

Final
SUMMARY REPORT
ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Charleston, SC
October 1, 2018

The Committee met in Closed Session on Monday afternoon. The Committee approved minutes from the June 2018 meeting, the committee agenda, and addressed the following items:

System Management Plan (SMP) Workgroup

The Committee received an update on the SMP Workgroup and approved the following motion as a recommendation to the Council:

MOTION 1: APPOINT RUSTY HUDSON (FL COMMERCIAL) AND MICHAEL DIXON (FL RECREATIONAL) TO THE SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN WORKGROUP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Review and Recommendations for Advisory Panel Appointments

The Committee reviewed applications for the Coral, Dolphin Wahoo, Habitat, Law Enforcement, Mackerel Cobia, and Snapper Grouper Advisory Panels and approved the following motions as recommendations to the Council:

MOTION 2: REAPPOINT DR. SANDRA BROOK AND REAPPOINT HENRY FEDERN AND KEN NEDIMYER TO SERVE A 3-YEAR TERM ON THE CORAL AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: APPOINT DAN OWSLEY TO THE DOLPHIN WAHOO AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: APPOINT CHARLES YEOMANS TO THE DOLPHIN WAHOO AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5. APPOINT JASON WHITE (NC CONSERVATION) TO THE HABITAT AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 6. REAPPOINT DAVID WEBB TO THE HABITAT AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 7. REAPPOINT BRUCE BUCKSON TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 8. APPOINT BRAD PHILLIPS AND ARRON KELLY TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**MOTION 9. APPOINT RUSTY HUDSON TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION 10. REPLACE RANDY MCKINLEY WITH JOHN MALLETTE ON THE
MACKEREL COBIA AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION 11. REAPPOINT RED MUNDEN AND ANDY PILAND TO THE SNAPPER
GROUPE AP, AND APPOINT RANDY MCKINLEY TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE
AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION 12. REAPPOINT RUSTY HUDSON AND APPOINT RANDALL BEARDSLEY
TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

**MOTION 13. REAPPOINT DICK BRAME TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Improving Communication

The Committee also discussed ways to improve communication and effectiveness when working with advisory panels. Staff reviewed concerns expressed by advisory panel members about the need to further consider recommendations presented to Council committees. Staff also provided the AP Selection Committee with an overview of practices for maintaining effective communication including perceptions of process fairness, information sharing and dialogue with AP members, and the importance of anecdotal information. The Committee then reviewed a list of the following options to improve communication with its advisory panels and generally agreed to pursue these options in the future:

Options for Consideration to Improve Efficiency and Communication

- Committee chair and vice-chair provide more specific guidance on items they want AP members to address for upcoming AP meetings. (Have the AP Chair, Committee Chair and staff confer before upcoming AP meetings).
- Include these items in the AP meeting agenda, using the SSC Roadmap as an example *when feasible*.
- Structure the Advisory Panel Report to include the specific items requested by the committee.
- When the Advisory Panel Report is presented to the committee, the specific items identified earlier by the committee chair and vice-chair will be addressed at the committee level.

- Staff could provide a PowerPoint slide or two to highlight recommendations in the AP Report and help facilitate discussion during the committee meeting.
- Have the committee chair provide an update to AP members on actions/discussions by the committee at each AP meeting.

Timing and Task(s)

**MOTION 14: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

1) Readvertise the following open seats for consideration by the AP Selection Committee during its March 2019 meeting:

- System Management Plan Workgroup – Remaining sector-specific seats.
- Habitat AP – 1 NC Commercial Seat, 1 FL Commercial Seat; and the At-Large Research/Geologist Seat
- Snapper Grouper – 1 SC Open Seat and 1 GA Open Seat

2) Advertise open seats on the Council's advisory panels as appropriate for consideration by the AP Selection Committee at the March 2019 Meeting.

3) Standardize the format for all advisory panel reports to be consistent when presented to Council committees.