVine, Alisha Gray, Christina Package-Ward/Mike Jepson
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson
 - d) NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018: TBD after June 2017 Council meeting

L. System Management Plan

Lead Staff: Chip Collier & Roger Pugliese

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

M. SG Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier

1. An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:
 - a) On-Going Monitoring – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports for Council meetings as information becomes available.
 - b) Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
 - c) 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
 - Outreach experts
 - Research scientists
 - Non-governmental Organizations
 - Commercial fishermen
 - Council staff
 - Recreational fishermen

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.

2. 2014 5-Year Evaluation Plan
 - a) ✓ Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting.
 - b) ✓ 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.
 - c) ✓ Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team – November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
 - d) ✓ SSC Review – April 2015
 - e) ✓ Council sees final report – June 2015

- f) ✓ Council reviews final report – September -> December 2015 -> March 2016
- g) ✓ Document revised and posted to website. Date done – March 28, 2016
- h) Also included with the Council’s annual research needs list provided to NMFS.

3. Next Evaluation Plan (2019)

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

N. Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) – Chip Collier

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

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

1. IPT

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Co-Lead), Chip Collier (SAFMC Co-lead and Coral issues), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Amber Von Harten (Outreach), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
- b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Rick 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

2. 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

- 3. Revised Timing 2014/15: work will shift to early – mid 2015 based on workload
 - a) IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
 - b) ✓Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
 - c) IPT works on items in the outline – July through November 2014
 - d) Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
 - e) Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
 - f) Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – March 2015
 - g) IPT revise document as necessary – March 2015
 - h) Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2014
 - i) SSC review – May 5-7, 2015
 - j) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – June 2015
- 4. Final Timing 2015:
 - a) Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
 - b) ✓IPT meeting – 12/10/14
 - c) ✓IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
 - d) ✓Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015
 - e) ✓IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
 - f) ✓Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
 - g) ✓SSC input – April 28-30, 2015
 - h) ✓Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015. Council only reviewed draft.
 - i) ✓IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
 - j) ✓Public input – July/August/September 2015

- k) ✓ Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
 - l) ✓ IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
 - m) ✓ SSC review – October 2015
 - n) ✓ IPT meeting held – November 2, 2015
 - o) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP input – November 2015
 - p) ✓ Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – March 2016
 - q) ✓ Document revised and distributed – by March 31, 2016. Date done – May 31, 2016.
 - r) Include with the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.
5. Potential Timing for Review (2021):
- a) IPT meeting –
 - b) IPT works on items in the outline –
 - c) Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance –
 - d) IPT revise document as necessary –
 - e) Snapper Grouper AP input –
 - f) SSC input –
 - g) Council reviews/approves Draft SMP –
 - h) IPT revise document as necessary –
 - i) Public input –
 - j) Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance –
 - k) IPT revise document as necessary –
 - l) SSC review –
 - m) IPT meeting held –
 - n) Snapper Grouper AP input –
 - o) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP –
 - p) Document revised and distributed – . Date done _____.
 - q) Include with the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.
 - r) Next review _____.

O. Spawning SMZs - Chip Collier

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

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

II. ECOSYSTEM

Lead Staff: Roger Pugliese

A. Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese

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

1. ✓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.
2. 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.
3. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2014-2016):
 - a) Development will be facilitated around spring (April) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014-2016).
 - b) ✓Habitat Advisory Panel State Sub-Panel review and provide initial recommendations on lists of FEP II review/writing teams April 2014.
 - c) ✓Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 Council meeting.
 - d) ✓South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workshop - February 7-8, 2015 at FWRI – Review of existing capabilities and develop a proposal for consideration by the SALCC to create a South Atlantic ecosystem modeling suite to better link FEP II and SALCC Conservation Blueprint - ongoing.

- e) ✓ January 2015 – March 2016: Initiate Sections update, new Section outline and drafting facilitate ecosystem modeling, tools and GIS development in support of FEP II. Email coordination/webinars to refine and update sections for FEP II: Bottom Habitat; Artificial Reefs; Pelagic Habitat, Sargassum; Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves); South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling; Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research and Monitoring; Food Webs and Connectivity, and Climate Variability and Fisheries ongoing.
- f) ✓ April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting included sessions on threats to fish habitat, energy, and food webs and connectivity.
- g) ✓ November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting to include sessions on research and monitoring, artificial reefs and state activities.
- h) ? March/April 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.
- i) ? November 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.

B. Essential Fish Habitat – Roger

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

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

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

C. FEPII and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process:

1. Council Meeting Timeline (Through June 2017)
 - a) ✓ 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.
 - b) ✓ September 2014 Meeting: FEP II Development Timeline and Participation Update.
 - c) ✓ 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.
 - d) ✓ June 2015 Meeting: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.
 - e) ✓ December 2015 Council Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and for inclusion into FEP II and Status FEP II Development.
 - f) ✓ March 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development (Habitat and Misc. Sections) and EFH Updates. Review Outline/Draft of New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs.
 - g) ✓ June 2016 Council Meeting: FEP II and Supporting Tool Development and Technology Session
 - h) ✓ September 2016 Council Meeting: Review FEP II Development highlighting Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Review of Policy Considerations and Guidance for developing Policy Statements.
 - i) ✓ November 2016 Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel: Review FEP II Section Development Policy Statement Drafts for, Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries, and Status of Artificial Reef Policy development.
 - j) ✓ November 2016 Managed Species Team Meeting: Assignment of Remaining Council Managed Species tasks and refinement of Ecospecies system supporting FEP II.
 - k) ✓ December 2016 Council Meeting: Review and Approve EFH Policy Statements for: 1) South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity, and 2) South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries.

- l) ✓ March 2017: Review FEP II Sections for EFH/Habitat, Food Web and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Status reports on South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and Needs and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Advancements Supporting FEP II.
 - m) June 2017 Council Meeting: Review South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System meeting EFH and FEP II information needs, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Supporting FEP II. Finalize and Approve FEP II and Interactive Executive Summary.
2. South Atlantic Council Response to NOAA Policies, Strategies and Research Affecting Essential Fish Habitat and South Atlantic Ecosystems
- a) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the NOAA Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap. Done July 1, 2016.
 - b) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Seismic Testing and our Updated Energy Policy Statement. Done July 1, 2016.
 - c) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Port of Miami Anchorage Area. Done September 19, 2016
 - d) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on proposal to dredge Frying Pan Shoals Complex. Done March 23, 2017.
 - e) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the Draft NMFS South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science. Done March 24, 2017.

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

1. The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination have been scheduled:
- a) ✓ NMFS Ecosystem Research Coordination Meeting / Dr. Jason Link – SEFSC Beaufort, NC 2017
 - b) Managed Species/Ecospecies Session May 23, 2017 St. Petersburg, FL
 - c) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Coordination Meeting May 24, 2017 – St. Petersburg, FL
 - d) SALCC Conservation Blueprint Workshop May 2, 2017 Charleston, SC
 - e) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 16-17, 2017 Charleston, SC
 - f) SECOORA Steering Committee, SH and PI Meetings May 17-19, 2017 Jacksonville, FL
 - g) SAFMC Mapping Strategy Session Winter/Spring 2017 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
 - h) SALCC Steering Committee Meeting Summer 2017
 - i) Society for Conservation GIS July 6-20, 2017 Monterey, CA
 - j) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 24-27, 2017 St. Croix, USVI

- k) SEAFWA/SARP Meeting Oct. 29-Nov. 1, 2017 Louisville, KY
- l) MTS Oceans 2017 Industry Coordination Supporting ocean technology/potential test beds in South Atlantic region. September 17-22, 2017 Anchorage, AK
- m) ESRI Ocean Forum Redlands, CA, November 1-4, 2017
- n) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting November 14-15, 2017 FWRI, St. Pete. FL

E. Meetings/Webinars/Workshops Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update

1. EFH Update / 5 Year Review

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 – June, 2017	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of: developing FEP II sections; development of a regional mapping strategy connected to managed species and their EFH for the region; enhancement of the South Atlantic regional ocean observation coverage and capability; refining the connection with regional conservation blueprint; enhancement of regional online spatial presentation of species, habitat or fishery operations information; development of a South Atlantic ecosystem model suite and tools for evaluation/ management; and information to enhance/refine EFH designations. (Including but not limited to: SEAMAP, SALCC, SARP, SECOORA, GSAA, ESRI, etc.)	By Meeting
✓ February 7-8, 2015	Ecosystem Modeling Workshop: Review Ecopath modeling, Ecosystem Simulation modeling, oceanographic models and data, regional conservation blueprint and connectivity modeling, and habitat modeling to enhance stock assessments	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓ March 3, 2015	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with March 2015 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, Georgia
✓ April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida

✓November 6, 2015 (ongoing discussion w/ESRI & FWRI)	Collaboration meeting with ESRI Chief Scientist, Dawn Wright and Oceans Program Staff on refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial presentations and online platforms and tools that would better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region	ESRI Office, Redlands, CA
✓January 2015-March 2016 (ongoing)	FEP II Section and EFH Update Facilitated Webinars: Artificial Reefs, Live/Hard Bottom Habitat, Seagrass/SAV Habitat, Estuarine Shrub Scrub (Mangroves), Intertidal Flats Habitat, Estuarine Water Column, Deepwater Coral Habitat, Coral and Coral Reefs, Oyster Reefs and Shell Banks Habitat, Soft Bottom Subtidal Habitat, Estuarine Emergent Marsh (Salt and Brackish) Habitat, and Riverine and Freshwater Habitat	Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015
✓January 2015-March July 2016 (ongoing)	Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats, Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous Species	Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015
✓January 2015-May 2016 June 2016 - June 2017 (ongoing)	Council Managed Species - In lieu of section revision, refine Ecospecies online system. Facilitated webinars for managed species/snapper grouper team and engagement of species experts.	Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars/ Meetings - May 2016 November 2016
June 2014 – April 2016 May 2016 – June 2017 (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 Collaboration on Development of NMFS Regional Action Plan Supporting Climate Science for inclusion into FEP II : Review and Revise Strawman (Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC) (Council comments provided to NMFS SEFSC on Draft March 24, 2017	Initiated in conjunction with Climate and Fisheries Workshops Online Basecamp created to Facilitate Development April 2016
October 2015-December 2016 (ongoing)	Section on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expanded on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants.	Email Coordination / Facilitated Webinars October ✓November

	Habitat/Ecosystem AP discuss section development.	2015 and Meeting √December 2015 √May 2016
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F. Bycatch Reporting/EA (SG Am 26, DW Am 3, CMP Am 21, and GC Am 7) – Chip Collier

1. 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 deep-water coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species
2. 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
3. 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
4. At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.
5. At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:
 - a) Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
 - b) Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
 - c) Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment
 - d) 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.
6. 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.]

7. At the June 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed information presented on bycatch and suggested changing the name of CE-BA 3 to better reflect the remaining action in the amendment.
8. Initial 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.
9. IPT
 - a) ✓ Council Team – Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), Brian Chevront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Gregg Waugh (lead for Data actions) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
 - b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team – Frank Helies (NMFS Lead); Karla Gore, Nick Farmer, Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
 - c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
 - d) ✓ NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
10. Advisory Panel Input:
 - a) ✓ Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
 - b) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - c) ✓ Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - d) ✓ Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
 - e) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - f) ✓ Dolphin/Wahoo AP – April 24, 2012 (8:30 am – noon) in Charleston, SC
 - g) ✓ Mackerel AP – April 24 (1:30 pm) – 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - h) ✓ Coral AP – May 9 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) – 10 (9:00 am – 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - i) ✓ Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012

11. Specific Steps:

- a) ✓ 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.
- d) ✓ MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. Scoping from 4-7 pm

January 24, 2012 Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	January 31, 2012 Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
January 26, 2012 BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	February 1, 2012 Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800
January 30, 2012 Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	February 2, 2012 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

12. 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
 - d) ✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
 - e) ✓ Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:
 - f) Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

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

- g) ✓ BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- h) ✓ 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.

- i) ✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- j) ✓ IPT completes analyses
 - 1) 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
 - 2) 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - 3) 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
 - 4) 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
 - 5) 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
 - 6) 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
 - 7) 11/26/12 – 2nd briefing book ready at 9 am

- k) ✓ 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.

- a) ✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- b) ✓ Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
- c) ✓ Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
- d) ✓ IPT completes analyses
- e) ✓ January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
- f) ✓ submits written sections to Karla and Anna
- g) ✓ – revised document sent to IPT
- h) ✓ comments due back from IPT
- i) ✓ 2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
- j) South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.
- k) ✓ 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.
- l) ✓ September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
- m) ✓ 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.
- n) ✓ March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.
- o) 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.
- p) ✓ 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:
- q) ✓ Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014

- r) ✓ Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
- s) Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
- t) Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.
- u) ✓ 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.

- v) At the March 2016 meeting, the Council will receive a presentation from NMFS and provide guidance on approach/timing.
 - 1) All FMPS must be consistent with this rule within five years of finalizing the rule.
 - 2) Councils should conduct a review of their existing SBRMs.
 - 3) The review should provide information on whether or not the FMP needs to be amended.
 - 4) After initial review, Council should review SBRMs at least every five years.

13. Draft Timing after June 2016 Council Meeting:

- a) Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2017 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- b) In June 2017, Council votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment out for Public Hearings in August 2017. Date done _____.
- c) At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- d) At December 2017 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- e) Document preparation for formal review:
- f) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- g) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- h) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.
- i) Proposed Rule published _____/18.
- j) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- k) Comments due by _____/18. Date done _____.
- l) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
- m) Final Rule published _____/18.
- n) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- o) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- p) Regulations effective _____/18.

q) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

III. CORAL

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

A. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

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

IV. MACKEREL

Lead Staff: Kari MacLauchlin

A. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs, stock boundary, other management measures)/EA – Kari (GMFMC Administrative Lead)

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.

1. 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
- e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy & Iris Lowery

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

2. 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.
3. Timing 2015/2016:
- a) ✓Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – GMFMC in October 2015.
 - b) ✓Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in December 2015.
 - c) ✓Public hearings – SAFMC in January/February 2016. GMFMC in February/March 2016.
 - d) ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in March 2016.
 - e) ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – GMFMC in April 2016.
4. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓IPT leads review completed by 6/21/16.
 - b) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 7/1/16
 - c) ✓GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 7/7/2017.
 - d) ✓Document submitted to NMFS July 2016. Date done July 7, 2016.
 - e) ✓NOA published December 14, 2016. Comment period on NOA ends February 13, 2017.
 - f) ✓Proposed Rule published 12/29/16.
 - g) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 12/29/16.
 - h) ✓Comments due by 1/30/17.
 - i) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - j) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - k) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - l) Regulations effective ____/17.
 - m) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

B. CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari

1. IPT

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Mike Jepson (social scientist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Tony Lamberte (economist), David Dale (habitat conservation)
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)

- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowery, Jocelyn D'Ambrosio
2. Items for Atlantic cobia management:
 - a) recreational vessel limit and bag limit
 - b) increased minimum size limit for recreational
 - c) modify recreational AMs
 - d) commercial vessel limit
 3. Timing 2016:
 - a) ✓Council discusses items to include – March 2016
 - b) ✓Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – June 2016.
 - c) ✓In-Person and Webinar Hearings – August 2016; MAFMC meeting in August. Date done – August 2016.
 - d) ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016. Date done – 9/16/2016.
 4. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) ✓IPT leads review completed by 10/15/16.
 - b) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 10/28/16.
 - c) ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 10/18/16. Done 10/18/16.
 - d) ✓Proposed Rule published 2/21/17.
 - e) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 2/21/17.
 - f) ✓Comments due by 3/23/17/16.
 - g) Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - h) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - j) Regulations effective ____/16.
 - k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

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

C. CMP Framework Amendment 5 (Permit Restrictions) – Kari

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

- e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello and Jocelyn D’Ambrosio
2. Timing 2016:
 - a) ✓South Atlantic Council reviews/modifies document– June 2016.
 - b) ✓Gulf Council reviews/modifies document – June 2016.
 - c) Gulf Council reviews public input and modifies amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – October 2016.
 - d) ✓South Atlantic Council reviews public input and modifies amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016.
 3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) ✓IPT leads review completed by 11/16/16.
 - b) ✓Gulf Council chair only reviews document and codified text
 - c) ✓GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 12/2/16. Done 12/2/16.
 - d) ✓Document submitted to NMFS. Date done 12/2/16.
 - e) ✓Proposed Rule published 3/1/17.
 - f) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 3/1/17.
 - g) ✓Comments due by 3/1/17.
 - h) Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - i) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - j) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - k) Regulations effective ____/16.
 - l) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

V. SPINY LOBSTER

Lead Staff: Kari MacLauchlin

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

1. The Spiny Lobster Review Panel met in Key West, Florida February 9, 2015 to discuss the 2014 OFL overage and make recommendations about actions the Councils should consider including possibly adjusting the ACL.
2. 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.

- a) ✓Draft Letter
- b) ✓EDs & Chairs Review Letter
- c) ✓Jessica/Martha Review Letter
- d) ✓Send letter to NMFS.

3. 2016 Activities to review ACT overage:
 - a) ✓ Review Panel meeting - March 28, 2016 via webinar
 - b) ✓ Joint Spiny Lobster AP meeting – April 25, 2016 in Key Largo FL
 - c) ✓ SSC review - October 18-20, 2016
 - d) ✓ SSC Webinar Spiny Lobster review- November 21, 2016

A. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 – Kari

1. IPT

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

2. Proposed Timing 2016-2017:

- a) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews discussion paper for action to prohibit recreational trap in the South Atlantic EEZ– September December 2016
- b) ✓ Gulf Council reviews options paper (draft amendment) – January/February 2017
- c) ✓ South Atlantic reviews draft amendment – March 2017
- d) Gulf will post a video on their website; SA will hold one webinar hearing on 5/9/17.
- e) Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – June 2017 for both Councils.

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.
- d) Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- e) Proposed Rule published _____/17.
- f) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- g) Comments due by _____/17. Date done _____.
- h)
- i) Final Rule published _____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.
- j) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- k) Post to web site. Date done _____.

- l) Regulations effective _____/17.
- m) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.

VI. SHRIMP

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

A. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

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

VII. GOLDEN CRAB

Lead Staff: Brian Chevront

A. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

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

1. 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

A. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment – John Carmichael

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

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

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

1. IPT Team IPT to be determined after February 2013 Gulf Council meeting.
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), and Mike Errigo
 - b) ✓GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
 - c) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski (NMFS Co-Lead), Scott Sandorf or Adam Bailey (Regulation Writer), (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.

2. Timeline:

- a) ✓ Initiated in CEBA-3
- b) ✓ Stand-alone amendment in December 2012.
- c) ✓ February 2013: GMFMC agrees to joint action
- d) ✓ June 2013 SAFMC: review SEFSC pilot study.
- e) ✓ September 2013: SAFMC directs to defer work until pilot study complete; request updates at each SAFMC meeting
- f) ✓ March 2014: SAFMC discusses electronic option, notes visioning support
- g) ✓ June 2014: SAFMC reviews options paper, directs development of electronic form with ACCSP. Team formed:
 - SAFMC: Gregg Waugh
 - SEFSC: Steve Turner, Dave Gloeckner
 - SERO: Andy Strelcheck, Monica Smit-Brunello
 - ACCSP: Mike Cahall
- h) ✓ October 2014: GARFO system demonstrated to S-G AP; supported voluntary electronic reporting
- i) ✓ December 2014: Implementation plan reported, 2015 implementation target.
- j) ✓ March 2016: Pilot study complete, final report in prep
- k) ✓ June 2016: Pilot study findings reported to SAFMC
- l) ✓ September 2016: Cost report and details on remaining steps for voluntary report submission provided to SAFMC
- m) ✓ December 2016: SAFMC Final Approval
- n) January 2017: Gulf Council consideration for final approval

3. FINAL TIMING - TBD

- a) SAFMC final approval: _____
- b) GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done _____.
- c) Document for final review: Done _____.
- d) Proposed rule
- e) Published: _____
- f) To Council, AP: _____
- g) Comments due to by: _____
- h) Final Rule
- i) Published: _____
- j) Fishery Bulletin Notice: _____
- k) Sent to Council, AP: _____
- l) Regulations Effective Date: _____

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

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

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

2. Timeline:
 - a) ✓ Initiated in CEBA 3.
 - b) ✓ October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
 - c) ✓ December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
 - d) ✓ March 2013: Generic for hire ‘headboat’ amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
 - e) ✓ September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
 - f) ✓ December 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
 - g) ✓ March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
 - h) ✓ May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
 - i) ✓ December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)
 - j) ✓ March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
 - k) ✓ June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
 - l) ✓ September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
 - m) ✓ December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
 - n) ✓ January/February 2016: Hearings
 - o) ✓ March 2016: Review hearings, review document, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
 - p) ✓ May 2016: SSC Review
 - q) ✓ June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements
 - r) ✓ June – August 2016: IPT incorporate Council edits and data elements
 - s) ✓ September 2016: Council review
 - t) ✓ December 2016: SAFMC final approval
 - u) ✓ GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done 2/2/2017

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text 2/27/17
 - b) ✓ Document submitted for final review: 3/4/2017.
 - c) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - d) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - e) Comments due by ____/17. Date done _____.
 - f) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - g) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - h) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - i) Regulations effective ____/17.
 - j) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO

Lead Staff: John Hadley

A. Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1 (Commercial Trip Limit)/EA– Brian Chevront

1. IPT
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
 - b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Jenny Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Tony Lamberte (Economics), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Mike Larkin (Data), Scott Sandorf (Reg Writer).
 - c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, Akbar Marvasti
 - d) ✓ NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello, Iris Lowry
2. Timing 2015-16:
 - a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – September 2015
 - b) ✓ Public Hearings – November 2016; via webinar
 - c) ✓ Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment; approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2015
 - d) ✓ Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1) ✓ IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____
 - 3) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 2/16/16.
 - e) ✓ Proposed Rule published 6/30/16.
 - 1) ✓ Send to Council, AP Date 7/13/16.
 - 2) ✓ Comments due by 8/1/16.
 - f) ✓ Final Rule published 12/30/16.

- 1) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- 2) Post to web site
- 3) ✓Regulations effective ~~4/30/17~~ 3/21/17.
- 4) ✓Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 12/30/16.

X. FOR-HIRE PERMIT LIMITED ENTRY

Lead staffs: Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin

1. IPT:

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Co-Lead/Social Scientist), John Hadley (Economist), Brian Chevront (SAFMC Co-Lead), Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore, (NMFS Lead), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Denise Johnson (Economist), Janet Miller and Britni Lavine (Data Analysts), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), Mary Wunderlich (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)
- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Ken Brennan, Christopher Liese
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:

NOTE: Guidance from Dec 2016 Council meeting was to prepare a white paper on limited entry for charter/headboat permits for Snapper Grouper only. White paper reviewed in March 2017 and the Council will continue discussion in June 2017.

- a) Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance – September 2016
- b) Approve for Scoping – _____
- c) Scoping in August 2017. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
- d) IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- e) Committee/Council review draft amendment and scoping comments – _____ 2017
- f) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for public hearing – _____ 2017
- g) Public Hearings – January/February 2018?. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
- h) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – March 2018
- i) Document preparation for formal review:
- j) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- k) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
- l) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review _____/17.
 - 1) Proposed Rule published _____/17.
 - 2) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - 3) Comments due by ____/17.

- m) Final Rule published _____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.
- 1) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - 2) Post to web site
 - 3) Regulations effective _____/18.
 - 4) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

XI. POSTPONED AMENDMENTS (Purgatory)

A. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC CMP Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish mackerel allocations) – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016 ?

1. IPT

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, 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), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), and (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.

2. Items:

- a) Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

3. Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a) ✓ Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b) ✓ Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c) ✓ Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d) ✓ February 2014, GMFMC decided to table the amendment until after the king mackerel assessment is completed.
- e) ✓ March 2014 the SAFMC decided to move forward with development of actions and alternatives for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel.
- f) ✓ SAFMC to review updated options paper at June 2014 meeting. Council directed staff to bring back a more detailed options paper at the December 2014 meeting.
- g) ✓ Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- h) GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014

- i) Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – ✓SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- j) Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- k) Public hearings – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____ FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance.
- l) Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- m) Document submitted to NMFS – _____
- n) Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

B. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Jacks Trip Limit) – Myra

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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

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

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

1. IPT Team

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Denise Johnson (Economics), Jennifer

Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), and Mark Fields (OLE)

- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti
- 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.

C. CMP Amendment 30 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari

The Councils postponed development of Amendment 30 until after the ASMFC plan is finalized.

1. IPT

- a) SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
- b) NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer), Mary Wunderlich (protected resources), Tony Lamberte (economist), David Dale (habitat conservation), Rich Malinowski (SERO)
- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)
- d) NOAA GC Team: Jocelyn D’Ambrosio

2. Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

- a) Change in start of recreational fishing year, and commercial fishing year (added Dec 2016)

3. Proposed Timing 2016:

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

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

a) Document preparation for formal review:

- 1) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- 2) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- 3) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.

- 4) Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- b) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - 1) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - 2) Comments due by ____/17. Date done _____.
- c) Final Rule published ____/17. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - 1) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - 2) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - 3) Regulations effective ____/17.
 - 4) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

D. Mackerel Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations) – Kari

NOTE: The Councils have postponed Amendment 29 indefinitely as of Jan/Feb 2017 (Gulf Council) and March 2017 (S Atlantic)

1. IPT Team.
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead)
 - b) ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
 - c) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), David Dale (habitat), David Records (economist), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer),
 - d) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
 - e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy
2. Proposed Timing 2016/17:
 - a) ✓Gulf Council reviews the document, finalizes actions and alternatives – June and August 2016
 - b) ✓South Atlantic Council reviews actions and alternatives – September 2016
 - c) ✓Gulf Council reviews and modifies amendment as necessary, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for public hearings – October 2016
 - d) ✓Gulf Council Public Hearings – November/December 2016

E. Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Yellowtail snapper) – John Hadley

In March 2017, the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 44 until revised MRIP data are available.

1. IPT Team:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Co-lead), John Hadley (SAFMC Co-lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer),

Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Ken Blackburn (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern, Mary Vara (Biologist), Kelli O'Donnell (Biologist), Cynthia Meyer (Biologist)

- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer & Scott Crosson
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:

- a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
- b) ✓Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- c) ✓IPT/Staff initial analyses – complete by January 2017
- d) ✓Public Hearings – January/February 2017. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2017. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- e) ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2017 -- the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available
- f) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review –

3. 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 _____.
 - d) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - e) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - f) Comments due by ____/17.
 - g) Final Rule published ____/17. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - h) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - i) Post to web site
 - j) Regulations effective ____/17.
- 5) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

F. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Dolphin quota sharing, OY definition, multi-gear trips, ABC Control Rule, and operator cards) – John Hadley

In March 2017, the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available.

1. IPT Team

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

- b) NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Kevin Mitchell (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer, Scott Crosson
 - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:
- a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
 - b) ✓Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
 - c) ✓March 2017- Council suspends work an Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available
 - d) Public Hearings – ? FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
 - e) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment –
 - f) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review –
 - g) Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1) IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - 3) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 8/11/17.
 - h) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
 - 1) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - 2) Comments due by ____/17.
 - i) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
 - 1) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - 2) Post to web site
 - 3) Regulations effective ____/17.
 - 4) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

XII. CITIZEN SCIENCE

Goals & Objectives

The mission of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program is to “Improve Fisheries Management Through Collaborative Science.” Program goals include adopting a collaborative approach to address data needs, ensure data collected are appropriate and useful, build partnerships, enhance stewardship for South Atlantic resources, and foster active engagement and communication.

To support the goals of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program, the development project will conduct activities to meet the following objectives:

- Objective 1:** Establish programmatic resources to support initiation and coordination of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.
- Objective 2:** Create a system of organizational governance to support the infrastructure and activities of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.
- Objective 3:** Develop programmatic communication strategies to promote the SAFMC Citizen Science Program to stakeholders.
- Objective 4:** Initiate a “kickstarter” citizen science project to serve as a test project for the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.
- Objective 5:** Develop comprehensive outreach and training approaches to support the SAFMC Citizen Science Program and associated projects.
- Objective 6:** Foster development of partnerships to support the SAFMC Citizen Science Program and funding and administration of projects.
- Objective 7:** Pursue funding opportunities to support citizen science projects under the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.

XIII. SAFMC SEDAR ACTIVITIES

A. Current SAFMC Assessment Projects

1. Project: **SEDAR 48**
 Species: Black Grouper
 Range: SAFMC/GMFMC
 Type: Benchmark
 Lead: FL FWCC
 - a) SAFMC Actions
 - 1) ✓ Schedule Approval: December 2016
 - 2) ✓ TOR Approval: December 2016
 - 3) ✓ Appointments: December 2016
 - 4) SSC Review: April 2018
 - 5) Council Review: June 2018
 - b) Workshops
 - 1) Data
 - (a) ✓ St. Petersburg FL, March 15-17, 2017
 - (b) ✓ Meeting Request: 12 October 2016
 - (c) ✓ FRN: 11 January 2016
 - 2) Assessment
 - (a) St. Petersburg FL, June 27-29, 2017
 - (b) ✓ Meeting Request: 2/9/17
 - (c) FRN: Submit to Kim 5/1/17
 - 3) Review
 - (a) St. Petersburg FL, November 14-16, 2017
 - (b) ✓ Meeting Request: 18 October 2016
 - (c) FRN: Submit to Kim 9/25/17
 - c) Final report Dissemination: December 15, 2017

2. Project: **SEDAR 50**
 Species: Blueline Tilefish
 Range: SA/GOM boundary through Mid-Atlantic
 Type: Benchmark
 Lead: SEFSC Beaufort
 - a) SAFMC Actions
 - 1) Schedule Approval:
 - (a) ✓ Stock ID: March 2016
 - (b) ✓ Assessment: June 2016
 - 2) TOR Approval:
 - (a) ✓ initial: June 2016
 - (b) ✓ Modified: December 2016
 - 3) Appointments
 - (a) ✓ Stock ID Workshop: March 2016
 - (b) ✓ Panels: June 2016, December 2016
 - 4) SSC Review: October 2017
 - 5) Council Review: December 2017
 - b) Workshops
 - 1) ✓ Stock ID
 - (a) Raleigh NC, June 28-30, 2016
 - (b) Meeting Request: sent to Cindy: 3/8/16
 - (c) FRN: sent to Kim: 5/18/16
 - 2) ✓ Data
 - (a) Charleston SC, January 23-27, 2017
 - (b) Meeting Request:
 - (c) FRN: sent to Kim: 12/16/16
 - 3) Assessment
 - (a) Atlantic Beach, NC, May 23-26, 2017
 - (b) Meeting Request: sent to Cindy: 12/14/16 (location changed to NC; 2/9/17)
 - (c) FRN: submit to Kim: 4/10/17
 - 4) Review
 - (a) Morehead City, NC, August 29-31, 2017
 - (b) Meeting Request: send to Cindy: 4/10/17
 - (c) FRN: send to Kim: 7/10/17
 - c) Final report Dissemination: October 6, 2017
3. Project: **SEDAR 53**
 Species: Red Grouper
 Range: SAFMC Jurisdiction
 Type: Standard
 Lead: SEFSC Beaufort
 - a) SAFMC Actions
 - 1) ✓ Schedule Approval: June 2016
 - 2) ✓ TOR Approval: June 2016

- 3) ✓ Appointments: June 2016
- 4) SSC Review: April 2017
- 5) Council Review: June 2017
- b) Workshops: None
- c) ✓ Final report Dissemination: February 27, 2017; Done 2/22/17

4. Project: **SEDAR 56**

Species: Black Sea Bass

Range: SAFMC to Cape Hatteras

Type: Standard

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

a) SAFMC Actions

- 1) ✓ Schedule Approval: December 2016
- 2) ✓ TOR Approval: December 2016
- 3) ✓ Appointments: December 2016
- 4) SSC Review: October 2017
- 5) Council Review: December 2017

b) Workshops: None

c) Final report Dissemination: September 29, 2017

5. Project: **SEDAR 57**

Species: Vermilion Snapper

Range: SAFMC

Type: Standard

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

a) SAFMC Actions

- 1) Schedule Approval: June 2017
- 2) TOR Approval: June 2017
- 3) Appointments: June 2017
- 4) SSC Review: April 2018
- 5) Council Review: June 2018

b) Workshops: None

c) Final report Dissemination: 1st Quarter 2018

6. Project: **MRIP Revisions**

Species: Red Snapper, Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass

Range: SAFMC

Type: Special Category: Revision of MRIP recreational data through the terminal year of the prior assessment. No other changes to the models will be considered.

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

a) SAFMC Actions

- 1) Process discussion, including need for schedule, TORs, and panel:
March 2017: Recommendation to delay until 2018, to include full 3 years of side by side comparison in the calibration
- 2) Schedule Approval: TBD
- 3) TOR Approval: TBD

- 4) Appointments: TBD
- 5) SSC Review: TBD
- 6) Council Review: TBD
- b) Workshops: None
- c) Final report Dissemination: TBD

B. Future SAFMC Priorities

1. Steering Committee Approved Future Projects and Scheduling

a) As of September 2016.

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2017	50	Blueline Tilefish	Benchmark	2015	June 2017	SEFSC
	57	Vermilion Snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	56	Black Sea Bass	Standard	2016	Oct, 2017	SEFSC
	R	MRIP Revisions Red Snapper, Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass	Revision	2017	2019	SEFSC
2018	B	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2016	Spring 2019	FL FWCC
	RT	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	2016	Mid-2019	SEFSC
	RT	Atlantic Cobia	Research Track	2016	Mid-2019	SEFSC
	S	Greater Amberjack	Standard	2017	Jan 2019	SEFSC
	S	Red Porgy	Standard	2017	Jan 2019	SEFSC
	B	Hogfish	Benchmark	2016	Spring 2019	FL FWCC
	RT	King Mackerel	Research Track	2016	Mid 2019	SEFSC
2019	S	Snowy Grouper	Standard	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	S	Spanish Mackerel	Standard	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	S	Gag	Standard	2018	Early 2020	SEFSC
2020	O	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Operational	2018	Fall 2020	SEFSC
	O	Atlantic Cobia	Operational	2019	Winter 2020	SEFSC

- b) Additional SAFMC Priorities
- 1) 2020: Red Snapper, golden Tilefish, Red Grouper
 - 2) Long Term: White Grunt, Gray Triggerfish

C. SEDAR Steering Committee Meetings

- 1. 2017 Spring Webinar Meeting: May 5, 2017, 9 am to 12 noon
 - a) Date Selected: January 30, 2017
 - b) FRN due April 6, 2017. Done:
 - c) BB Distribution: April 20, 2017
- 2. 2017 Fall Meeting: TBD
 - a) Date Selected by June 20, 2017

- b) Meeting Request:
- c) TO Request:
- d) Location:
- e) FRN:
- f) Hotel Cut Off:
- g) BB Distribution:

D. Complete SEDAR Projects List

3. SEDAR Assessment Projects

- a) Updated following each SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting.
- b) As of November 2016

Start Year	SED AR #	SPECIES & JURISDICTION	Assessment Track	Terminal Year of Data	Available to Cooperator
2002	1	SAFMC red porgy	Benchmark	2001	2003
	2	SAFMC vermilion snapper & black sea bass	Benchmark	2001	2003
2003	3	SAFMC & GMFMC yellowtail snapper; ASMFC Atlantic menhaden & croaker (Review)	Benchmark	2001	2003
	4	SAFMC tilefish & snowy grouper	Benchmark	2002	2003
	5	SAFMC & GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2002	2004
	6	SAFMC & GMFMC goliath grouper & hogfish	Review	2001	2004
2004	7	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2003	2005
	8A	CFMC yellowtail snapper & spiny lobster	Benchmark	2003	2005
2005	8B	FL FWC spiny lobster	Review	2003	2005
	9	GMFMC vermilion snapper, greater amberjack & gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2004	2006
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2003	April 2005
	11	HMS large coastal sharks	Benchmark	2004	June 2006
2006	10	SAFMC & GMFMC gag grouper	Benchmark	2004	2006
	12	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2005	2006
	U	SAFMC red porgy	Update	2004	April 2006
2007	13	HMS small coastal sharks	Benchmark	2005	September 2007
	14	CFMC yellowfin grouper, mutton snapper & queen conch	Benchmark	2005	2007
	15	SAFMC greater amberjack & red snapper; FL FWC mutton snapper Review	Benchmark	2006	2007
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Update	2006	June 2007
2008	16	SAFMC & GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2006	March 2009
	17	SAFMC Spanish mackerel & vermilion snapper	Benchmark	2007	November 2008
2009	18	ASMFC Atlantic red drum	Benchmark	2007	October 2008
	19	SAFMC & GMFMC black grouper, SAFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2008	April 2010
	U	GMFMC gag, red grouper GMFMC red snapper	Update	2008	August 2009 December 2009

2010	20	ASMFC menhaden & croaker	Review	2008	March 2010
	21	HMS sandbar, dusky & blacknose sharks	Benchmark	2009	September 2011
	22	GMFMC yellowedge grouper & tilefish	Benchmark	2009	July/August 2011
	23	FL FWC Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2009	March 2011
	24	SAFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2009	October 2010
	U	FL FWC spiny lobster	Update	2009/2010	December 2010
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2008	February 2011
2011	25	SAFMC black sea bass and golden tilefish	Standard	2010	October 2011
	26	CFMC silk snapper, parrotfish, and queen snapper	Benchmark	2010	December 2011
	27	GSMFC menhaden	Review	2010	December 2011
	27A	FL FWC Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2010	August 2012
	29	HMS GOM blacktip shark	Standard	2010	May 2012
	U	GMFMC vermilion snapper and gray triggerfish	Update	2010	December 2011
2012	28	GMFMC and SAFMC cobia and Spanish mackerel	Benchmark	2011	SA: December 12 Gulf: April 2013
	30	CFMC blue tang and queen triggerfish	Benchmark	2011	April 2013
	31	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2011	June 2013
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper and red porgy	Update	2011	October 2012
	U	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Update		2012
	U	FL FWC mutton snapper	Update	2011	August 2014
2013	32	SAFMC blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2011	September/
	32A	GSMFC menhaden	Review		November 2013
	33	GMFMC gag and greater amberjack	Benchmark	2012	April 2014
	34	HMS bonnethead and Atlantic sharpnose sharks	Standard	2011	October 2013
	36	SAFMC snowy grouper	Standard	2012	October 2013
	37	FL FWC hogfish	Review	2012	August 2014
	38	SAFMC and GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2012	August 2014
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2012	March 2013
2014	35	CFMC red hind	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
	39	HMS smoothhound sharks, Gulf and Atlantic	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
	41	SAFMC red snapper and gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016
	42	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2013	August 2015
	U	GMFMC red snapper	Update	2013	December 2014
	U	SAFMC gag grouper	Update	2012	April 2014
2015	43	GMFMC gray triggerfish	Standard	2013	July 2015
	44	ASMFC red drum	Review	2013	October 2015
	45	GMFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2014	March 2016
	46	CFMC data limited stocks	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
	47	FL FWC goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	June 2016

2016	49	GMFMC Data-limited species: red drum, lane snapper, wenchman, yellowmouth grouper, speckled hind, snowy grouper, Almaco jack, lesser amberjack	Benchmark	2014	December 2016
	50	SAFMC/MAFMC/ GMFMC Atlantic blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2015	October 2017
	53	SAFMC red grouper	Standard	2015	February 2017
	U	SAFMC tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016
	U	HMS dusky shark	Update	2015	July 2016
	U	GMFMC gag grouper	Update	2015	January 2017
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2015	March 2017
2017	48	FL FWC Southeastern US black grouper	Benchmark	2015	February 2018
	51	GMFMC gray snapper	Benchmark	2015	April 2018
	52	GMFMC red snapper	Standard	2016	March 2018
	54	HMS sandbar shark	Standard	2015	January 2018
	55	CFMC spiny lobster	Standard	2015	January 2018
	56	SAFMC black sea bass	Standard	2015	October 2017
	57	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018
	R	SAFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		2016	TBD
	R	GMFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		2016	TBD

XIV. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Lead Staff: Mike Errigo

A. Appointments and Financial Disclosures

1. Financial Disclosures
 - a) Notify SSC & SEP members to submit annual disclosure: January 4, 2017
 - b) Submit financial disclosures for existing members to NMFS/SERO: February 1, 2017
 - c) Submit financial disclosures for new applicants to NMFS/SERO: May 1, 2017
2. Annual Appointments – June Council Meeting
 - a) Advertise applications being accepted: March 31, 2017
 - 1) Newsletter, website, email to SSC/Council, AFS list servers. etc
3. Notify members whose terms expire of need to reapply: March 31, 2017
 - a) Application Materials Due: April 28, 2017
 - 1) Cover letter, CV, Financial Disclosure for new applicants
 - 2) Financial Disclosures for new Applicants submitted to NMFS: May 1, 2017
 - 3) Review and Appointments by Council: June 12-16, 2017
 - 4) Letters to applicants: June 26, 2017

B. SSC Meeting – April 25-27, 2017

1. April 25 (1:00 p.m.) – April 27, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)
 - a) Location: Town and Country Inn(Charleston, SC)
 - b) Meeting Request: December 1, 2016. Done: December 2, 2016
 - c) TO Request: March 1, 2017. Done: February 22, 2017
 - d) SSC Date Notification: January 15, 2017. Done: January 20, 2017
 - e) Travel Memo: March 15, 2017. Include all invited presenters. Done: February 24, 2017
 - f) Federal Register notice due March 23, 2017. Sent: 3/23/17
 - g) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, agenda: March 15, 2017
 - h) Briefing materials Due: April 5, 2017
 - i) BB to John for Review: April 6, 2017
 - j) BB Distribution & Posting: April 10 2017. Done: _____
2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: February 1, 2017
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: March 1, 2017
 - c) Final: March 15, 2017
 - d) Agenda Items:
 - 1) SEDAR

- i. Projects and Research Track
- ii. Vermilion Snapper Assessment: TORs, schedule, participants
- iii. Stock ID workshop
- iv. Assessment priorities
- 2) Golden Tilefish: modified risk of overfishing
- 3) Red Grouper assessment review
- 4) ABC Control Rule
 - i. Redo scoring
 - ii. Compare old to new.
 - iii. Discuss phase-in approach
 - iv. Discuss roll-over
- 5) Amendment 43: Red Snapper
- 6) MRIP discussion
 - i. Discuss a joint Gulf-SA SSC meeting
 - ii. Addressing regional MRIP issues of excessive catch estimate uncertainty and rare event species
 - iii. Consider unit stock definitions as used in management vs. stock assessments to identify which may need further stock ID evaluation
- 7) Research Plan review
- 8) SERFS Trends Update
- 9) National SSC Update
- 10) BSB bag/size limit analysis: consideration for new complex analysis review
- 11) Intent of discussion of Then et al. M

C. SEP - April 24-25, 2017

- 1. April 24 (1:00 p.m.) – April 25, 2017 (11:30 a.m.)
 - a) Location: Crowne Plaza (Charleston, SC)
 - b) Federal Register notice sent 3/23/17
 - c) Briefing materials by _____. Done _____.

D. SSC – October 24-26, 2017

- 1. October 24 (1:00 p.m.) – October 26, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)
 - a) Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)
 - b) Federal Register notice sent _____
 - c) Briefing materials by _____. Done _____.
 - d) Meeting Request: _____. Done: _____.
 - e) TO Request: _____. Done: _____.
 - f) SSC Date Notification: _____. Done: _____.
 - g) Travel Memo: _____. Include all invited presenters. Done: _____.
 - h) Federal Register notice due September 20, 2017. sent _____
 - i) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, agenda: September 20, 2017
 - j) Briefing materials Due: October 2, 2017
 - k) BB to John for Review: October 4, 2017

- 1) BB Distribution & Posting: October 9 2017. Done: ____
- 2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: _____.
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: _____.
 - c) Final: _____.
 - d) Agenda Items:
 - 1) Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - 2) Add item
 - 3) Add item

XV. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

A. Snapper Grouper AP- Myra

Dates: April 17 (1:30pm) – Apr 19, 2017 (non)

Location: Crowne Plaza (N Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent: 3/16/17

Briefing materials by 3/31/17. Done 3/31/17

B. Mackerel/Cobia AP – Kari

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

Location: Crowne Plaza (N Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent 3/16/17

Briefing materials by 3/31/17. Done 4/4/17

C. Dolphin Wahoo AP – John

Date: April 21, 2017 (8:30 to noon?)

Location: Crowne Plaza (N Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent 3/16/17

Briefing materials by 4/5/17. Done 4/5/17

D. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

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

Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent 3/29/17

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____.

E. Law Enforcement AP– Myra

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

Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent 4/5/17

Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

F. Snapper Grouper AP – Myra

Dates: October 11 (1:30pm) – October 13, 2017 (12pm) (½ day, full day and ½ day if needed)

Location: (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent: _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

G. I&E AP – Amber

H. Possibly a Fall 2017 meeting – dependent on outreach activities and possible electronic reporting grant award. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

Date(s): May 16-17, 2017 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Location: Town & Country Inn, Charleston, SC

Federal Register Notice sent: _____

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

Location: Sirata Hotel, St. Petersburg, FL

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____.

Date(s): April 21, 2017 (8:30 – 2:30 p.m.)

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent: _____

XVI. 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.

A. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 PH via Webinar – May 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Update management benchmarks (OFL, ACL, and ACT) for Gulf and SA; prohibit recreational trap use in SA

1. Federal Register Notice sent: 3/22/17
2. Summary documents posted by: April 25, 2017. Done:

B. Public Hearings and Scoping - August 2017

Dates and locations: See table below
(insert table when available)

- a) Staff presentations, questions, and then public comments will be conducted in the same room.
 - b) Times – all PHs and Scoping for August 2017 begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm.
1. Amendments:
 - a) Public hearings –
 - b) Scoping –
 2. Rooms Needed – one room for staff presentation, questions, and public comments
 3. Federal Register Notice by _____
 - a) Notice sent to NOAA – done _____.
 - b) Publish notice – done _____.
 4. Document preparation
 - a) Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - 1) Summary documents posted by _____.
 - 2) Amendments posted by _____. Done _____
 - 3) Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on _____. Done _____.
 - i. Comments due by 5 pm on _____.
 - ii. Email address for public comments: mike.collins@safmc.net.
 - iii. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
 - iv. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 5. Staff attending hearings by location:
 6. Council chairs:
 - a) NC -
 - b) SC -
 - c) GA -
 - d) FL -

C. Public Hearings and Scoping – January/February 2018

XVII. 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. June 12-16, 2017 – Ponte Vedra, FL

Sawgrass Marriott

1000 PGA Tour Boulevard

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

Phone: Reservations: 1-800-457-4653 or 904-285-7777/Fax: 904-285-0906

- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: May 26, 2017.
- Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on May 31, 2017.
- Hotel cut-off: 5/19/17

B. September 11-15, 2017 - Charleston, SC

Town & Country Inn

2008 Savannah Highway

Charleston, SC 29407

Phone: 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444

- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: August 25, 2017.
- Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on August 30, 2017.
- Hotel cut-off: 8/27/17

C. December 4-8, 2017 – Atlantic Beach, NC

DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront

2717 W. Fort Macon Road

Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Phone: Reservations: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-222-4065

- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: November 17, 2017.
- Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on November 27, 2017.
- Hotel cut-off: 11/3/17

D. 2018 Meeting Locations

March 5-9, 2018

Westin Jekyll Island

110 Ocean Way

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

Phone: Reservations: 888-627-8316 or 912-635-4545/Fax: 912-319-2835

June 11-15, 2018

Bahia Mar Doubletree by Hilton

801 Seabreeze Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316
Phone: Reservations: 1-855-610-8733 or 954-764-2233/Fax: 954-627-6359

September 17-21, 2018
Town & Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407
Phone: 800-334-6660 or 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444

December 3-7, 2018
Hilton Garden Inn/Outer Banks
5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949
Phone: Reservations: 877-629-4586 or 252-261-1290/Fax: 252-255-0153

E. Committee Meeting Schedule

The following committees will meet in the months indicated on a regular basis; special meetings can be scheduled as needed:

- (1) SEDAR – every meeting (as requested by JC in March 2017)
- (2) SSC Selection – June
- (3) AP Selection – March & September
- (4) Law Enforcement – June & December
- (5) Habitat – June & December
- (6) I&E – December
- (7) Executive Finance – every meeting
- (8) Personnel – December
- (9) Protected Resources – as needed; status update will be given at full Council when committee does not meet.
- (10) HMS – as needed

XVIII. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND MARCH 2017 MEETING

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

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Request that the SSC discuss and evaluate the new approach used to estimate natural mortality in SEDAR 41 – will be done at October 2017 SSC meeting due to Dr. Hoenig being on sabbatical.
2. ✓ Prepare amendment 41 (mutton snapper) for formal review. Done 2/28/17.
3. ✓ Request landings (commercial and recreational) of scamp, gag, and red grouper by state by month (last 15 years) to capture fishery performance prior to regulatory changes. Done 3/31/17
4. ✓ Request analyses from Regulatory Amendment 25 to determine whether the majority of black sea bass discards come from state or federal waters.
5. ✓ Request the SEFSC and SSC work together to explore approaches for obtaining an ABC for red snapper. Staff drafted letter and provided to Gregg on 3/30/17
6. ✓ Request that SEFSC provide the following items prior to the SSC’s consideration of red snapper fishing level recommendation. (Work with Roy and Monica on this letter before sending.) Staff drafted letter and provided to Gregg on 3/30/17
 - a) BSIA determination for SEDAR 41 Red Snapper Assessment in light of recent information and developments cited by the SEFSC that prevent development of reliable projection updates and result in an inability to set an ABC that can be effectively monitored. The determination should indicate whether the current SAFMC SSC fishing level recommendations based on SEDAR 41 Assessment and Projections, including ABC, OFL, MFMT, MSST, and Terminal F and SSB estimate, represent BSIA.
 - b) BSIA determination of the ASPIC stock assessment model prepared for SEDAR 41, and an evaluation of whether the ASPIC approach could be used as a data limited method for supporting red snapper fishing level recommendations.
 - c) Additional details concerning the “...evaluation of the effect of upcoming changes in MRIP on the red snapper assessment...” that the SEFSC indicates is necessary before the assessment can be useful for management, including the type of analysis to be conducted and when results will be available for review by the SSC.
 - d) Application of, and results from, data limited techniques that can be considered by the SSC to develop fishing level recommendations for red snapper including ABC and OFL. This should include a BSIA determination and a comparison of the scientific pros and cons of each method considered.
7. Develop an overlay of for-hire permits by zip code and tourism statistics for South Atlantic States for discussion in the limited entry white paper.
8. ✓ Request presentation on how non-reporting could result in suspension of permit as per 307 of the Magnuson Act. Sent email to Monica on 4/4/17 and will be included in letter to SERO with requests for June meeting

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

1. Council staff will work with writing teams to ensure FEP II Sections on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries track approved Executive Summaries and associated Policy Statements. In addition, recommended revisions to other FEPII Sections provided during and subsequent to the meeting will be addressed by the Section review teams.
2. Council staff will advance partner funded South Atlantic Ecosystem model development and schedule an expanded modeling team meeting in May 24-25, 2017.
3. Council staff will develop comments on the Draft South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science for the Chairs consideration and submission by March 25. Members and advisors input should be provided staff by March 20. Done March 24, 2017.
4. The Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, during their May 2017 meeting is requested to include an agenda item on international Sargassum conservation efforts and new potential threats. The Panel will also review and complete a new draft EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs for Council consideration for approval in June.
5. Council staff will draw on expertise on the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, writing and technical teams and regional partners to initiate development of a concise implementation strategy for FEP II building on approved policies developed for FEP II.

C. Golden Crab – Brian

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

D. Mackerel/Cobia – Kari

1. Compile examples of how modified fishing years have been applied for other species. Note: This work is to be included in CMP 30 which is currently postponed.
2. Council staff will draft a letter to the Gulf Council and SERO/SEFSC to explore options to have a common unit for tracking CMP species, and for NMFS guidance on the necessary Council actions to update the current system.
3. Council staff will work with SERO and NOAA GC on a discussion document with emergency rule criteria and how the recreational closure and stock boundary for Atlantic cobia may or may not qualify for emergency action, to be included on the agenda at the AP/Sub-Panel meeting.
4. Provide the Mackerel Cobia AP and Cobia Sub-Panel meeting report to the ASMFC for their May 2017 meeting.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – John H.

1. Postpone development of Dolphin Wahoo 10 until MRIP revisions have been completed in 2018.
2. Request that the SSC examine the maximum PSE above which recreational catch estimates would be unreliable for management purposes, particularly for comparing catch to ACLs and triggering AMs.
3. Draft memo to the SEFSC to examine a mechanism to better determine pelagic longline landings of dolphin that occur on vessels that possess permits to land HMS species with

pelagic longline gear and on vessels without such permits but hold a dolphin/wahoo permit.

F. Shrimp – Chip

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

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

None

H. SEDAR – John Carmichael

1. ✓Request that the SEFSC provide an evaluation of ageing resources for the South Atlantic to consider: Done 3/20/17.
 - a) the resources required to clear the current backlog of age evaluations,
 - b) the resources required to provide up to date age structure evaluations for SAFMC primary data collection species, and
 - c) a comparison of current age structure evaluation resources with the resources required to keep age evaluations up to date.
 - d) ✓Request that the SEFSC provide an evaluation of whether the challenges to age determinations for Blueline Tilefish also apply to golden Tilefish, for consideration by the SEDAR Steering Committee, at its May 5, 2017 meeting.
2. ✓Direct staff to work with the GMFMC, SEFSC, SERO, and MRIP to convene a joint Gulf-SA SSC meeting to: Done 3/20/17.
 - a) address regional MRIP issues such as excessive catch estimate uncertainty and the challenges of developing estimates for rare occurrence species, and
 - b) consider unit stock definitions as applied in management and stock assessment, with the goal of identifying stocks that require further stock ID evaluations and stocks that have adequate and acceptable definitions to address management and assessment needs.

I. SSC Selection – John Carmichael

None

J. AP Selection – Kim

1. Work with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council staff to publicize open seats and solicit applicants for the Council’s advisory panels as appropriate. Note: This was completed for the Mackerel Cobia AP and the new Cobia Sub-panel in September 2016 but will be ongoing as seats become available for the Mackerel Cobia and Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panels.
2. Continue to receive input from the Executive Finance Committee relative to the structure of the System Management Plan Advisory Panel.
3. Review structure of the Habitat Advisory Panel at the next AP Selection Committee meeting.
4. Include a description of the NGO representatives when advertising open positions on species-specific advisory panels.

K. Data Collection – John Carmichael

1. SAFMC and SERO staff to work on addressing issues identified in the final SBRM rule.

L. Protected Resources – Chip

None

M. Spiny Lobster – Kari

1. Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 for web-based public hearings and for the June meetings of the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils.
2. Hold a webinar public hearing for Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4.
3. Work with FWC staff on potential changes to federal regulations to align with Florida regulations, which will be presented to the Committee in June 2017.

N. HMS – John H.

1. Prepare a report on the number of vessels with a HMS commercial general category permit but not certified as compliant by the US Coast Guard for the safety requirements of a commercial fishing vessel for review by the council at the March 2017 meeting.

O. Executive/Finance – Gregg/Mike

1. Provide Legislative Updates to all Council members - ongoing.
2. Continue to work with the SEFSC and ACCSP to have the data available through ACCSP and compliance with PARR - ongoing.
3. Follow up on items from the CCC and Administrative Officers meetings, including helping Council members establish a separate email account for Council-related emails.
4. Revise the CY 2017 Budget based on funding level for the June Meeting.
5. Implement the revised schedule and priorities as identified during the full Council meeting.
6. Revise the Draft MRIP Landings Letter, provide Council members 1 week to review, and send prior to the June meeting.
7. Modify Council meeting materials as directed.
8. Notify the Bottlenose Take Reduction Team that Chris Conklin is the SAFMC representative.
9. Prepare the webinar meeting guidelines for review at the March 2017 meeting.

P. Citizen Science – Amber/John Carmichael

None

Q. Full Council – Gregg

1. Obtain clarification of how enforcement deals with off-loading fish after a fishery officially closes.
2. Develop criteria the Council can consider regarding EFPs and at what point during the process for each type does the Council want to review them.
3. Recommend approval of the Eastern Carolina Artificial Reef Association's EFP request to the regional administrator; send letter to NMFS. Done 3/20/17.

4. Send a letter to HMS Division Chief noting concerns with Dr. Kerstetter's EFP application regarding interactions with the royal red shrimp and golden tilefish fisheries, request a cap on dolphin harvest, user conflicts, discards, only one company is involved, and insuring minimal number of sets and time needed to be scientifically valid. Include the fact that a vote was taken and the Council was evenly divided on approval/disapproval.
5. ✓Memo to GMFMC advising of actions on Gulf For-Hire Amendment. Done 3/20/17.

XIX. June 12-16, 2017 – Ponte Vedra, FL – Rough Draft

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

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

Specific needs:

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

A. AP Selection Committee (CLOSED) (Kim) (TAB 1) – Monday 8:30 – 9:30 am

- 1) Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool Appointments

B. SSC Selection Committee (CLOSED) (Mike) (TAB 2) – Monday 9:30 – 10:30 am

- 1) Review applications and make recommendations

C. SEDAR Committee (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (John Carmichael) (TAB 3) – Monday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- 1) Appointments – **CLOSED**
- 2) SEDAR Projects Update
- 3) Assessment process and schedule
 - a) SEDAR Steering Committee Report
 - b) Update on Joint Gulf-South Atlantic SSC meeting
 - c) SSC report (will discuss future priorities and research track)

- d) Committee action – process and schedule guidance
- 4) Review NMFS Stock Assessment Improvement Plan (SAIP) Updates
 - a) Overview
 - b) SSC Comments – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - c) Committee Action – provide comments on SAIP

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

- 1) Status of commercial catches versus ACLs
- 2) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4
 - a) Committee review and provide direction to staff
 - b) Approve for formal review
- 3) Updates to align Federal Regulations with FWC Regulations

E. Workshop on Improving Survival of Released Fish (Chip) (TAB 5) – Monday 2:30 – 5:30 pm

- 1) Ethical Angling – Tom Twyford Jr., WPB Fishing Club
- 2) ASA/FishSmart
- 3) Billfish work, Cameron Rhodes
- 4) Others???
- 5) Guidance to Staff

F. Law Enforcement Committee (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (Myra) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 8:30 – 10:30 am

- 1) Selection of 2016 LEOY – CLOSED
- 2) Advisory Panel Report
 - a) Discussion of utility of operator cards
 - b) Discussion of enforcement of offloading and closure timing
- 3) Agenda items for August meeting
- 4) How non-reporting could result in suspension of permit as per 307 of MSA – NMFS SERO/SEFSC/NOAA GC

G. Dolphin Wahoo Committee (John Hadley) (TAB 7) - Tuesday 10:30 – 11:00 am

- 1) Status of commercial and recreational catches versus ACLs – NMFS SERO
- 2) Advisory Panel Report
- 3) SSC Report
 - a) Update on use of PSEs that are appropriate for tracking ACLs and triggering AMs

H. HMS Committee (John Hadley) (TAB 8) –Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

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

I. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 9) - Monday 1:30 -4:00 pm

- 1) Advisory Panel Report
- 2) Review and approve EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs

- 3) Review and approve core FEP II sections
- 4) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- 5) Presentation on International *Sargassum* Conservation
- 6) Council Actions on Habitat

**J. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 10) – Tuesday 4:00 – 5:30 pm
& Wednesday 8:00 am – 4:30 pm**

- 1) Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – **NMFS SERO**
- 2) Status of Amendments under Formal Review – **NMFS SERO**
 - a) Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – sent for formal review on 8/30/16
 - b) Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – sent for formal review on 9/23/16
 - c) Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) – sent for formal review on 2/28/17
- 3) Advisory Panel Report
- 4) SERFS Report
- 5) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a) Overview – Myra
 - b) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff; approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- 6) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a) Overview – Myra
 - b) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff; approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- 7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper and Recreational Reporting)
 - a) 2016 Red Snapper Landings and Discards – **NMFS SERO**
 - b) Status of the 2017 Red Snapper Fishing Season – **NMFS SERO**
 - c) SSC Report – Marcel
 - d) SAFMC/Snook and Game Fish Foundation Reporting App – Chip Collier
 - e) Overview – Chip
 - f) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 8) White Paper on Snapper Grouper For-Hire Limited Entry
 - a) Review white paper – Kari MacLauchlin
 - b) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 9) Update on Snapper Grouper fishery socio-economic characterization/portfolio analysis – Kari MacLauchlin
- 10) Red grouper stock status
 - a) Red Grouper Assessment Presentation (SEDAR 53) – **NMFS SEFSC**
 - b) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - c) Committee guidance
- 11) Golden tilefish
 - a) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - b) SEDAR Steering Committee Actions – John Carmichael
 - c) Background document on golden tilefish
 - d) Committee recommend development of interim rule and any other guidance
- 12) ABC Control Rule Modifications
 - a) Background document on ABC Control Rule – John Carmichael

- b) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
- c) Guidance to staff

Public Comments – Wednesday beginning at 4:30 pm

Public comment will be accepted on items before the Council for approval for formal review, public hearings, or scoping:

Approval for Formal Review:

- (1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) ?

Approval for Public Hearings (in-person):

- (1) Recreational Visioning Regulatory Amendment 26
- (2) Commercial Visioning Regulatory Amendment 27

Public comment will also be accepted regarding any of the other items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

**K. Citizen Science Committee (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (Amber/John Carmichael)
(TAB 11) – Thursday 8:30 – 9:30 am**

- 1) Appointments to Citizen Science A-Teams (CLOSED)
- 2) Program Update – Amber
- 3) Committee review and action as necessary – Chris Conklin

L. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Kari) (TAB 12) – Thursday 9:30 – 11:00 am

- 1) Status of Commercial and Recreational Landings versus ACLs/Quotas – NMFS SERO
- 2) Status of Amendments under Review
 - a) Framework Amendments 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
 - b) Framework Amendment 5 (permit restrictions)
 - c) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures)
- 3) Mackerel Cobia AP and Cobia Sub-Panel meeting report
- 4) ASMFC Updates on Interstate Cobia Plan – Louis Daniel/Bob Beal
- 5) Atlantic Cobia Updates – State Reports (verbal)
- 6) Common unit for tracking CMP species

M. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 13) – Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

- 1) Reports and Updates
 - a) FHER Amendment Status – NMFS SERO
 - b) Bycatch Amendment: Status of work from NMFS
 - c) SAFMC/ACCSP Electronic Reporting Project Update – Mike Errigo
- 2) South Atlantic Research Plan
 - a) Overview – John Carmichael
 - b) Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell

N. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 14) – Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm

- 1) Report from Council Coordinating Committee – Gregg/Brian/Mike/Michelle/Charlie
- 2) Review & Approve CY 2017 Budget – Mike/Gregg
- 3) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian
- 4) Standards and Procedures for – Gregg/Michelle
 - a) Webinar Meetings
 - b) EFP Review Procedure
 - c) Document Timing for Briefing Book
- 5) System Management Plan (SMP)
 - a) Overview – Chip
 - b) Committee Guidance

O. Council Session (TAB 15) – Thursday 3:30 – 5:30 pm & Friday 8:00 am – 1 pm

- 1) Presentations
- 2) Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- a) Staff Reports
 - (1) Executive Director's Report
- b) **NMFS SERO Presentations** - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 5/22/17 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (1) Status of any Commercial/Recreational Catches versus ACLs not covered in a Committee
 - (2) Other issues?
- c) **NMFS SEFSC Presentations** - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 5/22/17 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (1) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
- d) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION
- e) Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- f) Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION
- g) Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- h) Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- i) Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
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- l) SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- m) Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 13) – ACTION
- n) Habitat Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- o) Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- p) Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION
- q) Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 14) – ACTION
- r) Agency & Liaison Reports
- s) Other Business
- t) Upcoming Meetings
- u) Adjourn

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Specific needs:

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1. Review structure of Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat Protection Committee
2. Provide guidance on structure of SMP Advisory Panel
3. Review applications and make recommendations
4. Citizen Science A-Team Member Appointments

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

1. Guidance to SEDAR Steering Committee
2. Appointments to 2018 Assessments (Scamp, Cobia, Tilefish?)
3. Review TORs for upcoming assessments (Scamp, Cobia, Tilefish?)

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

1. Bycatch Amendment
2. SAFMC Data Collection Pilots

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

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
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 - a) Review of Public Scoping Comments
 - b) Overview
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9. ABC Control Rule Amendment (SG Amendment 45/DW Amendment _/CMP Amendment _)
- a) Update on ABC Control Rule modifications

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

1. Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian
2. Council Meeting Materials Discussion –Others?

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

1. Elections
2. Presentations
 - a) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
3. Committee Reports & Other Items

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 - (2) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - (3) Other issues?
- c) NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2017 for inclusion in the briefing book):
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