



SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

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NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 4/__/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 4/18/16. Done 4/__/16.



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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

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

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

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.
- k. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 3/4/16.
- 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. SG Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)/EIS – Chip Collier/Roger Pugliese

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

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

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

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

- E. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target speckled hind/warsaw grouper spawning sites.
- 1. Assign Team – TBD
 - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data). Ken Lindeman (Contractor)

- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (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:

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

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

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| February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013 Crown Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422 |
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- E. ✓Meeting arrangements
 - 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. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 35/EA (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsements) – Myra Brouwer*

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

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

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (Data), ~~Anik~~ Clemens 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 3/4/16.
 1. Send to Council & AP. Date sent 3/4/16.
 2. Comments due by 4/4/16.
- m. Final Rule published _____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____ 15.
 1. Send to Council and AP. Date sent _____.
 2. Post to web site. Date posted _____.
- j. Regulations effective _____/16.

5. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37/ EIS (Hogfish) – Myra

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), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Nick Farmer (Data), David Records (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data), Mark Fields (OLE), and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Katie Siegfried and Larry Perruso
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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

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 January 12, 2016
- 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
- j. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions - March 2016
- k. Committee/Council approve for formal review _____. Note: due to statutory deadline to end overfishing; want regulations in place 1/1/17.
- l. 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.
- m. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council &AP. Date sent _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/16.
- n. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council &AP. Date sent _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date posted _____.

c. Regulations effective ____/16.

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

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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); 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.

7. *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 DeVictor (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 January 25, 2016.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by March 3, 2016 .
 - c. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2016. Done 3/4/16.
- 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.

8. 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: John McGovern; Christina Package-Ward; Denise Johnson; Michael Larkin; Adam Bailey; Jennifer Lee; Nikhil Mehta (Acting IPT Lead); Noah Silverman; Stephen Holiman; Mary Vara (IPT Lead); David Dale.

NMFS SEFSC Team: Amy Schueller; Scott Crosson

NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NOAA OLE: Mark Fields

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 scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2016
- e. Conduct as much analysis of the actions/alternatives as possible for distribution to FWC by 4/26/16. Done by _____.
- f. Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2016 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- g. In June 2016, Council votes to send Amendment 41 out for Public Hearings in August 2016. Date done _____.
- h. At September 2016 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- i. At December 2016 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 41 for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- j. 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.
- k. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- l. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
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Note: the remaining timing will be added based on guidance from the Council in December 2015.

9. 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint – Evaluation Plan

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

Objectives of the Evaluation & Review

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

Annual Review

- **Purpose:** Allow the Council to conduct an internal review of progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- **Timing:** December 2016
- **Tasks:**
 - Council review and discussion of progress report at December 2016 Council meeting.
 - Provide a written update and webinar to the public about progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.

Biennial Review

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

Comprehensive Review

- **Purpose:** Review and update the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint and Appendices.
- **Timing:** January – June 2020; Adoption of 2021-2026 Vision Blueprint in December 2020
- **Tasks:**

- Solicit public input on items in the existing blueprint (short- and long-term action items and items not considered in 2015) and any new ideas.
- Use a similar port meeting approach to collect public input and revise the Vision Blueprint based on stakeholder and Council member input.

II. SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN – Chip Collier/ Roger Pugliese

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

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

An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed review in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:

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

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

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

4) 2014 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 -> March 2016

- f. Document revised and distributed – by ~~March 31, 2016~~. Date done _____.
 - g. Also included with the Council’s annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- 5) Next Evaluation Plan (2019)
- a. Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2019 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2019 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 2019, when the entire area should be mapped.
 - b. Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team –
 - c. SSC Review –
 - d. Council sees final report –
 - e. Council reviews final report –
 - f. Document revised and distributed – _____
 - g. Also included with the Council’s annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
 - h. Next review: _____.

2. *Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) – Chip Collier*

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

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

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 DeVictor (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

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 – March 2016
- q. Document revised and distributed – by March 31, 2016. Date done _____.

- r. Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.

Potential Timing for Review (2021):

- a. IPT meeting –
- b. IPT works on items in the outline –
- c. Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance –
- d. IPT revise document as necessary –
- e. Snapper Grouper AP input –
- f. SSC input –
- g. Council reviews/approves Draft SMP –
- h. IPT revise document as necessary –
- i. Public input –
- j. Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance –
- k. IPT revise document as necessary –
- l. SSC review –
- m. IPT meeting held –
- n. Snapper Grouper AP input –
- o. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP –
- p. Document revised and distributed – . Date done _____.
- q. Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.
- r. Next review _____.

3. *Spawning SMZs - Chip Collier*

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

1. *Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)*

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

- e. ✓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).
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- g. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
- h. ✓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:

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- jj. Include with th Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.
- kk. Next review _____.

2. SG 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.

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

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

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

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.

9) 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 -> March 2016
- f. Document revised and distributed – by ~~March 31, 2016~~. Date done
- g. _____
Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- h. Next review: _____.

3. *Spawning SMZs (Chip Collier)*

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III. 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. April 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on new 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 (November 2015)**

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

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

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

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

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

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

March 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development (Habitat and Misc. Sections) and EFH Updates. Review Outline/Draft of New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs. Date done _____.

June Council 2016 Meeting: Status FEP II Development (Species and Appendices) and Approve Artificial Reef Policy, 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. Session on Ocean Technology and Foundation/Citizens supporting Ecosystem Based Management. Date done _____.

September 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development and EFH Updates and EFH Updates and Approve EFH Policy Statements for Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries for inclusion into FEP II. Date done _____.

December 2016 Council Meeting: Finalize and Approve FEP II /EFH Updates, FEPII Executive Summary supporting EFH 5 Year Review. Date done _____.

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

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

- 1) ✓PEW Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force Meeting February 4, 2015 New Orleans, La
- 2) ✓SA Ecosystem Modeling Workshop February 10-11, 2015 at FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL
- 3) ✓SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup Meeting March 3, 2015 in Conjunction with SAFMC Meeting, St. Simons Island, GA
- 4) ✓SARP Steering Committee Meeting May 12-15, 2015 Hunt, Texas
- 5) ✓SECOORA Steering Committee, Board and Stakeholder Meetings May 19-20, 2015 Jacksonville, FL
- 6) ✓SALCC Exec. Comm. and Steering Committee Meetings June, 2015
- 7) ✓Society for Conservation GIS July 9-12, 2015 Monterey, CA
- 8) ✓South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees August 2015
- 9) ✓Oceans 2015 Industry Coordination to support a June 2016 Ocean Technology Session and potential testbeds in South Atlantic region. October 19-22, 2015 Washington, DC
- 10) ✓Climate Variability and Fisheries Workshop: Setting Research Priorities for the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Regions, October 26-28, 2015 Orlando, FL
- 11) ✓Pulley Ridge Connectivity Study SAB Meeting Oct, 28 2015 RSMAS, Miami, FL
- 12) ✓Coordination meeting with ESRI Chief Scientist Dawn Wright and ESRI Staff - Facilitating Regional GIS system refinement and operation November 6, 2015
- 13) ✓ESRI Ocean Forum Redlands, CA, November, 2015
- 14) ✓Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting November 17-18, 2015 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL

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

| Date | Meeting/Workshop | Location |
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| 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 (ongoing discussion w/ESRI & FWRI) | Collaboration meeting with ESRI Chief Scientist, Dawn Wright and Oceans Program Staff on refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial presentations and online platforms and tools that would better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region | ESRI Office, Redlands, CA |
| ✓January 2015- March 2016 (ongoing) | FEP II Section and EFH Update Facilitated Webinars: Artificial Reefs, Live/Hard Bottom Habitat, Seagrass/SAV Habitat, Estuarine Shrub Scrub (Mangroves), Intertidal Flats Habitat, Estuarine Water Column, Deepwater Coral Habitat, Coral and Coral Reefs, Oyster Reefs and Shell Banks Habitat, Soft Bottom Subtidal Habitat, Estuarine Emergent Marsh (Salt and Brackish) Habitat, and Riverine and Freshwater Habitat | Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015 |
| January 2015- March 2016 (ongoing) | Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats, Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous Species | Email Coordination/ ✓Facilitated Webinars October 2015 |
| January 2015- June 2016 (ongoing) | Council Managed Species Sections Email coordination with information from online systems, Ecospecies online system and engagement of species experts: Facilitated webinars for Shrimp Deepwater and Penaeid, Dolphin Wahoo, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Spiny Lobster, and Golden Crab Facilitated Meeting for Snapper Grouper In lieu of section revision, refine Ecospecies online system. Facilitated webinars for managed species/snapper grouper team and engagement of species experts. | Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars/ Meeting February 2016 May 2016 |

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| June 2014- December 2016 (ongoing) | South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II | In conjunction with Climate and Fisheries Workshop October 2015 |
| 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 | Email Coordination / Facilitated Webinars 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**

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

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

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

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

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

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| <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.~~

- X. ✓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.

- Y. ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.

- Z. ✓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.

- AA. ✓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.

BB. ✓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.

CC. ✓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.

- All FMPS must be consistent with this rule within five years of finalizing the rule.
- Councils should conduct a review of their existing SBRMs.
- The review should provide information on whether or not the FMP needs to be amended.
- After initial review, Council should review SBRMs at least every five years.

IV. 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.

V. MACKEREL

1. *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 April 2016. Date done _____.
- f. Document submitted to NMFS – ~~April~~ May/June 2016. Date done _____.
- g. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- h. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - c. Regulations effective ____/16.
 - d. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

2. *CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari*

IPT Team. Date done _____.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront (temporary economist), Mike Errigo (Data)
- b. NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead)
- c. NMFS SEFSC Team:
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

- a. vessel limits
- b. increased minimum size limits
- c. 1/person bag limit
- d. change start of fishing year
- e. change recreational AMs

Items for commercial management (Atlantic cobia):

- a. step-down to 1-fish possession limit when 75% of the commercial ACL is met

Proposed Timing 2016:

- a. Council discusses items to include – March 2016
- b. Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – June 2016.
Date done _____.
- c. In-Person and Webinar Hearings – August 2016; MAFMC meeting in August. Date done _____.
- d. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – September 2016. Date done _____.
- i. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- j. Proposed Rule published ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Comments due by ____/16. Date done _____.
- k. Final Rule published ____/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.
 - a. Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - b. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - c. Regulations effective ____/16.
 - d. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/16.

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

VI. 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. Review Panel meeting- March 28, 2016 via webinar
2. Joint Spiny Lobster AP meeting – April 25, 2016 in Key Largo FL
3. SSC review- May 3-5, 2016

2. *Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – Kari*

VII. SHRIMP – 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.

VIII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian

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.

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.

IX. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

Timeline:

- i. Initiated in CEBA-3
- ii. Stand-alone amendment in December 2012.
- iii. February 2013: GMFMC agrees to joint action
- iv. June 2013 SAFMC: review SEFSC pilot study.
- v. September 2013: SAFMC directs to defer work until pilot study complete; request updates at each SAFMC meeting
- vi. March 2014: SAFMC discusses electronic option, notes visioning support
- vii. June 2014: SAFMC reviews options paper, directs development of electronic form with ACCSP. Team formed:
 - a. SAFMC: Gregg Waugh
 - b. SEFSC: Steve Turner, Dave Gloeckner
 - c. SERO: Andy Strelcheck, Monica Smit-Brunello
 - d. ACCSP: Mike Cahall
- viii. October 2014: GARFO system demonstrated to S-G AP; supported voluntary electronic reporting
- ix. December 2014: Implementation plan reported, 2015 implementation target.
- x. March 2016: Pilot study complete, final report in prep

NEXT STEPS: MARCH – JUNE 2016

- Pilot study report, SEFSC to SAFMC, June 2016. Final?

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

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

IPT, SAFMC Charter Amendment

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

Timeline:

- i. ✓Initiated in CEBA 3.
- ii. ✓October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
- iii. ✓December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
 - a. ✓March 2013: Generic for hire ‘headboat’ amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
- iv. ✓September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
- v. ✓December 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
- vi. ✓March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
- vii. ✓May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
- viii. ✓December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)
- ix. ✓March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
- x. ✓June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
- xi. ✓September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
- xii. ✓December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
- xiii. ✓January/February 2016: Hearings
- xiv. ✓March 2016: Review hearings, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
- xv. May 2016: SSC Review
- xvi. June 2016: Council review, data elements

NEXT STEPS : MARCH-JUNE 2016

- IPT incorporate Council approved edits
- IPT develop minimum data elements Action, including framework for future updates
- SAFMC SSC review data elements, May 2016
- SAFMC June 2016 Council actions

- review data elements Action
- Update on SAFMC-ACCSP Pilot Study
- For-Hire reporting inventory (ACCSP Project)

FINAL TIMING - TBD

- Council final approval: September or December 2016. Done _____.
- Document for final review: Done _____.
- Proposed rule
 - Published: _____
 - To Council, AP: _____
 - Comments due to by: _____
- Final Rule
 - Published: _____
 - Fishery Bulletin Notice: _____
 - Sent to Council, AP: _____
- Regulations Effective Date: _____

X. DOLPHIN/WAHOO – Brian

1. *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 2/16/16.
- 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.

XI. Postponed Amendments (Purgatory)

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

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016

IPT Team

- e. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- f. ✓GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- g. ✓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)
- h. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
- i. ✓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. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (BSB Bag Limit, Jacks Trip Limit, & Golden Tilefish Fishing Year Start) – Myra*

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

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

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

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

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

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

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), 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.

XII. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – Mike E

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

- Reviewed proposed methods for setting the FLK/EFL Hogfish recreational ACL in numbers
 - Recommended SAFMC method
 - Provided table of ABC/ACL adjusted for 15” minimum size and recreational specification in numbers

2. *SEP May 3, 2016, 8:30 to noon.*

1. OY Discussion
2. Decision Tree
3. Red Snapper Management
4. Portfolio Analysis
5. Recent and Upcoming Council Actions and Activities

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
11. FRN: Deadline April 5, 2016. Done: _____

4. *SSC October 18-20, 2016*

- A. SEDAR 46 Goliath Grouper
- B. (now Dec 2016)Recommend revision assessment priorities for MRIP data
- C. FRN: Deadline September 20, 2016. Done: _____

XIII. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

1. *Spiny Lobster AP – Kari*

April 25, 2016 (times?)

Location: _____

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

2. *Snapper Grouper AP - Myra*

April 26, 2016 (9:00 a.m.) – April 27, 2016 (3:00 p.m.)

Location: Crowne Plaza, Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by 4/8/16. Done _____

3. *Habitat AP – Roger*

May 11, 2016 (9:00 am) – May 12, 2016 (3:00 pm)

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

4. *Joint LEAP & LE Committee – Myra*

August, 2016 (times?)

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

5. *Mackerel AP – Kari*

Date(s)? _____

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

6. *Snapper Grouper AP – Myra*

Date(s)? _____ fall

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

7. *Dolphin Wahoo AP – Brian*

Date(s)? _____ fall

Location: _____ (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

XIV. 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.

Public Hearings and Scoping - August 2016

- A. Dates and requested locations: See table below
1. Staff presentations, questions, and then public comments will be conducted in the same room.
 2. Times – all PHs and Scoping for August 2015 begin at 6 pm and end at 8 pm.
 3. Amendments – CMP Framework 4, SG 41, DW10/SG 44

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| <u>August 3, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Charleston, SC | <u>August 8, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Midway, GA |
| <u>August 9, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Bluffton, SC | <u>August 10, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Morehead City, NC |
| <u>August 11, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH – Kari Murrels Inlet, SC | <u>August 11, 2016</u> – CMP F-4 PH - Gregg Kill Devil Hills, NC |
| <u>August 15, 2016</u> – SG 41 PH - Myra Key West, FL | <u>August 16, 2016</u> – SG 41 PH - Myra Fort Lauderdale, FL |

- B. Amendments:
1. Public hearings – CMP Framework 4 (Atlantic Cobia); SG 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 2. Scoping – DW 10/SG 44 (Dolphin and Yellowtail Snapper Sector Allocations)
- C. Rooms Needed – one room for staff presentation, questions, and public comments)
- D. Federal Register Notice – by July 1, 2016
- a. Notice sent to NOAA –
 - b. Publish notice –
- E. Document preparation
- a. Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by July 18, 2016. Done _____
 - ii. Amendments posted by July 18, 2016. Done _____
 - iii. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on July 18, 2016. Done _____.
 - b. Comments due by 5 pm on August 19, 2016.
 - c. Email address for public comments: mike.collins@safmc.net
 - d. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
 - e. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. CMP Framework 4 (Q&A and PH Webinar) – August 1, 2016
 - ii. SG 41 (Q&A and PH Webinar) – August 2, 2016
 - iii. DW 10/SG 44 (Scoping Webinar) – August 4, 2016
- F. Staff attending hearings by location:
- G. ✓Council chairs:

- a. NC - (chair);
- b. SC - (chair)
- c. GA - (chair)
- d. FL - (chair)

XV. 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
- E. March 6-10, 2017 – Jekyll Island, GA
- F. June 12-16, 2017 – Ponte Vedra, FL
- G. September 11-15, 2017 - Charleston, SC
- H. December 4-8, 2017 – Atlantic Beach, NC

XVI. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND MARCH 2016 MEETING

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

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Prepare Amendment 36 for formal review (including guidance to staff above)
2. Prepare Amendment 37 for approval at the ~~June~~ SEPTEMBER 2016 Council meeting
3. Conduct as much of the analysis as possible on Amendment 41 and provide to FWC in late March/early April to refine their preferred alternatives.
4. Request that Paul Rudershausen give the presentation on black sea bass pot selectivity study to the SG AP at their April 2016 meeting.
5. Distribute the approved Oculina Review Report
6. Distribute the approved System Management Plan for Amendment 14 MPAs
7. Distribute the approved System Management Plan for Spawning SMZs
8. Prepare draft options with analyses for red snapper management for the June Council meeting

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 GULF COUNCIL MEETING IN APRIL 2016.
2. UPON APPROVAL BY THE GULF COUNCIL, PREPARE AMENDMENT 26 FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.
3. STAFF TO DEVELOP ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES FOR THE COBIA FRAMEWORK AMENDMENT FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW IN JUNE 2016.
4. DRAFT A LETTER TO THE ASMFC POLICY BOARD TO CONSIDER JOINT MANAGEMENT OF ATLANTIC COBIA.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian

1. IN JUNE THE JOINT DOLPHIN WAHOO/SNAPPER GROUPER COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO SEE ALL OF THE ITEMS THEY APPROVED FOR SCOPING AT THE MARCH 2016 MEETING, PLUS A LISTING OF THE OTHER ADDITIONAL DOLPHIN MANAGEMENT ACTIONS IN THE DECEMBER 2015 WHITE PAPER.

F. Shrimp – Chip

1. WORK ON DEVELOPING ALTERNATIVES FOR A ROCK SHRIMP ALLOWABLE FISHING AREA(S).

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1. STAFF WERE DIRECTED TO CONDUCT SOME ADDITIONAL RESEARCH PRIOR TO THE JUNE COUNCIL MEETING REGARDING THE TOTAL PICTURE ACROSS COUNCILS PERTAINING TO THE USE OF, AND MEANS OF ISSUING, OPERATOR CARDS FOR APPLICABLE FISHERIES.

H. SEDAR – John

1. NONE.

I. SSC Selection - John

1. MODIFY THE SSC POLICY DOCUMENT TO REFLECT THE CHANGES IN COMMITTEE COMPOSITION. **DONE**

J. AP Selection – Kim

1. STAFF DEVELOP OPTIONS TO ALLOW FOR FISHING REPRESENTATION ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP AND THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION AP (FOR JUNE). ALSO ADDRESS MODIFICATIONS TO THE AP APPLICATION RELATIVE TO PERSONS TO APPLYING TO THE SEDAR POOL.
2. READVERTISE 1 NGO SEAT AND 3 OPEN SEATS ON THE MACKEREL AP. (SEPTEMBER).

K. Data Collection – John

1. DEVELOP AN ACTION TO SPECIFY CORE DATA ELEMENTS, INCLUDING ALTERNATIVES TO ENABLE FUTURE CHANGES THROUGH FRAMEWORK, FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE.
2. INFORM THE GMFMC OF THE DELAY IN FINAL APPROVAL.

L. Protected Resources – Chip

1. NONE

M. Spiny Lobster – Kari

1. NONE.

N. Executive/Finance – Gregg/Mike

1. MOTION #1: COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO EILEEN SOBECK, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR FISHERIES, INDICATING THE NEED FOR FUNDING TO THE SERO/SEFSC TO IMPLEMENT HEADBOAT, CHARTER VESSEL, AND COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND REQUESTING CLARIFICATION ON HOW MUCH OF THE \$7 MILLION FUNDS FOR ELECTRONIC MONITORING/REPORTING WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR WORK IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL'S AREA.
2. MOTION#2: COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO ALAN RISENHOOVER, DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES, COMMENTING ON THE CATCH SHARE PROGRAM REVIEW GUIDANCE.
3. MOTION#3: ALLOW STAFF TO MODIFY ALTERNATIVE 1 (NO ACTION) FOR ALL ACTIONS IN ALL AMENDMENTS AS NECESSARY TO REFLECT THE TRUE STATUS QUO WITHOUT REQUIRING COUNCIL APPROVAL FOR EACH CHANGE.
4. MOTION #4: DIRECT STAFF TO LOOK AT SEPARATE SEASONALITY AND RETENTION AMENDMENTS.
5. DIRECTION TO STAFF: WHEN LOOKING AT A SEASONALITY AMENDMENT, SEE HOW BEGINNING AND ENDING DATES CAN BE ESTABLISHED AHEAD OF TIME. ASK STAFF FOR RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER TWO AMENDMENTS OR JUST ONE ADDRESSING THE ISSUES WOULD BE MORE EFFICIENT.

O. Full Council – Gregg

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. **DONE**

2. MOTION: THE COUNCIL SENDS A LETTER TO THE ASMFC POLICY BOARD REQUESTING THAT THEY CONSIDER JOINT MANAGEMENT OF COBIA. Done: 3/18/2016.

XVII. June 13 - 17, 2016 – Cocoa Beach, FL - Draft

Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront

1550 N. Atlantic Avenue

Cocoa Beach, FL 32931

Phone: Reservations: 800-445-8667 or 321-799-0003/Fax: 321-799-0003

ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE.

1. FIRST MEMO – 4/13/16 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
2. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 5/13/16 @ 5 pm local time.
3. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 5/23/2016 AT NOON.
4. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 5/25/2016 AT 5 PM
5. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME BY 5/26/2016
6. BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 5/27/2016 AT NOON
6. BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 5/27/2016.

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

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

Done _____.

Gregg – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below.** Due by May 3, 2016. Done _____]

Specific needs:

- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.
- Request for red snapper projections – done 3/23/16

A. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 1) – Monday 1:30 – 5:30 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. Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones) as Tools in the Ocean

(3) Ocean Investment and Collaborative Sustainability - Emerging Role of Citizens, Business, Non-profits, and Government in Conservation

(4) Applying Emerging Technologies and 21st Century Data Gathering and Presentation

- a. iAngler Tool
- b. SAFMC Habitat and Ecosystem Tools
- c. Ocean Adapt Climate Tool

(5) Council actions on Habitat

Industry and Regional Partner Sponsored Reception – 6:00 – 7:00 pm

B. SSC Selection Committee (John) (TAB 2) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 9:00 am

- (1) Review & Appoint

C. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 3) (PARTIALLY CLOSED) – Tuesday 9:00 am – 10:00 am

- (1) Blueline Benchmark & Red Grouper Assessment Participants (CLOSED)
- (2) Blueline Tilefish & Red Grouper Assessment Timing & TORs – pending SSC meeting in February. Fall back is approval in June
- (3) SEDAR Projects Update
- (4) Future Cobia Assessments
- (5) SEDAR Steering Committee update
- (6) NMFS Assessment Priority Process – SSC results

D. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 4) – Tuesday 10:00 am – 10:30 am

- (1) Review options to allow for fishing representation on the Law Enforcement AP and the Information and Education AP
- (2) Discuss modifications to the current AP application for SEDAR applicants and requirements for applicants relative to email accounts and Internet access

E. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper Committee (Brian) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- (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. Provide direction to staff
- (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
 - a. Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (3) 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)
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
 - d. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
- (4) SERFS Update for 2015
 - a. MARMAP update – Joey Ballenger
- (5) Presentation on S-K projects – Frank Helies
 - a. Examination of Catch and Discards in the Commercial Snapper-Grouper Fishery
 - b. Cooperative Bottom Long Line Survey
- (6) AP Report
- (7) SSC Report (status of red snapper, gray triggerfish, and golden tilefish)

- (8) SEFSC report on red snapper mortality in 2015 and 2016 fishing season
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve all actions – 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) Visioning Amendment(s)
 - a. Overview of options – Myra
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (13) Control Date/Limited Entry for the For-Hire Permits in Snapper Grouper, CMP, & Dolphin/Wahoo
 - a. Background – Brian
 - b. Committee discussion and direction to staff – Michelle Duval
- (14) Others??

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

H. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 7) – Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am (Partially CLOSED)

- (1) 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year selection
- (2) Follow-up on items from March meeting

I. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 8) – Thursday 9:30 am – 10:30 am

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

J. Protected Resources Committee (Chip) (TAB 9) – Thursday 10:30 am – 11:30 am

- (1) Update from SERO
- (2) TED Skimmer Trawls Updates - SERO
- (3) Nassau Grouper 12-Month Determination - SERO
- (4) Update from USFWS
- (5) Others??

K. Data Collection Committee (John) (TAB 10) – Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:30 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. Update on SEFSC project – Bonnie Ponwith
 - b. Status of voluntary electronic reporting - John
 - c. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell
- (3) SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Overview of document - John
 - b. Committee reviews and provide guidance – Mel Bell
- (4) Status of Citizen Science Program
 - a. Update – John
 - b. Committee review and action as necessary – Mel Bell

L. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 11) – Thursday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- (1) Budget for CY 2016
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian
- (3) Report from CCC Meeting
- (4) Standards & procedures for participating in Council webinar meetings
- (5) Visioning for other species
- (6) Others?

M. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 12) – Thursday 3:30 pm – 5:00 noon

- (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) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – if any action is necessary from Gulf meeting. Otherwise, status of review
- (4) Complementary management of Cobia in state waters with ASMFC – Bob Beal/Gregg
- (5) Cobia Framework
 - a. Overview of items – Kari
 - b. Committee review, modify, and approve for public hearings– Ben Hartig

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

Legal briefing – Monica (CLOSED???)

I. Presentations

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II. Final Council Action and Comment:

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

- (1) SG Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

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1. FIRST MEMO – 6/28/16 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
2. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 7/28/16 @ 5 pm local time.
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7. BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 8/26/2016.

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

Gregg – memo to Roy [Note: **see committees & Council presentations** below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species] by AUGUST 1, 2015
Done _____.

Gregg – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below**. Due by August 1, 2016. Done _____]
Specific needs:

- Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs.
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A. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger/Chip) (TAB 1)

– **Monday 1:30 – 3:30 pm**

- (1) Fishery Ecosystem Plan II Status Report
- (2) Review SAFMC Policies
- (3) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (4) Council Actions on Habitat

~~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 8:30 am – 9:30/10:00 am

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

- (1) Timing of trip ticked data
- (2) Others??

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

- (1) Update from SERO
- (2) 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)
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
 - d. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
- (5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - a. Overview of document and DEIS comments– Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview of document & public hearing comments– Myra
 - b. Committee discussion, modify document, and approve all actions – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Overview of options – Chip
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (8) Visioning Amendment
- (9) Others??

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

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??

I. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 9) – Thursday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
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 - a. Overview of items – Kari
 - b. Committee review public hearing input, modify, and approve for formal review – 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 Joint LEAP/ LE Committee meeting
- (2) Others??

ADD I&E Committee for an hour (Kim – Amber?)

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

- (1) Status of Expenditures for CY 2016 - Mike
- (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Brian
- (3) Others?

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

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

I. Presentations

1. 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

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

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