



VERSION 2

SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

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SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 1/__/16. Done 1/__/16.

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

Done 1/__/16. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

Distribute to Council members & others:

Approved Version by 1/19/16. Done 1/__/16.



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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

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

A. DEVELOP AN EVALUATION PLAN FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL CLOSED AREA WITH NEEDED RESEARCH AND MONITORING STUDIES AND AN ENFORCEMENT/OUTREACH PROGRAM - TO BE COMPLETED WITHIN 1 YEAR OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 13A. WORK WITH INFORMATION & EDUCATION, LAW ENFORCEMENT, HABITAT, CORAL AND SNAPPER GROUPER APS.

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

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|--------------------------|----------------------------------|
| • 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.

Timing

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

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

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

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

1. ✓Assign Team –

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

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

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

Timing 2013/14/15:

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

- √JAN 2015 – TAKE TO LWTRT
- √DEC 2014 – MAR 2015 – ADDITIONAL BIO AND ECON ANALYSIS OF ALTS
- √MAR 2015 – REVIEW DOC, CHOOSE PREFERRED, DEIS STARTS
- √MAR – JUN – REVISE DOC
- √JUN – REVIEW DOC, VOTE TO SEND OUT TO PH
- √AUG – PH
- √SEPT – REVIEW PH COMMENTS & DRAFT BiOp
- DEC 2015 – FINAL VOTE ON SENDING TO THE SECRETARY FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT NC MEETING
- √IPT meeting: 1/8/2015
- j. √Review/modify amendment, choose preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – June 2015
- k. √Public hearings – August 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- l. √Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015
- m. DEIS published October 23, 2015. DEIS comment period ends December 7, 2015.
- n. Review final amendment and approved for formal review – December 2015
- o. Document preparation for formal review: 1st BB version to Jack, Monica, Michelle & GTW for review.
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- k. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____. Done ____/15.
- l. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/16.
- m. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- n. Regulations effective ____/16.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1. Assign Team – TBD

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Timing 2013/14/15 (assuming EIS):

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

- s. √Council reviews AP, SSC, and public input; chooses alternatives for detailed analyses; chooses preferred alternatives if possible; and approves for 2nd Round of Public Hearings – June 2015
- t. √Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – June 2015 – August 2015
- u. √Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – August 2015
- v. √Public hearings – 1 webinar and 5 in-person hearings (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – August 2015
- w. √Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve all actions – September 2015; the Council modified the schedule to move final approval from December 2015 to March 2016.
- x. √IPT meeting held – October 19, 2015.
- y. √Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – September-November 2015
- z. Review/modify Amendment 36, choose remaining preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – December 2015
- aa. Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for DEIS review – December 2015
- bb. DEIS comment period ends prior to March 7-11, 2016 Council meeting
- cc. Review DEIS comments, modify Am 36 as required, and approve for formal review – March 2016
- dd. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- ee. 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 ____/16.
- ff. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/16.
- gg. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- hh. Regulations effective ____/16.

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

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

IPT Team

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Initial Timing 2014:

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

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

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

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

Final Timing 2015:

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

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

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

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

IPT Team

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

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

Proposed Draft Timing 2014-15:

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

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

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

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

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

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

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Rick DeVictor, Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), David Dale (Habitat), Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), ~~Heather Blough~~ 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 will determine EA or EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council. The NEPA checklist was sent out to the IPT at SERO on May 11, 2015. SERO determined the document should be an EIS.

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

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

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

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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

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

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

IPT Team

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

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

√NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16: The timing will be updated after the December 2015 meeting when the Council determines the timing for this amendment.

- a. √Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2015
- b. √Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2015; Council Chair and SG Committee Chair clarified that intent was for RA 23 to be scoped in August.
- c. √Scoping – August 10, 2015 (via webinar)

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

Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/16.

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

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

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

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

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

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

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

IPT Team

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

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

√NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Scott Crosson

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

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

IPT Team

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

√NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); Noah Silverman (NEPA); Nick Farmer (Data Analyst); and Jack McGovern.

√NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson and Kevin Craig

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

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

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

IPT Team

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

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team:

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

- a. Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2015
- b. IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- c. 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.
- d. Committee/Council review draft options and public comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2016

Note: the remaining timing will be added based on guidance from the Council in December 2015.

II. ECOSYSTEM

1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese*

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

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

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

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

2. *Essential Fish Habitat – Roger*

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

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

**FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process:
Council Meeting Timeline (February 2016)**

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

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

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

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

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

June Council 2016 Meeting: Ocean Industry Technology Session and Session on Ocean Investment / Foundation and Citizen, Status FEP II Development and Review Draft Artificial Reef Policy Statement

September 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development and EFH Updates and EFH Updates and Review Outline for New EFH Policy Statement for Climate Variability and Fisheries and EFH Policy Statement for Climate Variability and Fisheries for inclusion into FEP II.

December 2016 Council Meeting: Finalize and Approve FEP II /EFH Updates, FEP II Executive Approve EFH Policy Statements for Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries for inclusion into FEP II. Summary supporting EFH 5 Year Review.

3. Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2016)

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

- 1) NMFS Ecosystem Science Review, March 14-16, 2016 Miami, FL
- 2) Mapping Strategy Session May 26, 2016 FWRI St. Pete. FL
- 3) SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup Meeting
TBD
- 4) SARP Steering Committee Meeting, April 28-30, 2016 Morton, MS
- 5) Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 11-12, 2016 Chas. SC
- 6) National EFH Summit May 17-19, 2016 Annapolis, MD
- 7) SECOORA Steering Committee, Board and Stakeholder Meetings May 18-20, 2016 Raleigh, NC
- 8) South Atlantic Mapping Strategy Session May 26, 2016 FWRI St. Pete. FL
- 9) SALCC Exec. Comm. and Steering Comm. Meetings, June 6-8, 2016 Ponte Verde, FL
- 10) Society for Conservation GIS July 22-26, 2016 Monterey, CA
- 11) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees August 2016
- 12) Oceans 2016 MTS Sept. 19-23, 2016 Monterey, CA
- 13) Pulley Ridge Connectivity Study SAB Meeting Oct. 2016 RSMAS, Miami, FL
- 14) ESRI Ocean Forum, November 2016 Redlands, CA,
And Coordination Meeting ESRI Chief Scientist and Staff Regional GIS
- 15) Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting November 15-16, 2016 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL

Meetings/Webinars/Workshops Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update / 5 Year Review (February 2016)

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 – December, 2016	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of: developing FEP II sections; development of a regional mapping strategy connected to managed species and their EFH for the region; enhancement of the South Atlantic regional ocean observation coverage and capability; refining the connection with regional conservation blueprint; enhancement of regional online spatial presentation of species, habitat or fishery operations information; development of a South Atlantic ecosystem model suite and tools for evaluation/ management; and information to enhance/refine EFH designations. (Including but not limited to: SEAMAP, SALCC, SARP, SECOORA, GSAA, ESRI, etc.)	By Meeting
√February 7-8, 2015	Ecosystem Modeling Workshop: Review Ecopath modeling, Ecosystem Simulation modeling, oceanographic models and data, regional conservation blueprint and connectivity modeling, and habitat modeling to enhance stock assessments	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
√March 3, 2015	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with March 2015 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, Georgia

√April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
√November 6, 2015	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- June 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	Facilitated Webinars, Email and Basecamp Coordination October 2015 Jan/March 2016
January 2015- June 2016 (ongoing)	Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats, Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous Species	Facilitated Webinars, Email and Basecamp Coordination October 2015 Jan/March 2016
January 2015- September 2016 (ongoing)	Council Managed Species Sections Email coordination with information from online systems, Ecospecies online system and Ecospecies Engagement of core managed species Team: Facilitated webinars for Managed Species and In Person Managed Species/Snapper Grouper Team Meeting at FWRI	Webinars, Email and Basecamp Coordination Managed Species/Snapper Grouper Team Meeting May 2016
June 2014- December 2016 (ongoing)	South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II	Build on Climate and Fisheries Workshop October 2015
October 2015- September 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 Habitat/Ecosystem AP discussed Section development	Facilitated Webinars, Email and Basecamp Coordination October / November 2015 and Meeting December 2015

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

Items included during scoping:

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

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

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

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

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

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

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:

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

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

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

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

Timing:

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

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

Appoint IPT Team:

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

Advisory Panel Input:

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

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

Specific Steps:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

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

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

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

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

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

- U. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
 - a. ✓Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
 - b. ✓Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
- V. ✓IPT completes analyses
 - a. ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
 - b. ✓_____ – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. ✓_____ – revised document sent to IPT
 - d. ✓_____ – comments due back from IPT
 - e. ✓2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
- ~~W. South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
- J. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- X. ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
- Y. ✓December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
- Z. ✓March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.
 At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils

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

- AA. √At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:
- a. √Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
 - b. √Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
 - c. Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
 - d. Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.
- BB. √Based on discussions at the September 2014 Council meeting, the SEFSC/SERO agreed to draft a comprehensive bycatch reporting system for the southeast. The SEFSC and SERO will provide an update on their efforts at each Council meeting. The Council's intent thus far is that this would be specified in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3.

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

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

III. Coral Amendment – Chip Collier

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

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

A.

IV. MACKEREL

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

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

IPT Team

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

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

Items:

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

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

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

m. Document submitted to NMFS –

Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

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

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

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

IPT Team:

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

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

Proposed Timing 2014:

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

Proposed Timing 2015/2016:

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

- c. Public hearings – SAFMC in January/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 ~~January~~ April 2016.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS – ~~April~~ May/June 2016.

3. *COBIA FRAMEWORK (Bag limit, ACL allocation to cover harvest in Mid-Atlantic?)/EA or EIS? – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)*

- √1. Council guidance to begin framework – December 2015.

V. SPINY LOBSTER

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

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

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

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

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

2016 Activities to review ACT overage:

1. Joint Spiny Lobster AP meeting – April 25, 2016 tentative date
2. Review Panel meeting – March 28, 2016 Webinar; 9-5

1. *Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – Kari*

VI. SHRIMP – Chip Collier

1. Potential Cold Water Closure

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

VII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Data request to Bonnie.

√Initial email from Brian. Done.

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

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

VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

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

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

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

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Timing:

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

2. *JOINT SAFMC/GMFMC Charterboat Reporting Amendment – John (~~GMFMC Administrative Lead~~) (SG Am 39/DW Am 9/CMP Am 27)*

Note: At the September 2015 meeting, the South Atlantic Council voted to develop a separate SA For-Hire Reporting Amendment. The Gulf Council approved a similar motion at their October 2015 meeting. This amendment will be moved out of the joint amendments after the December 2015 meeting.

Need additional SAFMC guidance on level of participation.

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

- a. Motion#1: To create a subcommittee with a member of the South Atlantic, HMS, Gulf Council, SEFSC, and MRIP to coordinate and bring back a complementary document to deal with headboat data collection system.

Motion carried with no opposition.

IPT Team

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

SA Only IPT Team

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

√Technical Subcommittee

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

- g. ACCSP – Mike Cahall
- h. GSFMC – Greg Bray
- i. Doug Mumford – NC
- j. Eric Hiltz – SC
- k. Mark Fisher – TX

Timing – work with Gulf Council to determine timing.

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

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

√Request other organizations make appointments.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2014 Schedule:

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

2015/16 Schedule:

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

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

- a. SAFMC – September 14-18, 2015 in Hilton Head, SC.
- b. GMFMC – August 10-14, 2015 in New Orleans, LA

G. IPT/Staff conduct analyses:

- a. Section due to Gregg/Karla – ____/15

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

IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO – Brian

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

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

- i. √Council reviews public input, revises document as necessary, and approves for formal review – December 2014. Done 12/5/14.
- ii. √Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
 - a. IPT needs one final review
 - b. Jack needs one final review
 - c. IRFA needs to be done
 - d. When these are done, then Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review
- iii. √SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by January 30, 2015. Done 5/1/15. Target for regulations to be in place by Summer 2015 but likely winter due to delay in final approval of amendment.
- iv. Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - a. Published in *Federal Register* on 9/17/15.
 - b. Comments due 11/16/15.
- v. Proposed Rule published 10/7/15.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by 11/6/15.
- vi. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/15.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective ____/15.

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

IPT Team

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

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team:

√NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

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

**3. *JOINT Dolphin Wahoo AM 10/SG AMENDMENT 44
(Allocations)/EA?– Brian Cheuvront***

IPT Team

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

NMFS SERO Team:

NMFS SEFSC Team:

NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Proposed Draft Timing 2015-16:

1. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – December 2015

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

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

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

XI. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – John

1. *SSC meeting – via webinar – March 4, 2016*

1. Review the two proposed methods for setting the FLK/EFL Hogfish recreational ACL in numbers and comment on whether they are Best Scientific Information Available Review blueline tilefish genetics info and sampling results

2. *SEP May 2, 2016*

(TIMING – Am of May 3 is an option (SSC will start at 1 pm))

3. *SSC May 3-5, 2016*

1. SEDAR
S41, red snapper and gray triggerfish Review & Recommendations
Golden Tilefish assessment : Review & Recommendations
TORs, Schedule, Participants for Blueline Tilefish
Assessment priorities, 2019-2021
Participants for Meristics-Stock ID workshop
Review modified approach “research cycle” – SEFSC present
2. Blueline Tilefish – Stock ID review
3. SAFMC research recommendations
4. Citizen Science workshop report, recommendations
5. ABC Control Rule workgroup report
6. SEP report
7. Apply stock prioritization approach
8. Update on MRIP Transition, Effort Survey
9. Tools (hogfish)
10. Review Black Sea Bass bag-size limit analytical approaches

4. *SSC October 18-20, 2016*

- A. SEDAR 46 Goliath Grouper
- B. (now Dec 2016)Recommend revision assessment priorities for MRIP data

XII. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

Crown Plaza requested for Charleston meetings.

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

Meeting requests to Cindy.

1. *✓Mackerel AP - Kari*

- A. February 3, 2016 (12noon – 4 pm)
- B. Location: International Palms Resort and Conference Center, 1300 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL
- C. Items
 - 1. Update on Recent CMP Actions
 - 2. CMP Amendment 26 (king mackerel boundary, quotas and allocations)
 - 3. Atlantic Headboat/Charterboat Reporting Amendment
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by _____

2. *Law Enforcement AP - Myra*

- A. March 7-8, 2016 1:30 - 5pm on Monday and 8:30am – 12:00noon on Tuesday
- B. Location: Jekyll Island, GA
- C. Items
 - 1. Overview of Developing and Recently Implemented Amendments
 - 2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 and Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7 (new fillet regulations for fish from The Bahamas) – **ACTION**
 - 3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – **ACTION**
 - 4. Proposed changes to for-hire reporting requirements (headboat and charter) and current requirements for dealers & commercial vessels – **ACTION**
 - 5. Size and bag limit compliance in the South Atlantic Region – **ACTION**
 - 6. Enforceability of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZ): Evaluation for System Management Plans – **ACTION**
 - 7. Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) compliance in shrimp fishery – **ACTION**
 - 8. Election of LEAP Chair and Vice-Chair – **ACTION**
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 2/18/16

3. Snapper Grouper AP - Myra

- A. April 26, 2015 (9:00 am) – April 27, 2016 (12 noon)
- B. Location: Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418; phone 843/308-9330
- C. Items
 - 1. Amendment 37 (Multiple Species)
 - 2. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots)
 - d. Visioning
 - e. Joint SA/GM Amendments (S. Florida Issues, CB Reporting & ET Plan)
 - f. System Management Plan for MPAs
- D. Federal Register notice filed _____.
- E. Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

4. Habitat AP - Roger

- A. May 11, 2016 (9 am) to May 12, 2016 (4:30pm)
Location: Charleston, SC Hotel - TBD
- B. Items
 - 1. Presentation on the Impact of Seismic Testing on Fish and Fish Habitat
 - 2. Draft Artificial Reef Policy Statements
 - 3. FEP II and EFH Development
- C. Federal Register notice filed by _____
- D. Briefing materials by _____

5. Snapper Grouper AP - Myra

- a. November 3, 2015 (1:30 pm) – November 4, 2015 (5 pm)
- b. Location: Crown Plaza, Charleston, SC
- c. Items
 - 1. Others?
- B. Federal Register notice _____
- C. Briefing materials by ____/16

6. Mackerel AP - Kari

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

7. *Habitat AP - Roger*

- A. November 15, 2016 (9 am) to November 16, 2016 (4:30pm)
- B. Location: St. Petersburg, FL @ FWRI
- C. Items
 - 1. FEP II Development
 - 2. Draft EFH Policy Statements on Food Web and Connectivity, Climate Variability and Fisheries
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by Done _____

10.1 & E AP - Amber

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

XIII. VISIONING – Amber/Myra

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

Proposed Timing 2014:

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

Revised timing from December 2014 Visioning Workshop:

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

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

South Atlantic Council (2014/15):

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

Gulf of Mexico Council (2014/15):

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

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

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

IPT Team

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

1. Goliath Grouper

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

2. Speckled hind/Warsaw grouper

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

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

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL [Intent to scope in August 2014]

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

4. Joint Amendment to address all other species/actions

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

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

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

d. Timing:

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

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

XV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

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

1. *√Dates and Locations for January/February 2016*

A. **Hearings** – weeks of Jan 25-29, 2016 and Feb 1-5, 2016

Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings: **Held from 4-7 pm; except Morehead City that begins at 5 pm**

Week 1	
January 25, 2016 (Doug) Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar St. Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043	January 26, 2016 (Mel) Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330
January 27, 2016 (Chris) Murrells Inlet Community Center 4450 Murrells Inlet Road Murrells Inlet, SC 29576 Phone: 843-651-7373	January 28, 2016 (Michelle); 5 pm N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries Central District Office 5285 Highway 70 West Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-726-7021
Week 2*	
February 1, 2016 – (Jessica) (Joint w/FL) Hilton Garden Inn 180 SW 18 th Ave. Dania, FL 33004 Phone: 954-924-9204	February 2, 2016 – (Jessica) (Joint w/FL) Hawks Cay 61 Hawks Cay, Blvd. Duck Key, FL 33050 Phone: 305-743-7000
February 3, 2016 – (Jessica) (Joint w/FL) Marriott Beachside Hotel Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-296-8100	February 3, 2016 (Ben) International Palms Resort & Conference Center 1300 North A1A Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-783-2271

*Florida is holding a number of workshops on mutton snapper and requested that we conduct our hearings at the same time/location as much as possible. The Ft. Lauderdale, Hawkes Key, and Key West hearings will be joint and FWC will present their proposed measures and SAFMC will present ours (hopefully should include all the FWC suggestions). FWC agreed to distribute our public hearing summary (mutton snapper and hog snapper) at their remaining meetings in Key Largo on 2/4 (**Ben attending**); FWRI, St. Petersburg on 2/15; Naples on 2/16; and Stuart on 2/17 (**Ben attending**).

Public Hearing to cover Mid-Atlantic and New England for South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (John); John to coordinate with Mary & appropriate tech staff @ MAFMC and Pat & appropriate tech staff @ NEFMC

February 8, 2016 (Webinar only)

Via Webinar beginning at 6 pm

Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2016.

Public Hearing to cover Mid-Atlantic for CMP 26 Amendment (Kari); Kari to coordinate with Mary & appropriate tech staff @ MAFMC

February 8, 2016 (Webinar only)

Via Webinar beginning at 6 pm

Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2016.

B. Amendments:

1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) (Myra) – in-person scoping
2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) (Myra) – in-person public hearings
3. South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (John) – in-person public hearings and one webinar for Mid-Atlantic on Feb 8th
4. CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/MMs)(Kari) – in-person public hearing in Cocoa; webinar for others & Mid-Atlantic on February 8th

C. Rooms Needed –area for registration/information plus 2 rooms (tech. presentation and recording comments in 1 room and tech. Hogfish presentation in other room); Key West – just need 1 room for tech. presentation and recording comments.

1. SG Am 37 (Hogfish) & Am 41 (Mutton) – 50-75 people
2. CMP Am 26 & For-Hire Reporting – 50-75 people

D. Federal Register Notice – by ____/16

- a. Notice sent to NOAA – ____/16.
- b. Publish notice –

E. Document preparation

- a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by 1/15/16
 - ii. Amendments posted by 1/20/16 or 1/22/16 at the latest.
 - iii. PowerPoint & Video presentation posted on 1/15/16.
- b. Comments due by 5 pm on February 10, 2016.
- c. Email address for public comments: Please put Amendment # in Subject line to mike.collins@safmc.net
- d. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. Snapper Grouper Amendments 41 (Mutton Snapper) (scoping) and 37 (Hogfish) (public hearing) – Myra; January 21, 2016.
 - ii. CMP Am 26 & For-Hire Reporting – Kari/Gregg; January 20, 2016.

F. Staff attending hearings – see below

- G. Council chairs –
- a. NC: Morehead City – January 28th Michelle (chair); John, Myra, Julie, Kim sleeping rooms
 - b. SC
 - i. N. Charleston – Mel (chair) January 26th; no sleeping rooms needed
 - ii. Murrells Inlet – Chris (chair); January 27th; John, Myra, Julie, Kim/Amber sleeping rooms
 - c. GA – Doug (chair); January 25th; John, Myra, Julie, Kim attending but driving home after hearing so no sleeping rooms.
 - d. Florida
 - i. Ft. Lauderdale (2/1) and Hawkes Key (2/2) – Jessica (chair) & Ben (attending); Erika attending; Jessica, Myra, Amber & Julie sleeping rooms
 - ii. Key West (2/3) – Jessica (chair); Erika attending; Jessica, Myra & Julie, Amber sleeping rooms
 - iii. Cocoa Beach (2/3) – Ben (chair); Kari, Gregg, Kim sleeping rooms

XVI. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

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

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

XVII.SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND DECEMBER 2015 MEETING

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

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Direct staff to conduct another review of the Oculina Closed Area Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
2. Staff from the SEFSC, SERO, and Council examine how suggested approaches to monitor recreational landings of rarely encountered species would work for deepwater species in the South Atlantic (blueline tilefish, golden tilefish, snowy grouper, and wreckfish). Also provide information on cost of implementing new approaches.
3. Conduct public hearings on Amendment 37 in January/February 2016
4. Conduct scoping on Amendment 41 in January/February 2016 in conjunction with FWC workshops
5. Prepare Regulatory Amendment 25 for formal review
6. Prepare Regulatory Amendment 16 for formal review
7. Revise Amendment 36 and file the DEIS (comment period to end prior to the March 2016 meeting)
8. Prepare Amendment 36 for final approval at the March 2016 meeting
9. Coordinate with fisheries agencies in SE to conduct a workshop in 2016 to evaluate application of approaches to improve recreational estimates for rare-event species

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

1. Recommendations for ongoing FEP II Development:
 - a. Develop Executive Summary for FEP II;
2. Enhance use of online tools and visibility of Habitat Conservation/Ecosystem Based Fishery Management and FEP II development (e.g., use SAFMC Digital Dashboard to highlight effort and collaboration with Regional Partners)
3. Direct staff to develop a document that describes all the management actions taken by the Council to protect habitats and manage fisheries off the coast of northeast Florida. Present results to the Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee by the March or June 2014 Council meetings.
4. Staff finalize EFH Policy Statement, distribute to Council Members, Habitat Advisory Panel and regional partners, and post to the Habitat Section of the Website.
5. Request a presentation on what is known about the effects of seismic airguns on habitat.

C. Golden Crab – Brian

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

D. Mackerel – Kari

1. PREPARE DRAFT AMENDMENT 26 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS.
2. COUNCIL STAFF WORKS WITH COMMITTEE CHAIR AND SEFSC STAFF TO REQUEST UPDATED INFORMATION ON ATLANTIC KING MACKEREL PROJECTIONS. HEARINGS IN DECEMBER 2015.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian

1. DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE DOLPHIN WAHOO REGULATORY AMENDMENT 1 FOR SECRETARIAL REVIEW
2. DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO BRING IT BACK TO THE COUNCIL IN MARCH FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF DOLPHIN WAHOO AMENDMENT 10.
NOTE: THE FULL COUNCIL MOVED CONSIDERATION OF DOLPHIN WAHOO AMENDMENT 10 TO 2017.

F. Shrimp – Chip

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

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1. None.

H. SEDAR – John

1. None.

I. SSC Selection - John

1. √Send an SSC appointment letter to Laura Lee.
2. Modify the SSC policy document to reflect the changes in committee composition.

J. AP Selection – Kim

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

K. Data Collection – Gregg

1. Direct staff to continue working with ACCSP (Mike Cahall) on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form for voluntary use by commercial fishermen.
2. Direct staff to contract for a Proceedings Report from the Citizen Science Workshop, conduct the workshop, and report back at the March 2016 meeting.
3. Direct staff to work with the Interdisciplinary Planning Team (IPT) to revise the South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment with the comments from Jack and others, to complete all

necessary analyses, conduct public hearings in January/February, and to bring the document back at the March 2016 meeting for review of public hearings comments and approval of all actions.

L. Protected Resources – Chip

1. The committee recommended staff revise the integration agreement and work with SERO Protected Resources staff to further develop the document and present the document at the March 2016 Council Meeting.

M. Spiny Lobster – Kari

1. None.

N. Executive Finance – Bob

1. ✓Survey Council members on items for Fishing Season/Retention;
2. Announce results during March 2016 meeting;
3. Staff to add estimate of time/difficulty for each item.

O. Full Council – Bob

1. MOTION (September): STAFF DEVELOP A PROCEDURE TO EVALUATE OUTLIER OR UNUSUAL MRIP CATCH ESTIMATES BEFORE THEY ARE USED IN ACTIVATING ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES (I.E., FISHERY CLOSURES) APPROVED BY COUNCIL

John to take lead on this activity. Will be discussed by Executive/Finance Committee under Other Business to provide guidance to staff.

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

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

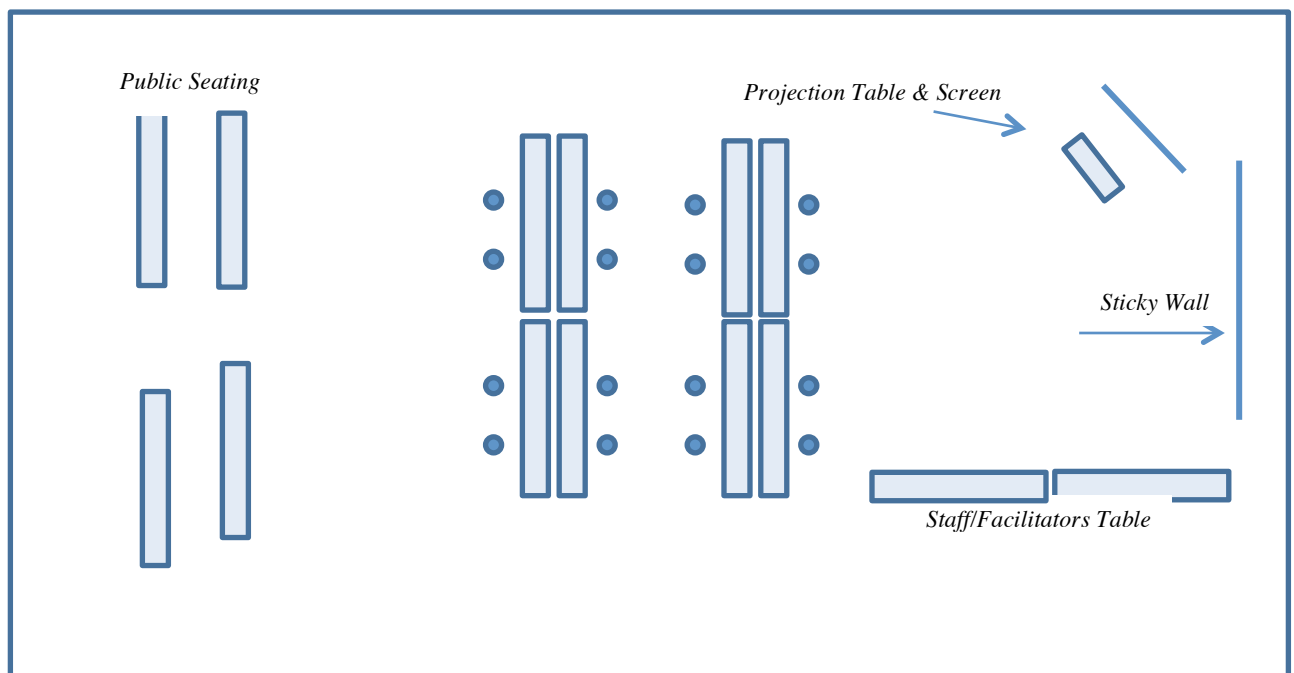
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FR Notice; done _____.

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

Meeting set-up:

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



General Schedule:**Day 1** – Wednesday

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

Day 2 – Thursday

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

Meeting Purpose & Objectives:

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

Participants: Council members

Meeting Facilitator: Amber Von Harten

XIX. March 7-11, 2016 – Jekyll Island, GA

Westin Jekyll Island

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Jekyll Island GA 31527

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[Leanne Bosarge – GMFMC liaison]

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

Public comment will first be accepted on items before the Council for final action:

- Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
- MPA System Management Plan
- Oculina Review Report
- ESA/MSA Integration Agreement
- CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures)

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

CONCURRENT SESSION: MONDAY AFTERNOON & TUESDAY MORNING

LAW ENFORCEMENT AP (Myra) (TAB 1) - MONDAY AFTERNOON & TUESDAY MORNING

1. Overview of Developing and Recently Implemented Amendments
2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 and Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7 (new fillet regulations for fish from The Bahamas) – **ACTION**
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – **ACTION**
4. Proposed changes to for-hire reporting requirements (headboat and charter) and current requirements for dealers & commercial vessels – **ACTION**
5. Size and bag limit compliance in the South Atlantic Region – **ACTION**
6. Enforceability of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZ): Evaluation for System Management Plans – **ACTION**
7. Turtle Excluder Devices (TED) compliance in shrimp fishery – **ACTION**
8. Election of LEAP Chair and Vice-Chair – **ACTION**

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

1. Update on Protected Resources – **ACTION**
2. Right Whale Critical Habitat Final Rule – **ACTION**
3. ESA/MSA Integration Agreement: Review & Approval – **ACTION**
4. Update on ASMFC/USFWS Protected Resources Issues – **ACTION**

B. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper Committee (Brian) (TAB 3) – Monday 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Dolphin and Wahoo – **ACTION**
2. Status of actions under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Amendment 7 (fillets)
 - Amendment 8 (allocation & accountability measures)
 - Regulatory Amendment 1 (trip limit)
 - Control Date (6/30/15)
3. DW Amendment 10/SG Amendment 44 (Allocations for Dolphin and Yellowtail Snapper) – **ACTION**

C. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 4) (CLOSED**) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 10:00 am** (Dick Brame – CMP)

1. Review Applicants and Develop Recommendations – **ACTION**
2. NGO seats on species Advisory Panels – **ACTION**
3. Term Limits – **ACTION**
4. Other policy issues – **ACTION**

D. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 5) (PARTIALLY CLOSED) – Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

1. Blueline tilefish stock ID workshop participants (CLOSED) – ACTION
2. Blueline tilefish assessment schedule – ACTION
3. SEDAR projects update – ACTION

E. Law Enforcement Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

1. Review Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Recommendations – ACTION

F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 7) – Tuesday 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm

- (1) Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO – ACTION
- (2) Status of actions under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - a. Amendment 33 (fillets)
 - b. Amendment 34 (comprehensive accountability measures)
 - c. Amendment 35 (species removal and golden tilefish endorsements)
 - d. Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline, Yellowtail, & Black Sea Bass)
 - e. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Traps)
- (3) Black sea bass pot selectivity study results/Dr. Paul Rudershausen
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – ACTION
- (4) SSC Report/Dr. Luiz Barbieri
- (5) Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (hogfish)
 - a. Consider public hearing comments, discuss and modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – ACTION
- (6) Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (mutton snapper)
 - a. Consider scoping comments, discuss, modify document as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff – ACTION
- (7) Overview of Oculina Review Report
 - a. Discuss and modify document as appropriate, and approve – ACTION
- (8) Overview of System Management Plan for Amendment 14 MPAs
 - a. Review, modify document as necessary, and approve – ACTION
- (9) Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) and System Management Plan for Spawning SMZs
 - a. Review, modify document as necessary, and approve for formal review – ACTION
- (10) Overview of Items to be considered in Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – ACTION
- (11) Overview of Fisheries Seasonality/Retention Regulatory Amendment
 - a. Results of ranking of alternatives
 - b. Discuss and provide direction to staff – ACTION

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

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

- (1) Status of recreational and commercial catches vs. ACLs/NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- (2) Gulf Council Meeting Report
- (3) Mackerel AP Report/Ira Laks, AP Chair
- (4) Overview of CMP Amendment 26 decision document
 - Consider public hearing comments, modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives and approve Amendment 26 for formal Secretarial review – **ACTION**
- (5) Overview of Atlantic Cobia Landings and Adjustment to Recreational Season Length/NMFS SERO
 - Presentation on 2016 Recreational Season for Atlantic Cobia/Mike Larkin, SERO
 - Options Paper for Framework Amendment
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**

I. Data Collection Committee (John) (TAB 9) – Thursday 10:00 – 12:00 noon and 1:30 – 2:30 pm

1. Report on Bycatch Monitoring/NMFS SERO
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**
2. Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study
 - Presentation on the status of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
3. Overview of Implementation Plan for commercial logbook electronic reporting
 - Status of eTrips/Mike Cahall, ACCSP
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**
4. Overview of the South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - SC electronic logbook demonstration
 - Review public hearing input, discuss and modify document as appropriate, and approve all actions – **ACTION**
5. Citizen Science Workshop Update
 - Overview of draft Citizen Science Program Blueprint
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

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

- (1) Status of CY 2015 budget expenditures
- (2) Draft Activity Schedule – **ACTION**
- (3) Status of CY 2016 budget
- (4) Council Follow-up and priorities – **ACTION**
- (5) Discuss standards and procedures for participating in Council webinar meetings – **ACTION**
- (6) CCC Meeting Report – **ACTION**
- (7) Address other issues as appropriate – **ACTION**

K. Council Session (TAB 11) – Thursday 3:45 – 5:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

I. Presentations

1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) **Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs & SMP)**
- (2) **MPA System Management Plan**
- (3) **Oculina Review Report**
- (4) **CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/MMs)**

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

(1)

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- A. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- B. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- C. Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- D. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- E. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- F. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- G. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- H. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- I. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 10) – ACTION
- J. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - (e) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
 - (b) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

XX. June 13-17, 2016 – Cocoa Beach, FL – **ROUGH DRAFT**

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A. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 1) – Monday 1:30 – 5:00 pm

- (1) Fishery Ecosystem Plan II Status Report
- (2) Ocean Technology Session
 - a. Next Generation AUV
 - b. Toward Autonomous Mapping
 - c. ROV Advancements and Acoustics
 - d. Drones as Tools in the Ocean
 - e. Expanding Use of Automated Information System (AIS)
- (3) Ocean Investment – Foundation and Citizen Science
 - a. Aligning Foundation Investments with Conservation Needs
 - b. Focusing Private Industry Investments in Ocean Conservation
- (4) SAFMC Habitat and Ecosystem Tools

(5) Council actions on Habitat

Industry and Regional Partner Sponsored Reception – 5:30 – 6: 30 pm

B. SSC Selection Committee (John) (TAB 2) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

(1) Review & Appoint

**C. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 3) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 9:30 am – 10:00 am
JUNE OR SEPT?**

D. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 4) – Tuesday 10:00 am – 11:00 am

- (1) AP Report
- (2) Review Panel Report
- (3) Timing of trip ticked data
- (4) Others??

E. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

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

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

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Amendment 35 (Species Removal)
 - b. Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline tilefish, Yellowtail snapper & Black sea bass bag limit)
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- (5) SERFS Update for 2015
- (6) AP Report
- (7) SSC Report (status of red snapper, gray triggerfish, and golden tilefish)
- (8) SEFSC report on red snapper mortality in 2015
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - a. Overview of document & public hearing comments – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (10) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- (11) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Overview of options – Chip

- b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (12) Decision Tool – developed by Chip
- (13) Others??

G. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 7) (PARTIALLY CLOSED) – Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

- (1) Blueline Benchmark Assessment Participants (CLOSED)
- (2) Blueline Tilefish Assessment Timing & TORs – pending SSC meeting in February. Fall back is approval in June
- (3) SEDAR Projects Update
- (4) NMFS Assessment Priority Process – SSC results

H. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper Committee (Brian) (TAB 8) – Thursday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

- (1) Overview of Commercial & Recreational Dolphin Wahoo Catches versus ACLs – NMF
- (2) Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 - NMFS
- (3) Dolphin/Yellowtail Snapper Allocation Amendment
 - i. Review scoping comments
 - ii. Provide direction to staff
- (4) Others??

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- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
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- (4) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – if any action is necessary from Gulf meeting. Otherwise, status of review
- (4) Cobia Framework
 - a. Overview of items – Kari
 - b. Committee review, modify, and provide direction to– Ben Hartig

J. Data Collection Committee (John) (TAB 10) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- (1) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - a. Status of work from NMFS
 - b. CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) Amendment – direction to staff
- (2) Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Overview – John
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell
- (3) SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Overview of document - John
 - b. Committee reviews and approves for formal review – Mel Bell
- (4) Status of Citizen Science Program
 - a. Overview – John
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell

K. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 11) – Thursday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- (1) Follow-up on items from March meeting
- (2) Others??

L. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 12) – Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- (1) Budget for CY 2016
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Gregg
- (3) Report from CCC Meeting
- (4) Others?

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

N. Council Session (TAB 13) – Friday 8:30 am – 12 noon

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1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment
- (2) SG Amendment 37 (Hogfish)

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

- (1) SG Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)

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XXI. 2016-18 PRIORITIES & TIMING

Exhibit #1 shows most recent Council-approved priorities (Approved at December 2015 meeting). Exhibit #2 will show monthly activity to achieve the Council's priorities.

WILL BE UPDATED

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P
1	SAFMC PRIORITIES FOR 2016/17:															
2																
3			Brian/?		Kari		Myra		Chip		Gregg/Brian		John		Roger	
4	Year	Quarter	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
5	2016	1	Allocation	Econ analysis	CMP Am 26	Social analysis	SG Am 37	SG Am 41		SG AM 43	SG Am 36		For-Hire Am	SEDAR/SSC	FEP II	FEP II & EFH/Ecosy
6		2	Allocation	Econ analysis	Cobia Fmwk	Social analysis	SG Am 37	SG Am 41	CEBA 3	SG Am 43			For-Hire Am	SEDAR/SSC	FEP II	FEP II & EFH/Ecosy
7		3	Allocation	Econ analysis	Cobia Fmwk	Social analysis	Fisheries Seasonality/Retention	SG Am 41	CEBA 3	SG Am 43	G.Tile/Gray Trigger			SEDAR/SSC	FEP II	FEP II & EFH/Ecosy
8		4	Allocation	Econ analysis	Cobia Fmwk	Social analysis	Fisheries Seasonality/Retention	SG Am 41	CEBA 3	SG Am 43				SEDAR/SSC	FEP II	FEP II & EFH/Ecosy
9	2017	1	D/W Am 11	Econ analysis		Social analysis	Fisheries Seasonality/Retention		CEBA 3					SEDAR/SSC	FEP II	EFH/Ecosystem
10		2	D/W Am 11	Econ analysis		Social analysis	Fisheries Seasonality/Retention		Coral/Shrimp					SEDAR/SSC	FEP II	EFH/Ecosystem
11		3	D/W Am 11	Econ analysis		Social analysis			Coral/Shrimp					SEDAR/SSC		EFH/Ecosystem
12		4	D/W Am 11	Econ analysis		Social analysis			Coral/Shrimp					SEDAR/SSC		EFH/Ecosystem
13	2018	1							Coral/Shrimp							

Exhibit 1. Council-approved priorities as of December 2015 meeting.

Exhibit 2. Monthly activity to achieve the Council’s priorities as of December 2015 meeting.