



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole

Bahia Mar Doubletree by Hilton
801 Seabreeze Boulevard
Fort Lauderdale, FL

Thursday, June 14, 2018 – 8:00 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Charlie Phillips

Approval of March 2018 minutes – Charlie Phillips

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment (**Attachment 1**)
 - a) Overview & IPT Recommendations – John Carmichael
 - b) SSC Comments – Dr. George Sedberry, SSC Chair
 - c) **Committee Action:** review and provide guidance – Charlie Phillips/Jessica McCawley

2. Recreational Accountability Measures (**Attachment 2**)
 - a) Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b) **Committee Action:** review and provide guidance – Charlie Phillips/Jessica McCawley

Other Business – Charlie Phillips

Adjourn – Charlie Phillips

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Attachments

Attachment 1: ABC Control Rule Options Paper

Attachment 2: Recreational AM Options Paper

Staff: John Carmichael

OVERVIEW

ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval – March 2018

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment – (Attachment 1)

Description: The Comprehensive ABC Control Rule Amendment will revise and update the SAFMC ABC Control Rule (CR) and potentially address recreational accountability measures. This will be a comprehensive amendment, proposing changes to several FMPs. Amendments within each FMP are not numbered at this time. The purpose of the CR revisions is to address inconsistencies in the existing rule, update its contents, and implement flexibility allowed by the MSA.

Amendment Status: Under Development. An IPT was formed in December 2017 and has met regularly since to review the purpose and need and proposed actions. The IPT has further refined the actions and alternatives, considered some preliminary analyses on carry-over and phase-in, and the SSC reviewed the options paper in May 2018.

Next steps: the IPT will continue to develop analyses and evaluations of alternatives. The Council is asked to review the current language of actions and alternatives, and identify questions or concerns to address with analysis and alternative evaluations. NMFS is working on guidance for addressing carry-over provisions (detailed below); finalizing the language of actions and alternatives should be considered once the guidance is complete and the IPT ensures the draft amendment complies with the recommendations.

A NMFS workgroup is currently developing guidance on carry-over provisions. SERO and SEFSC staff are involved in the workgroup and the ABC CR IPT. SAFMC intends to have the SSC review the draft guidance document at their Fall 2018 meeting. The NMFS workgroup intends to have a final guidance document available by January 2019 for presentation to the CCC in February. To ensure consistency between the ABC CR amendment and the NMFS guidance, staff recommends modifying the ABC CR amendment timeline and delaying approval of actions and alternatives until March 2019.

Required Committee Action: Review the options paper, provide guidance on the actions and alternatives including questions to address in their evaluation.

2. Recreational Accountability Measures – (Attachment 2)

Description: The purpose of the accountability measures modifications is to address recreational data uncertainty and inconsistencies across FMPs. The Council's intent is to address AM changes quickly, through framework procedures where feasible.

Amendment Status: Changes to recreational accountability measures were considered for inclusion in the Comprehensive ABC Control Rule Amendment. At the March 2018 meeting staff provided a review of existing accountability measures, and indicated potential approaches for making changes. The Council provided further guidance on AM modifications. Staff has developed on options paper with potential actions to address AM changes and approaches for implementation.

Next Steps: Staff will continue to develop the AMs options paper and possibly take changes to recreational AMs out for scoping.

Required Committee Action: Review and provide guidance on the AMs options paper and decide whether to send it out for scoping.

Other Business

Adjourn