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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) – Roger Pugliese and Pace Wilber, NMFS Habitat Conservation
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. – 4:00 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

4:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Closing Statements

4:30 P.M. Adjourn for Day

DATE: 4/ 7 /15 FISHERY: Habitat Ecosystem SUBJECT: Agenda STAFF: Pugliese SOURCE: SAFMC, GDNR, SALCC, NMFS

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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.