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## **AGENDA**

### **Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel Meeting**

**April 7-8, 2015**

**Crowne Plaza  
Charleston, South Carolina**

#### **Tuesday, April 7, 2015 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

##### **9:00 A.M. – 9:15 A.M. Administrative**

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of April 1-3, 2014 Minutes (Attachment 1) – Pat Geer, GDNR

Opening statements and introductions – Pat Geer, GDNR and Roger Pugliese, SAFMC

##### **9:15 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. FEP II Development Session - Threats to Habitat**

1. Introduction to Updating Section on Non-Fishing Impacts on Habitat (Attachments 1-3) -
2. Member Roundtable Discussion and Recommendations – Pat Geer

##### **10:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. Updating Information on Impacts of Fisheries on Habitat**

1. Introduction to Updating Section on Fishing Impacts on Habitat (Attachment 4) Pat Geer
2. Preliminary Information on New or Developing Fisheries
  - a. Description of the Calico Scallop Fishery (Attachment 5) -Chip Collier, SAFMC
  - b. Description of the Jellyball Fishery – Pat Geer
  - c. Roundtable Discussion Identifying Potential Impacts to EFH of Managed Species - Pat Geer

##### **10:45 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. BREAK**

##### **11:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon State Sub-Panel Break Out Sessions**

1. State Sub-Panel Breakout Session and Roundtable Discussion to Identify:
  - a. State Priorities – Impacts of Non-Fishing Activities
  - b. State Priorities – Impacts of Fishing Activities

##### **12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH**

**1:30 P.M. – 2:00 P.M. Scope of and Structure for Food Web and Connectivity Section of FEP II and EFH Policy Statement Development**

1. Roundtable Discussion of FEP II Section Development and Policy Statement Structure and Types of Policy Recommendations to Consider - Roger Pugliese
2. Roundtable Discussion and Recommendations – Pat Geer

**2:00 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. EFH Issues - NOAA Fisheries**

1. EFH Issues Related to Removal of Species From, or Addition to, FMP Management Units – Pace Wilber, NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation
2. Roundtable Discussion and Guidance – Pat Geer

**2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. South Atlantic Fisheries Oceanography and Climate Variability**

1. Draft NOAA NMFS Climate Science Strategy (Attachments 6a-6c) -
2. Building on the Rapid Assessment Document Developed for SAFMC Managed Species (Attachment 7) - Roger Pugliese
3. Roundtable Discussion on Development of FEP II Section on South Atlantic Fisheries Oceanography and Climate Variability – Roger Pugliese
4. Considerations for the South Atlantic Region – Pat Geer

**3:45 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. BREAK**

**4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative Regional Conservation Blueprint Development**

1. Development of SALCC Conservation Blueprint Version 2.0 (Attachments 8-11)
2. State of the South Atlantic Report (Attachment 12)
3. Roundtable Discussion and Recommendations – Pat Geer

**4:30 P.M. Adjourn for Day**

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015 9:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.**

**9:00 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. Renewable Energy in the South Atlantic (Attachments 13-18)**

1. Technologies Being Evaluated (Wind, Ocean Current, etc.)
2. Mapping and Characterization Efforts off South Atlantic - BOEM
3. A Review of Information on the Impacts of Sound on Fish – BOEM
4. Process and Timing for Region and by State - BOEM

**10:45 A.M. – 12:00 Noon OCS and G&G Activities in the South Atlantic (Attachments 19-21)**

1. BOEM Supported Mapping and Characterization Efforts off South Atlantic - BOEM
2. Permit Proposals for Seismic Testing in the South Atlantic - BOEM
3. Process and Timing for Region - BOEM

**12:00 Noon - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH**

**1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation Policy Statement**

1. EFH Policy Statement on Energy: Overview of Structure (Attachment 22) Roger Pugliese

2. Updates Addressing Renewable Energy - NOAA Fisheries HCD
3. Member Roundtable Discussion and Recommendations – Updates and Additions
4. Updates Addressing G&G and OCS Activities - NOAA Fisheries HCD
5. Member Roundtable Discussion and Recommendations – Updates and Additions

**3:30 P.M. Break**

**3:45 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Artificial Reef Policy Statement Development**

1. Presentation on Florida Artificial Reef Program – FWC TBD
2. Overview of Artificial Reef Policy Statement Outline – Pat Geer
3. Member Roundtable Discussion and Recommendation – Pat Geer

**4:30 P.M. Adjourn for Day**

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### **Attachments:**

- Attachment 1. FEP Volume II Fishing Impacts
- Attachment 2. GARFO EFH Tech Report
- Attachment 3. Hanson, et.al. 2003 Non-Fishing Impacts
- Attachment 4. FEP Volume IV Fishing and Cumulative Impacts
- Attachment 5. FEP Volume II Calico Scallop
- Attachment 6a. Draft NOAA NMFS Climate Science Strategy
- Attachment 6b. Pres. to SAFMC- Ecosystem-Based Management/Climate Science Strategy
- Attachment 6c. FRN NOAA NMFS Climate Science Strategy
- Attachment 7. SAFMC Rapid Assessment Profiles
- Attachment 8. Final SALCC Conservation Blueprint V. 1 Fact Sheet
- Attachment 9. SALCC Online Links and Blueprint V 2.0 Workshops
- Attachment 10. Pres. to SAFMC SALCC Conservation Blueprint V 2.0
- Attachment 11. Agenda Blueprint V 2.0 Workshop Chas. SC
- Attachment 12. SALCC State of the South Atlantic 2015
- Attachment 13. BOEM EA for Wind Call Area of North Carolina
- Attachment 14. NCCOS – BOEM UNC 1 page cruise summary
- Attachment 15. Pres. South Atlantic Habitats and Species - BOEM Sound and Fish Workshop
- Attachment 16. Pres to SAFMC BOEM South Atlantic Renewable Energy Activities
- Attachment 17. NOAA Comments on BOEM NC Wind Farm EA
- Attachment 18. Literature Synthesis on Effects of Noise on Fish, Fisheries and Inverts.
- Attachment 19. BOEM 2017-2022 OCS Proposed Program
- Attachment 20. NOAA Letter on G&G Activities
- Attachment 21. SAFMC EFH Policy Statement Redraft- Energy, Explor., Dev. and Transp.