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Revised **AGENDA**

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel Meeting (Via Webinar)

Wednesday, April 22, 2020 (Times subject to change)

Wednesday, April 22, 2019 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of October 2019 Minutes (*Attachment 1*)

Session 1 Overview - Anne Deaton, NCDMF

- 1. NOAA Fisheries EBFM Activities for the South Atlantic Region: Deliverables supporting FEP II and NOAAs EBFM Implementation Plan (*Attachment 2*)**
 - a. Update: South Atlantic Ecosystem Status Report – Todd Kellison, NOAA Fisheries SEFSC and Kevin Craig NOAA Beaufort Lab, and Update: South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability Analysis Michael Burton, NOAA Fisheries SEFSC Beaufort
 - b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations – Anne Deaton
- 2. Mapping/Characterization of South Atlantic Deep Water Ecosystems**
 - a. NOAA/BOEM/USGS/academia DEEP SEARCH collaboration on Mapping and Characterization Reveals Extensive Deepwater Lophelia Reef Habitat on the Blake Plateau (*Attachment 3*) - Erik Cordes, Temple University
 - b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations – Anne Deaton
- 3. Ecosystem Considerations: Prey supporting Dolphin Wahoo Fisheries**
 - a. Update: Council action to designate Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species (*Attachments 4-5*) – Steve Poland, NCDMF
 - b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations – Anne Deaton

Wednesday April 22, 2020 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Session 2 Overview - Anne Deaton, NCDMF

- 4. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project**
 - a. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project Update (*Attachments 6-8*) – Richard Robbins, Kitty Hawk Fisheries Liaison, Avangrid Renewables
 - b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations – Anne Deaton

5. **Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA)**
 - a. SECOORA's Regional Ocean Observing System Plan; Currently open SECOORA (Letter of Intent) LOI process; and Update on FACT network (*Attachments 9-11*) – Debra Hernandez, SECOORA Executive Director.
 - b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations – Anne Deaton

6. **Council/NOAA Fisheries EFH Consultation and Regional Innovations Workshop**
 - a. Overview of Report on Workshop (*Attachment 12*) - Roger Pugliese, SAFMC
 - b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations – Anne Deaton

Other Business

Adjourn

Attachments

1. Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes October 2019
2. Presentation on NOAA Fisheries EBFM in the South Atlantic Region: Update on Activities Supporting South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability Analyses and Ecosystem Status Report (*To be posted in advance of Webinar*).
3. Presentation on NOAA/BOEM/USGS/academia DEEP SEARCH collaboration on Mapping and Characterization Reveals Extensive Deepwater Lophelia Reef Habitat on the Blake Plateau (*To be posted in advance of Webinar*).
4. Amendment 12 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP- Decision Document; Adding bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as ecosystem component species.
5. Summary Report Dolphin Wahoo Committee March 2020.
6. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project: Site Assessment Plan.
7. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project: Fisheries Communications Plan.
8. Kitty Hawk Meteorological Buoy Deployment Notice.
9. SECOORA Regional Coastal Ocean Observing System Strategic Operational Plan 2021-26.
10. Solicitation of Letters of Intent Funding Opportunity Title: FY 2021 Implementation of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®).
11. FACT Network Overview.
12. Council Coordination Committee: Habitat Work Group - Report from Council/NOAA Fisheries EFH Consultation and Regional Innovations Workshop.

Staff: Roger Pugliese, Habitat and Ecosystem Scientist

OVERVIEW

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel will approve minutes of October 2019 (*Attachment 1*) and revised agenda.

Wednesday April 22, 2020

9:00 am – 11:00 am

1. NOAA Fisheries EBFM Activities for the South Atlantic Region: Status and Timelines for Completion of Deliverables supporting FEP II (*Attachment 2*)

Description: Todd Kellison, NOAA Fisheries SEFSC and Kevin Craig, NOAA Beaufort Lab will provide the Panel an update on the status and timeline for completion of the South Atlantic Ecosystem Status Report. Michael Burton, NOAA Fisheries SEFSC Beaufort Lab will provide the Panel with an update on the status and timeline for completion of the South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability Analysis in support of the NOAA SA EBFM Implementation Plan.

Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide input as appropriate.

2. Mapping/Characterization of South Atlantic Deep Water Ecosystems (*Attachment 3*)

Description: Erik Cordes, Temple University, will be present results from the NOAA/BOEM/USGS/academia DEEP SEARCH collaboration on Mapping and Characterization in the South Atlantic region: highlighting the Deep-Sea Exploration has Revealed Extensive Deepwater Lophelia Reef Habitat on the Blake Plateau.

Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide input as appropriate.

3. Ecosystem Considerations: Prey supporting Dolphin Wahoo Fisheries (*Attachments 4-5*)

Steve Poland, NCDMF will update members on Council action to designate Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species.

Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide input as appropriate.

4. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project (*Attachments 6-8*)

Richard Robbins, Kitty Hawk Fisheries Liaison, Avangrid Renewables, will provide members an update on Kitty Hawk Wind Project, Site Assessment Plan, Fisheries Communications Plan and Meteorological Buoy Deployment Notice.

Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide input as appropriate.

5. Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association (SECOORA) (*Attachments 9-11*).

Debra Hernandez, SECOORA Executive Director will provide an overview of; key sections of the SECOORA's Regional Ocean Observing System Plan, the currently open SECOORA LOI process; and an update on FACT network (<https://secoora.org/fact/>).

Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide input as appropriate.

6. Council/NOAA Fisheries EFH Consultation and Regional Innovations Workshop (*Attachment 12*)

Roger Pugliese, SAFMC will provide a summary of the Council/NOAA Fisheries EFH Consultation and Regional Innovations Workshop overview of Report on Workshop.

Panel Member Action: Members will discuss and provide input as appropriate.