



VERSION #3
SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS
SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: MARCH 1-5, 2009 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

√SAFMC Draft by: 3/31/10. Done 3/31/10.

√Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 4/1/10. Done 3/31/10.

√Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: _____.

√SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review during staff meeting on 3/30/10.

√NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 4/19/10. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

√Distribute to Council members & others by _____/10. Done 4/20/10.

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I. SNAPPER GROUPE

1. *Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) - Myra*

A. Develop an Evaluation Plan for the Experimental Closed Area with needed research and monitoring studies and an enforcement/outreach program - to be completed within 1 year of implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A. Work with Information & Education, Law Enforcement, Habitat, Coral and Snapper Grouper APs.

- 1) **On-Going Monitoring** – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports prior to each Council meeting. A report coordinated by Kim (Outreach) and Myra (Research and Monitoring) will be due to Gregg for each Briefing Book deadline.
 - a. Committee &/or Council review and potential action for follow-up at each Council meeting.
 - b. Distribute results of review to Evaluation Team, SSC, and APs.
 - c. Council staff to follow-up with actions as necessary after each meeting.
- 2) ✓ Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 2/2/10 for March 2010 meeting.
- 3) Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 5/11/10 for June 2010 meeting.
- 4) Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 8/17/10 for September 2010 meeting.
- 5) Myra and Kim to provide to Gregg by 11/9/10 for December 2010 meeting.
- 6) Add Oculina LE to website with links to GC cases, press releases, VHF channel to report violations, etc. in report. (Kim). Done _____. Reports continue to be posted as they are received.

2. *Amendment 17 (ACLs & AMs for Overfishing Species) – Rick*

TEAM LEADS: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead)/Kate Michie and Jack McGovern (NMFS Co-Leads).

Team Members: (Note: Some changes have been made to teams for 17A and 17B – see those items for current team members.)

- ✓a. SAFMC Team: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH); Kate Quigley (Economics, commercial impacts); and John Carmichael.
- ✓b. NMFS Team: Jack McGovern (NMFS co-lead), Kate Michie (NMFS co-lead), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore (NMFS), Nik Mehta (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS, PR), David Keys (NEPA), Palma Ingles (NMFS Anthropologist), Jim Waters and Eric Williams (SEFSC), Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational info), John Vondruska (NMFS economist, commercial description of the fishery), and Andy Strelcheck & Nick Farmer (NMFS, LAPP and Statistical Branch).
- ✓c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- ✓d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez

Amendment 17 will include the following actions:

- Update FMP management objectives.
- Specify Annual Catch Limits (ACL), Annual Catch Targets (ACT), and Accountability Measures (AM) for 10 species undergoing overfishing.

- Modify management measures as needed to limit total mortality to the ACL or ACT.
- Specify status determination criteria for red snapper.
- Specify a rebuilding plan for red snapper.
- Update the framework procedure for specifying TAC ->ACL/ACT.

2008 Activities:

A. Scoping information

- √(1) Revise document and approve for scoping – December 3-7, 2007 meeting.
- √(2) NOI
 - √(i) Rick to draft by 12/13/07.
 - √(ii) NMFS to review, revise and publish in FR by _____. NOI published on 1/22/08.
- √(3) Scope in February 2008 (along with Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 Scoping; Comprehensive Allocation Amendment Scoping; and Mackerel Amendment 18 Scoping. Note: The Council took all these items to scoping at the same time given the interactive and cumulative impacts.)
 - i. √(i) NOI for all items – Rick provided draft material to SERO; reviewed notices on 1/9/08.
 - ii. √(ii) Meeting locations – Cindy; done 1/9/08

[Scoping meeting hours all run 2 – 5 pm & 6 – 8 pm]

<p><u>Monday, February 4, 2008</u> The Mutiny Hotel 2951 South Bayshore Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 Phone: 305-441-2100</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</u> Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920 Phone: 321-784-0000</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2008</u> Quality Inn 125 Venure Drive Brunswick, Georgia 31525 Phone: 912-265-4600</p>	<p><u>Thursday, February 7, 2008</u> Sheraton New Bern 100 Middle Street New Bern, North Carolina 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	

- iii. √(iii) Federal Register Notice – Kim; done 1/9/08.
- iv. √(iv) Scoping Documents
- v. √(v) Staff presentations
- vi. √(vi) Transcribe scoping comments asap for inclusion in 2nd briefing book on February 25, 2008.
- √(4) At the June 2008 meeting, the Council revised the list of items to be included in Amendment 17 as follows: [Note: the list of items was further modified at the December 2008 and March 2009 meetings.]

- i. Specify Annual Catch Limits (ACL), Annual Catch Targets (ACT), and Accountability Measures (AM) for species undergoing overfishing (black sea bass, gag, golden tilefish, red snapper, snowy grouper, vermilion snapper, black grouper, red grouper, speckled hind, and warsaw grouper);
 - ii. Extend the range of the snapper grouper fishery management plan north through the Mid-Atlantic Council's area of authority. This would not apply to black sea bass, scup, and golden tilefish since they are covered by separate FMPs in the Mid-Atlantic and South Atlantic;
 - iii. [Note: The following item is being addressed in SG Amendment 18.] Promote fair and equitable regulations in the commercial fishery for snowy grouper by establishing regional quotas for the commercial snowy grouper fishery; and
 - iv. Implement regulations so that future harvest achieves ACT (e.g., reduce fishing mortality in the deepwater, recreational fishery).
- B. ✓Committee/Council review options at March 3-7, 2008 meeting.
 - C. ✓Revised alternatives based on Council actions sent to Team by Rick/Kate M./Jack. Done 3/24/08.
 - D. ✓Staff/Team revise document and have ready – by May 9, 2008.
 - E. ✓Committee/Council review options at June 9-13, 2008 meeting.
 - F. ✓Kate M./Jack/Rick send Options Paper with list of actions/alternatives to Team by July 15, 2008. Done 7/15/08.
 - G. ✓Team conference call to discuss alternatives, work plan, and timing – July 17, 2008 (11 am).
 - H. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Jack/Rick by August 14, 2008 (noon)
 - I. ✓Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 19, 2008 (noon)
 - J. ✓Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during September 15-19, 2008 Council meeting.
 - K. ✓Kate M./Jack/Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting) to team by September 25th COB.
 - L. ✓Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – September 29, 2008, 2 pm.
 - M. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Jack/Rick by November 4, 2008 (noon):
 - N. ✓Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by October 15, 2008 (noon).
 - O. ✓Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by November 4, 2008 (noon).
 - P. ✓Kate Q. to provide commercial economic write-up by November 4, 2008 (noon).
 - Q. ✓Kate Q. to complete social analyses by November 4, 2008 (noon).
 - R. ✓Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by November 7, 2008 (noon)
 - S. ✓Committee/Council approve Amendment 17/DEIS for public hearings – November 30 - December 5, 2008 meeting. SSC reviews at November 30 – December 3, meeting.

At the December 2008 meeting, the Council split Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 into Amendments 17 and 18. Amendment 18 will go to scoping in January/February 2009. The Council revised the alternatives and ACL/ACT approach considerably. The amendment was not approved for public hearing.

- T. ✓ Council staff to send the options paper to the Team by December 12, 2008. Determine the need for a conference call. A status update with the items being included was sent to the TEAM on 12/19/08.

2009 Activities:

A revised options paper was sent to the TEAM 1/16/09. Team to continue working on Amendment 17: Reduction in total removals of red snapper with complete closure considering actions in Amendment 16, ability to avoid red snapper, etc.; effectiveness of previous management measures in reducing harvest; analysis of no action alternatives for ACLs; analysis of alternatives for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; update purpose and need; etc.

- A. ✓ Committee and Council will work on Amendment 17 options at March and June 2009 meetings and will have a more complete document at the June and September 2009 meeting.
- B. ✓ Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during March 2009 Council meeting.
- C. ✓ Kate M./Jack/Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 16th COB.
- D. ✓ Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 18th, 2009, 10 am.
a. Following this call, there will be a sub-group call to finalize estimates for how Amendment 16 regulations impact red snapper, how the deepwater species prohibition affects trips/catches, discuss set-aside research program, etc.
b. Economist conference call on March 23, 2009.
- E. ✓ Red snapper projections from Science Center – by April 3rd, 2009
- F. ✓ Team material due to Kate M./Jack/Rick by May 8th, 2008 (noon):
- G. ✓ Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by May 8th, 2009.
- H. ✓ Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by May 8th, 2009 (noon).
- I. ✓ Kate to provide commercial economic write-up by May 8th, 2009 (noon).
- J. ✓ Palma to complete social analyses by May 8th, 2009 (noon).

- K. ✓ Roger to provide updated map products for closure alternatives and allowable golden tilefish fishing area (include artificial reef sites, show depth in feet, fathoms, and meters, have map that focuses in on closed area) by May 8, 2009.
- L. ✓ Subgroup working on reductions from previous regulations, changes in fishermen's behavior, etc. – complete report/analyses by May 8, 2009.
- M. ✓ Description of monitoring program for red snapper (including headboat research set-aside) by SEFSC – complete by May 8th, 2009.
- N. ✓ Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by May 12th, 2009 (noon)
- O. ✓ Committee/Council review Amendment 17/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team – June 2009 meeting.
 - a. SSC reviews at June 2009 meeting.
- P. Committee/Council approve Amendment 17/DEIS for public hearings – September 2009 meeting.

~~TIMING FOR THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2009 COUNCIL MEETING~~

- Q. Public Hearing Draft Amendment 17/DEIS (and associated documents – e.g., public hearing summary and hearing chair statement).
 - 1) SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions at the September 2009 meeting and sends revised document to TEAM & Perry Allen – ____/09. Done _____.
 - 2) Jim Waters re-runs the model and provides results to Tony Lamberte/Kate Quigley if necessary – by _____. Done _____.
 - 3) TEAM submits revised sections to Rick Devictor, including all revised economic analyses from Tony – by _____. Done _____.
 - 4) SAFMC Staff or contractor to provide social analyses (SERO cannot provide).
 - 5) Rick revises DEIS/Amendment and sends to Kate and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by _____. Done _____.
 - 6) NMFS files DEIS with EPA – by _____. Note: DEIS needs to be published by _____ – comment period must end before December 2009 meeting. Done _____.
 - 7) Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by _____.
 - 8) Comment period to end on or before _____.
 - 9) NMFS SERO distributes to list in Amendment; done _____.
 - 10) NMFS SERO keeps track of those who comment so they can be sent the FEIS; done _____.
 - 11) NMFS SERO compiles DEIS comments and drafts proposed responses; done _____.
 - 12) Compile all written and public hearing comments – by _____.

- R. Public Hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 17/DEIS: The following locations are proposed for Council consideration; target dates are weeks of November 2-6, 2009 and November 9-13, 2009; dates and locations will be finalized at the September 2009 Council meeting:
- 1) _____, 2009 in Charleston, SC (?Hilton Garden Inn).
 - 2) _____, 2009 in New Bern, NC (?Bridge Pointe Hotel).
 - 3) _____, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (?Key Largo Grande).
 - 4) _____, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (?Doubletree Hotel).
 - 5) _____, 2009 in Pooler, GA (?Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
- S. Structure of hearings; Staff on location from 3-7 pm to present proposed actions and to answer questions; Council member to take public comments:
- 1) Video all hearings/stream live on web. Send video to Council members along with briefing book.
 - 2) Distribute audio files as hearings are held; summary included in briefing book.
 - 3) Hearing chair statement for Amendment 17 ready by - _____.
 - 4) Staff presentation ready by - _____.
 - 5) Federal Register notice (Kim) by - _____.
- T. Public Hearing Locations: **All Hearings run from 3-7 pm; see list of locations for Amendment 17.**
- U. NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by _____.
- V. Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Completed prior to the _____ Council meeting.
- W. Review informal & public hearing comments and DEIS comments and approves for formal review – _____ Council meeting.
- X. Amendment 17/FEIS completion:
- i. TEAM finalizes document (including revisions to FEIS and proposed rule from Perry Allen) – by _____.
 - ii. Council staff finalizes document if necessary by _____.
- Y. Final Council review at _____ meeting if necessary.
- Z. Council staff finalizes document if necessary.
- AA. Council sends Amendment 17 to Secretary of Commerce by _____.
- BB. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- CC. Notice of Availability published _____.
- 1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on ____/09.
 - 2) Send to SG AP & SSC

- 3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
- 4) Proposed rule should also be distributed for comment.
- 5) Amendment approved on _____.
- 6) Final Rule approved on _____.

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2009 MEETING THE COUNCIL SPLIT AMENDMENT 17 INTO 17A (RED SNAPPER) AND 17B (REMAINING SPECIES).

3. Amendment 17A (Rebuilding, ACLs & AMs for Red Snapper) – Rick

Team Members:

- √a. SAFMC Team: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH); Kate Quigley (Economics, commercial impacts); and John Carmichael.
- √b. NMFS Team: Kate Michie (NMFS lead), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore (NMFS), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS), Jack McGovern (NMFS), Mandy Frick (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS, PR), David Keys (NEPA), Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist), Jim Waters and Erik Williams (SEFSC), Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational info), John Vondruska (NMFS economist, commercial description of the fishery), and Andy Strelcheck & Nick Farmer (NMFS, LAPP and Statistical Branch).
- √c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- √d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez

- √A. Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment and options during June 2009 Council meeting.
- √B. Kate/ Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16th COB.
- √C. Kate/ Rick send latest version of alternatives (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by June 22nd COB
- √D. Kate/Jack/Rick send latest version of Amendments 17A to Team by June 24th COB.
- √E. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – June 26th, 2009, 10 am.
- √F. Team material for AP meeting due to Kate/ Rick by July 17th, 2009 (noon):
- √G. Amendment 17A mailed to AP with briefing material on July 21st, 2009.
- √H. Team material due to Kate/ Rick by August 14th, 2009 (noon):
 - (1) Jim Waters to provide commercial model output to Kate Quigley by August 12th, 2009 (noon).
 - (2) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by August 12th, 2009 (noon).

- (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up by August 14th, 2009 (noon).
 - (4) Stephen to complete social analyses by August 12th, 2009 (noon).
 - (5) Subgroup working on reductions from previous regulations, changes in fishermen's behavior, etc. – complete analyses by July 13th, 2009. Andy Strelcheck said that he will be providing 5 final reports (HB, commercial, MRFSS, another HB, and the cumulative reductions) by the July 13th date (possibly earlier).
 - (6) Description of independent monitoring program and other snapper grouper stocks that will provide information following extensive area closures and possession prohibitions (Carmichael and Williams to lead) – complete by July 22nd. This is being done by a workgroup being set up by Bonnie Ponwith at Science Center. The workgroup will include Erik Williams, John Carmichael, and others. It is being done independent of Amendment 17A. The Council needs to discuss whether or not establishing a fishery-independent monitoring program should be an action in Amendment 17A.
- √I. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18th, 2009 (noon).
 - √J. Committee/Council review Amendment 17A/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team and approves for public hearing – September 2009 meeting.
 - √K. Committee/Council approve Amendment 17A/DEIS for public hearings – September 2009 meeting.
 - ~~NEED TO ADD MISSING 2009 ACTIVITIES??~~
 - √L. Send committee reports with motions to 17A Team – 09/22/09
 - √M. Team Conference Call - 09/24/09
 - √N. Sections from Team due for inclusion in Public Hearing Draft – 10/21/09 COB
 - √O. Public hearings – 11/2/09 – 11/16/09
 - √P. Team Sections due for inclusion in Briefing Book - 11/25/09 COB
 - √Q. December Council meeting – 12/7/09 – 12/11/09
 - √R. Send committee reports and with motions to 17A Team – by 12/17/09
 - √S. Team Conference Call – 12/17/09
 - √T. Council staff to develop maps and coordinates for 4 closure alternatives added at the December 2009 Council meeting – by 12/18/09
 - √U. SERO draft and send letter to SEFSC requesting rebuilding projections using $F_{30\%SPR}$ proxy and “very high” recruitment for the following rebuilding scenarios: $F=F_{MSY}$, $F65\%F_{MSY}$, $F75\%F_{MSY}$, $F85\%F_{MSY}$, $F_{REBUILD}$ – by 12/18/09

√V. SAFMC draft and send letter from SAFMC to SEFSC requesting SEFSC to provide both fishery dependent and fishery independent monitoring plans – by 12/23/09
E-mail sent

2010 Activities: Need to revise timeline to allow for PPI review.

√A. Team Sections due to Team Leads - by Feb. 1st Noon

√B. Team Leads Revise Amendment/DEIS - Feb 1st and 2nd

√C. GC (Monica) and NMFS NEPA (David Keys) review Feb 3-5

√D. SERO Amendment/DEIS for PPI (NOAA NEPA) Review - by Feb. 5th COB PPI gets 10 days

√E. PPI Comments Requested by: Feb. 16th

√F. SERO sends Amendment/DEIS to EPA for filing - by Feb 16th

√G. DEIS files - Feb. 19th Done Feb. 26th

√H. DEIS publishes - Feb. 26 Done March 5th

√I. Council Meeting - March 1 – 5, 2010. Council review alternatives and provide direction to staff/team.

√J. Kate M./Rick send Council motions (when they become available) and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 9th COB.

√K. Kate M./Rick make latest version available (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting) to the Team by March 22nd COB.

L. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing –
TBD. A CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE HELD UNLESS THE IPT FEELS ONE IS NECESSARY.

M. Summary for Amendment 17A

- (1) Rick sends to NMFS staff & comments back by _____
- (2) Rick sends to SAFMC staff 3/31 and comments back by 4/15

N. DEIS Comment period ends April 19th 2010.

- (1) √Request for Science Center review sent. Done 2/25/10
- (2) √CZMA letters sent. Done 3/19/10
- (3) √PPI concurrence on DEIS. Done 2/23/10
- (4) √Dear reviewer letters sent out. Done 3/4/10

O. Team comments are due on the amendment/DEIS by April 19th COB. Note: These comments will be on the version that was sent on March 19th. There will likely be changes to the amendment once team material is received by the May 5th deadline. Team leads will make all additional material received available to the entire team. Comments on the additional material must be received on May 7th COB. These comments must be limited to the new material.

P. Draft proposed rule to Kate M./Jack by April 19th COB. Kate and Rick distribute to appropriate NMFS/NOAA GC/SAFMC staff for comment. Comments are due to Anik by April 29th (Noon) and a revised version will be included in the first briefing book. Note: The entire proposed rule won't be ready until after final action has been taken; just the codified text will be ready for deeming at the June meeting.

Q. Team material, including draft responses to DEIS comments, due to Kate M./Rick by May 5th 2010 (noon).

R. Rick revises Amendment 17A and provides revised Amendment including draft response to DEIS comments to SAFMC staff for review on May 10th noon.

- (1) Comments to Rick by May 13th COB.
- (2) Rick revises amendment document by May 17th COB

S. Briefing book material to Gregg Waugh by May 11th COB.

T. First briefing book mailed May 20th, 2010.

U. Council meeting: June 7-11, 2010 in Orlando, FL. Council to review DEIS comments, responses to comments, and approve for formal review by the Secretary of Commerce.

V. Send document to NMFS – by June 29th 2010.

1. Science Center Certification Request sent _____.
2. Science Center Certification received _____.
3. Section 7 determination completed _____.
4. EFH consultation completed _____.
6. Interested parties letters sent out _____.
7. FEIS Submitted to PPI for preliminary review _____.
8. FEIS Submitted to PPI for final clearance _____.
9. Issues Advisory cleared in HQ _____.
10. PRA package sent to HQ for review by OMB _____.

W. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.

X. Notice of Availability of Amendment 17A published _____.

- (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on ____/10.
- (2) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC _____.
- (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website _____.

- (4) Amendment approved on _____.

- Y. Proposed Rule published _____.
 - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC _____.
 - (2) Comments due by _____.
 - (3) PRA completed (OMB cleared) _____.

- Z. Final Rule published _____.
 - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC _____.

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- (2) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational model output/analyses to Rick by August 12th, 2009 (noon).
- (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up by August 14th, 2009 (noon).
- (4) Stephen to complete social analyses by August 12th, 2009 (noon).
- √I. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18th, 2009 (noon)
- √J. Committee/Council review Amendment 17B/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team and approves for public hearing – September 2009 meeting.

√K. Committee/Council approve Amendment 17B/DEIS for public hearings – September 2009 meeting.

NEED TO ADD MISSING 2009 ACTIVITIES??

√L. Send committee reports with motions to 17B Team – 09/22/09

√M. Team Conference Call - 09/24/09

√N. Sections from Team due for inclusion in Public Hearing Draft – 10/21/09 COB

√O. Public hearings – 11/2/09 – 11/16/09

√P. Team Sections due for inclusion in Briefing Book - 11/25/09 COB

√Q. December Council meeting – 12/7/09 – 12/11/09

√R. Send committee reports and with motions to 17B Team – by 12/17/09

√S. Council approves Amendment 17B for Secretarial review and deems proposed rule. Done at December 2009 Council meeting.

2010 Activities:

√A. Team Conference Call – 1/13/09. Taken care of in e-mail dated December 18, 2009

√B. Team EDITORIAL COMMENTS due to Council staff by January 11, 2010 COB.

- (3) √NMFS sends comments to Council staff – 2/10/10. Done 2/10/10.
- (4) √SAFMC staff reviews – 2/11-16/10. Done 3/25/10.
- (5) √SAFMC staff makes all necessary changes – 2/17-19/10. Done 3/25/10.
- (6) √SAFMC staff send Amendment & Propose Rule to Chairman for review – 2/19/10. Done 3/25/10.
- (7) √Chairman reviews documents – 2/22-25/10. Done 3/26/29/10.
- (8) √SAFMC staff makes necessary changes – 2/26/10. Done 3/29/10.
- (9) √SAFMC sends package for formal review – 2/26/10. Done 3/30/10.

√C. Council staff presents any changes to the Amendment and Proposed Rule from the December briefing book version to the Council Chairman. Chairman deems the Amendment and Proposed Rule. Done 3/26-29/10.

√D. Council staff sends final Amendment 17B and proposed rule to SERO for formal review by SOC. Complete by February 25, 2010. Done 3/30/10.

1. √Science Center Certification Request sent. Done 4/6/10
2. Science Center Certification received. Done _____
3. √Section 7 determination completed. Done 2/2/10

4. ✓EFH consultation completed. Done 1/15/10
 - ✓5. CZMA letters sent out. Done 4/8/10.
 6. Interested parties letters sent out. Done _____.
 7. ✓Submitted to PPI for preliminary review. Done 4/5/10
 8. Submitted to PPI for final clearance. Done_____.
 9. ✓Issues Advisory cleared in HQ. Done 3/29/10
- E. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- F. Notice of Availability of Amendment 17B published _____.
- (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on ____/10.
 - (2) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC_____.
 - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website_____.
 - (4) Amendment approved on _____.
- G. Proposed Rule published _____.
- (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC_____.
 - (2) Comments due by _____.
 - (3) PRA completed (OMB cleared)_____.
- H. Final Rule published _____.
- (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC _____.
 - (2) Implementation Date_____.

5. Amendment 18 – Kate & Rick

TEAM LEADS: Kate Quigley/Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Co-Leads)/Karla Gore (NMFS Lead).

The new Amendment 18 will include some of the actions formerly in Amendment 17 as well as some new actions including:

- Extend the range of the snapper grouper fishery management plan north
- Limit participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (possibly endorsements or limited access program);
- Modify the black sea bass pot fishery (possibly endorsements or limited access program);
- Separate the snowy grouper quota into regions/states;
- Changes to the golden tilefish fishing year;
- Changes to improve data collection; and
- Designate EFH and EFH-HAPCs in the northern areas.

Team Members

√a. Kate Quigley (SAFMC co-lead and commercial fishery impacts); Rick DeVictor (SAFMC co-lead), Roger Pugliese (EFH), Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); John Carmichael and Gregg Waugh.

√b. NMFS Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead); Nikhil Mehta, Kate Michie, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Tony Lamberte (NMFS Economist, recreational information); John Vondruska (NMFS Economist, commercial description of the fishery); Stephen Holiman (social description), David Dale (HCD), Otha Easley (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), Erik Williams and Jim Waters (SEFSC).

√c. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

√d. MAFMC - José L. Montañez

2008 Activities:

- A. √At the March 2008 meeting, the Council decided not to move forward with a LAPP program for the snapper grouper fishery. They agreed to continue outreach efforts.
- B. √DVD on what's coming in snapper grouper management (Gregg) and LAPPs (Kate Q.).
- 1) √Review final DVD (Kate Q.) by 6/26/08.
 - 2) √Duplicate for distribution – estimate about 1,000 copies needed.
 - 3) √Distribute to all snapper grouper permit holders (about 900), snapper grouper AP members (those without permit), Council members & staff with cover letter.
- C. √Contact tilefish fishermen and determine whether they are interested in a LAPP program for the golden tilefish fishery (Kate Q.); include responses in June briefing book – complete by 5/13/08.
- D. √Council approved establishing a golden tilefish workgroup during the June 2008 meeting.
- 1) √Council staff to draft list of workgroup members

- 2) ✓Council to approve workgroup at September 2008 meeting.
 - 3) ✓Workgroup to meet asap after September 2008 Council meeting. The industry representatives that have been contacted have indicated the only time they can all meet is October, November, and December. At other times of the year one sector or another is fishing and taking time out for meetings would be very difficult.
- E. ✓Council appointed golden tilefish workgroup at September 2008 meeting.
- 1) ✓Contact workgroup members and get them to sign letter.
 - 2) ✓Schedule workgroup meeting prior to December 2008 Council meeting.
 - 3) ✓Meeting held October 28-29, 2008 in North Charleston, SC. The Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup delivered a draft Golden Tilefish LAP document to the Council in December 2008 outlining their management preferences.
- F. ✓At the December 2008 meeting, the Council directed staff to scope the following items in Amendment 18:
- 1) Limiting participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (possibly endorsements or limited access program);
 - 2) Limiting participation and effort in the black sea bass pot fishery (possibly endorsements or limited access program);
 - 3) Extending the range of the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan north through the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council areas;
 - 4) Separating the snowy grouper quota into regions/states;
 - 5) Separating the gag recreational Annual Catch Limit (ACL) into region or state Annual Catch Targets (ACTs);
 - 6) Changing the golden tilefish fishing year;
 - 7) Improving data reporting;
 - 8) Changing the wreckfish fishery Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program; and
 - 9) Designating Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) in new areas in the Mid-Atlantic and New England as part of a possible extension of the Snapper Grouper fishery Management Plan (FMP) north.
- G. ✓NOI to publish in FR by 1/22/09. NOI published on 1/28/09.
- H. ✓Nikhil distribute draft NOIs to Jack and Council staff - by Monday, December 15, 2008 noon.
- I. ✓Comments back to Kate Q. and Nikhil by Wednesday, December 17, 2008 noon.

2009 Activities:

- A. ✓NMFS File NOIs – January 9, 2009. Done January 27, 2009.
- B. ✓NOI publishes – January 16, 2009. Done January 28, 2009.
- C. ✓Thirty day comment period begins the date the NOI publishes.
- D. ✓First Scoping Meeting - January 26, 2009.
- E. ✓Draft scoping document by 1/15/09.
- F. ✓Distribute scoping document to the Team by 1/15/09. Schedule a Team call if needed.

- G. √Scoping meetings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 18:
 - 1) January 26, 2009 in Charleston, SC (Hilton Garden Inn).
 - 2) January 27, 2009 in New Bern, NC (Bridge Pointe Hotel).
 - 3) February 3, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (Key Largo Grande).
 - 4) February 4, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (Doubletree Hotel).
 - 5) February 5, 2009 in Pooler, GA (Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
- H. √Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
- I. √Council reviews scoping comments and provides guidance to staff at March 2009 meeting.
- J. √Council review/modify amendment and options during March 2009 Council meeting.
- K. √Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 17th COB. Done 3/17/09.
- L. √Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 19th, 2009 at 10 am.
 - a. √Following this call, there will be a sub-group call to discuss wreckfish ITQ alternatives.
 - b. √Economists call March 23, 2009.
- M. √Team material due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by May 8th, 2009 (noon)
- N. √Kate Q./Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by May 12th, 2009 (noon)
- O. √Committee/Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment during June 2009 Council meeting.
 - a. SSC reviews at June 2009 meeting.
- √P. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16th COB.
- √Q. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version of alternatives (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by June 22nd COB
- √R. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version of Amendment 18 to Team by June 23rd COB.
- √S. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – June 24th, 2009, 10 am.
- √T. Team material for AP meeting due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by July 17th, 2009 (noon):
- √U. Amendment 18 mailed to AP with briefing material on July 21st, 2009.

- √V. Team material due to Karla/Kate Q./Rick by August 14th, 2009 (noon):
 - (1) Tony Lamberte to provide recreational analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12th, 2009 (noon).
 - (2) Stephen to provide social analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12th, 2009 (noon).
 - (3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up and combine economic and social analyses by August 14th, 2009 (noon).
- √W. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18th, 2009 (noon)
- √X. Committee/Council review Amendment 18/DEIS and provide direction to staff/Team and approve for public hearing – September 2009 meeting. Document approved for public hearings but no preferreds chosen. Wreckfish action removed from document and into Amendment 20.
- √Y. Public Hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 18/DEIS: The following locations are proposed for Council consideration; target dates are weeks of November 2-6, 2009 and November 9-13, 2009; dates and locations will be finalized at the September 2009 Council meeting:
 - _____, 2009 in Charleston, SC (Hilton Garden Inn).
 - _____, 2009 in New Bern, NC (Bridge Pointe Hotel).
 - _____, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (Key Largo Grande).
 - _____, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (Doubletree Hotel).
 - _____, 2009 in Pooler, GA (Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
- √AA. Structure of hearings; Staff on location from 3-7 pm to present proposed actions and to answer questions; Council member to take public comments:
 - (1) Video all hearings/stream live on web. Send video to Council members along with briefing book.
 - (2) Distribute audio files as hearings are held; summary included in briefing book.
 - (3) Hearing chair statement for Amendment 18 ready by - _____.
 - (4) Staff presentation ready by - _____.
 - (5) Federal Register notice (Kim) by - _____.
- √BB. Public Hearing Locations: All Hearings run from 3-7 pm; see list of locations for Amendment 18.
- √CC. December Council meeting – Council reviews public comment and removes gag recreational allocation action from consideration.
- √DD. Amendment 18 IPT updated via email 12/16/09 and conference call scheduled for January 2010.

EE. March Council meeting – Council reviews Amendment and removes actions for snowy grouper and golden tilefish LAPPS. Includes additional actions for black sea bass to limit effort. Council may decide to take Amendment 18 back out to public hearings at June meeting. Action in Amendment 18 now include:

- Extend the range of the snapper-grouper FMP north
- Designate Essential Fish Habitat in new northern areas
- Limit participation in the golden tilefish fishery through the development of an endorsement program
- Modify management of the black sea bass pot fishery to limit effort and participation and reduce bycatch
- Change the golden tilefish fishing year
- Improve the accuracy, timing, and quantity of fisheries statistics.

FF. Public Hearing Draft Amendment 18/DEIS (and associated documents – e.g., public hearing summary and hearing chair statement).

- √ (1) SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions at the September 2009 meeting and sends revised document to TEAM & Perry Allen – fill in date ___/09. Done _____.
- (2) TEAM submits revised sections to Rick Devictor, including all revised economic and social analyses – by _____. Done _____.
- (3) Rick revises DEIS/Amendment and sends to Karla and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by _____. Done _____.
- (4) NMFS files DEIS with EPA – by _____. Note: DEIS needs to be published by _____ – comment period must end before ~~December 2009~~ meeting. Done _____.
- (5) Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by _____. Comment period to end on or before _____.
- (6) Science Center Certification Request sent. Done _____.
- (7) Science Center Certification received. Done _____.
- (8) EFH consultation completed. Done _____.
- (9) Interested parties letters sent out. Done _____.
- (10) Submitted to PPI for preliminary review. Done _____.
- (11) Submitted to PPI for final clearance. Done _____.
- (12) Issues Advisory cleared in HQ. Done _____.
- (13) NMFS SERO distributes to list in Amendment; done _____.
- (14) NMFS SERO keeps track of those who comment so they can be sent the FEIS; done _____.
- (15) NMFS SERO compiles DEIS comments and drafts proposed responses; done _____.
- (16) Compile all written and public hearing comments – by _____.

GG. NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by _____.

HH. Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Completed prior to the _____ Council meeting.

- II. Review informal & public hearing comments and DEIS comments and approves for formal review – _____ Council meeting.
- JJ. Amendment 18/FEIS completion:
 - (i)TEAM finalizes document (including revisions to FEIS and proposed rule from Perry Allen) – by _____.
 - (ii)Council staff finalizes document if necessary by _____.
- KK. Final Council review at _____ meeting if necessary.
- LL. Council staff finalizes document if necessary.
- MM. Council sends Amendment 18 to Secretary of Commerce by _____.
- NN. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- OO. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- PP. Notice of Availability of Amendment 18 published _____.
 - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on ____/10.
 - (2) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC
 - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
 - (4) Amendment approved on _____.
- QQ. Proposed Rule published _____.
 - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC
 - (2) Comments due by _____
- RR. Final Rule published _____.
 - (1) Send to Council, SG AP & SSC
 - (2) Implementation Date_____.

2010 Activities:

- A. March 1-5, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team.
 - (1) Obtain guidance on change in black sea bass fishing year.
- B. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by April 5th 2010.
- C. Revised document ready for 1st briefing book – May 11th 2010.
- D. June 6-11, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives and approve Amendment 18/EA for 2nd round of public hearings.
- E. Public hearings – August
 - (1) Locations (if black sea bass fishing year included, more hearings will be needed)
 - a. Canaveral area
 - b. Charleston
 - c. ???
 - (2) Federal Register Notice

- F. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – review public hearing input and approve for formal review.

6. Amendment 20 (Changes to the Wreckfish ITQ) – Kate & Rick

- 1) IPT Team members:
 - √a. SAFMC Team: Kate Quigley (SAFMC lead); Rick DeVictor, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); John Carmichael and Gregg Waugh.
 - √b. NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie, Mike Travis, Andy Strelcheck, and Janet Miller. Expected to include the following if the Council goes forward with the amendment: Otha Easley (OLE), David Dale (HCD), Karla Gore, Jack McGovern, Andy Herndon, and David Keys (NEPA).
 - √c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Jim Waters, Doug Vaughan and possibly one other.
 - √d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
 - √e. MAFMC - José L. Montañez
- 2) √NMFS and Council staff to hold a meeting to determine options to bring back to the Council in September. Council staff conducts an informal survey of shareholders regarding the wreckfish ITQ program and issues of concern they would like addressed.
- 3) √Snapper Grouper AP reviews Amendment 20 and recommends an ACL of 1.1 million pounds.
- 4) √NMFS and Council staffs develop a draft review of the wreckfish ITQ program that incorporates a survey of all shareholders able to be contacted. This is presented to the Council in September and the Council requests staff draft an agenda for a shareholders meeting to comment on the review and provide input on changes they would like to see made to the ITQ program.
- 5) √September Council meeting: Council reviews Amd 20 document and adds allocation action and requests staff to craft various suites of alternatives for several actions. Staff leads meet to craft options for December.
- 6) √December Council meeting: Staff provides the Council with suites of alternatives for requested actions to consider and revise. The Council requests a shareholder meeting to be held in January or shortly thereafter to receive feedback on changes considered to the wreckfish ITQ program.
- 7) √Amd 20 IPT informed of changes 12/16/09 and IPT conference call planned for January 15, 2010.

2009 Activities:

1. √NMFS File NOIs – January 9, 2009. Done January 27, 2009.
2. √NOI publishes – January 16, 2009. Done January 28, 2009.
3. √Thirty day comment period begins the date the NOI publishes.
4. √First Scoping Meeting - January 26, 2009.

5. ✓Draft scoping document by 1/15/09.
 6. ✓Distribute scoping document to the Team by 1/15/09. Schedule a Team call if needed.
 7. ✓Scoping meetings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 18:
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 - c. February 3, 2009 in Key Largo, FL (Key Largo Grande).
 - d. February 4, 2009 in Cocoa Beach, FL (Doubletree Hotel).
 - e. February 5, 2009 in Pooler, GA (Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum).
 8. ✓Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
 9. ✓Council reviews scoping comments and provides guidance to staff at March 2009 meeting.
 10. ✓Council review/modify amendment and options during March 2009 Council meeting.
 11. ✓Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send latest version (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting), Council motions, and list of changes made by the Council to Team by March 17th COB. Done 3/17/09.
 12. ✓Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 19th, 2009 at 10 am.
 - a. ✓Following this call, there will be a sub-group call to discuss wreckfish ITQ alternatives.
 - b. ✓Economists call March 23, 2009.
 13. ✓Team material due to Kate M./Kate Q./Rick by May 8th, 2009 (noon)
 14. ✓Kate Q./Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by May 12th, 2009 (noon)
 15. ✓Committee/Council review/modify (if necessary) amendment during June 2009 Council meeting.
 - a. SSC reviews at June 2009 meeting.
 16. ✓P. Kate M./Kate Q./Rick send the Summary of the Snapper Grouper Committee Report including the Committee motions by June 16th COB.
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- ✓V. IPT meeting – July 23rd, 2009.
- W. Team material due to Karla/Kate Q./Rick by August 14th, 2009 (noon):
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 - (2) Stephen to provide social analyses to Rick and Kate Q. by August 12th, 2009 (noon).

(3) Kate to provide commercial economic write-up and combine economic and social analyses by August 14th, 2009 (noon).

X. Rick to send amendment to Gregg for briefing book by August 18th, 2009 (noon)

2010 Activities: Draft timing; approval for public hearing could change from March 2011 to June 2011.

- A. ✓ March 1-5, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team. Council decides to remove the wreckfish ACL action from Amendment 20 and place in the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.
- B. ✓ March 29-30 Wreckfish Shareholders Meeting
- C. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – status report
- D. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by _____ 2010.
- E. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- F. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- G. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- H. Public hearings – May 2011
- I. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- J. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.

**7. Amendment 21 Comprehensive Catch Shares/Trip Limits
Amendment – Kate Q.**

(Vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, black sea bass, gag, greater amberjack, red grouper, and black grouper – trip limit actions, effort and participation reduction and endorsement actions, catch share program for quota species except snowy grouper. To include ITQ, cooperative, RFA, CDQ components, and regional or state by state quota analysis) - Kate

- A. IPT Members
- B. April – December 2010
 - (1) Data requests
 - (2) Outside staff assistance
 - (3) Staff/team work on analyses
 - (4) Status reports at each Council meeting
- C. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- D. Scoping – January/February 2011

8. *Amendment 22 (Long-term management of red snapper)- Rick*

- A. IPT Members
- B. The Council directed staff to develop a plan for preparing SG Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.
- C. Put together a list of possible members for an ad-hoc AP to aid in providing input for Amendment 22 and future plans for recovering fisheries.
- D. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- E. Scoping – January/February 2011

II. ECOSYSTEM

1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger*

Note: The FEP document has been prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This is the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT has been established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one is not needed for the FEP.

2009 Timeline and Development Items:

√The following hotels have been reserved for public hearings:

<p><u>January 26, 2009</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	<p><u>January 27, 2009</u> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
<p><u>February 3, 2009</u> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><u>February 4, 2009</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><u>February 5, 2009</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888</p>	

- √March 2-4, 2009 SSC Review; SSC review done through mail comments.
- √March 2-6, 2009 Committee/Council approve FEP for transmittal as a source document along with the CE-BA 1 for Secretarial Review. (Note: CE-BA 1 to be approved at June 2009 meeting.)
- March 12, 2009 Roger provides spiny lobster fishery section to Scott Zimmerman for comments.
- March 31, 2009 Comments due back from Scott
- March Roger addresses items raised by NMFS SERO
- March/April Roger provides final sections to Gregg in word for final review
- May 12, 2009 FEP Finalized and converted to PDF for inclusion on June briefing book CD. The FEP is now ready for inclusion as the source document along with the CE-BA 1 for Secretarial Review.

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Other FEP-related Meetings/Coordination (2010): ROGER TO UPDATE

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings/coordination are scheduled in 2009:

- 1) √SA Alliance Executive Planning Committee Meeting (First face to face meeting)
January 14 -15, 2009 Atlanta GA
- 2) √SECOORA Board of Directors Meeting
January 20, 2009 Tampa, FL
- 3) SECOORA Public Policy Committee
March 24, 2009
- 4) SARP Science Committee
May 4-6, 2009
- 5) Sea Grant South Atlantic Regional Research Advisory Group Meeting April 21-22, 2009 Savannah Georgia.
- 6) SECOORA Board of Directors and Member Committee Meetings Jacksonville, FL
May 12-14, 2009
- 7) SARP Steering Committee Meeting Athens, Ga
May 18-20, 2009
- 8) SEAMAP SA and Joint SA, GOM and Car Committee Meetings Charleston, SC
August 3-5, 2009
- 9) Ecopath 25 Years World Congress and Workshops Vancouver, BC
August 26-September 3, 2009

2. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 – Myra*

Team Members:

SAFMC Team – Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Roger Pugliese, Kate Quigley, and Gregg Waugh.
 NMFS SERO: Karla Gore (SF Lead – Process and Coordination), Janet Miller (Permits), Denise Johnson (Socio-Economics), Andrew Herndon (Protected Resources), Jack McGovern (SF – Science/Analytical), David Dale/Pace Wilber (Habitat), Kate Michie (SERO), Mandy Frick (SERO), Bill Arnold (SERO), and Otha Easley (OLE).
 NMFS SEFSC: Tom Jamir, Carlos Rivero, Joan Browder, Kate Andrews, and Mike Burton.
 NMFS HMS: Brad McHale with Chris Rilling as an alternate.
 NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello

2009 Activities:

- A. ✓ Send document to Team for review prior to filing DEIS with EPA.
- B. ✓ Public Hearings II for Draft CE-BA 1. To be held following December 2008 Council meeting. Hotels – the following hotels have been reserved.
- C.

<p><u>January 26, 2009</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	<p><u>January 27, 2009</u> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
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Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.

- D. ✓ 2nd Round Public Hearings Draft CE-BA 1/DEIS (associated material: video, public hearing summary and hearing chair statement).
 - 1) Structure of hearings; Staff on location from 3-7 pm to make presentations on hour and half-hour answer questions; Council member ready to take comments from 3-7 pm:
 - 2) ✓ Video tape all hearings. Let Council members know this is available.
 - 3) ✓ Minutes will not be transcribed. Digital audio files will be sent as a package after the last hearing is held; include summary in 1st briefing book (2/12/09).

- 4) √ Myra prepares hearing chair statement for CE-BA/FEP ready by – 1/16/09.
 - 5) √ Myra prepares staff presentation by – 1/16/09.
 - 6) √ Federal Register notice (Kim) by – 12/12/08. Done 12/16/08.
 - 7) √ “Save The Date” postcard announcements mailed. Done 12/21/08.
 - 8) √ Information posted to web site (Kim). Done 1/6/09.
 - 9) √ Sign-in sheets, etc. (Kim) by – 1/16/09.
 - 10) √ Myra completes summary for public hearing – by 1/16/09.
 - 11) √ Distribute CE-BA 1, post to web site and make 200 CDs [Note: FEP & CE-BA on Same CD with summary.] to take to meetings - by 1/21/09.
- E. √ NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by _____, 2009. Done November 5, 2009.
- F. √ Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Completed prior to the _____ Council meeting. Done November 30, 2009.
- G. √ Review informal & 2nd round public hearing comments, AP comments, SSC comments, and EA/DEIS comments and approves final document for formal review at March 2-6, 2009 meeting. Note: The DEIS was not filed prior to the March 2009 meeting so the Council reviewed comments from the 2nd round of hearings, AP comments, and SSC comments. They approved the actions in the document without making any changes.
- 1) SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions and sends revised document to Team - by 3/12/09. Done.
 - 2) GC and NEPA (David Keys) review of Document by 3/16/09. GC comments not received.
 - 3) Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by 3/31/09. Done.
 - 4) Myra revises DEIS/CE-BA 1 and proposed rule for Submission and sends to NMFS SERO and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by 3/25/09. Done.
- NOTE: DEIS to be filed in June 2009. Done 7/17/09.
- 5) DEIS publishes 7/24/09.
 - 6) DEIS comment period ends 9/8/09.
 - 7) Team addresses comments as they are received
 - 8) Revised DEIS/CE-BA 1 included in briefing book for September meeting on _____.
- NOTE: DEIS not filed prior to June 2009 meeting. Council reviewed revised document and approved the DEIS for filing at June 2009 meeting. Myra sent revised DEIS to NMFS on 6/15/09.
- H. Review DEIS comments and approves final document for formal review at September 14-18, 2009 meeting.
- 1) Council takes final action on FEIS/CE-BA 1 September 14-18, 2009 meeting in Charleston, SC.
 - 2) Council sends FEIS/CE-BA 1 and proposed rule to SERO by _October 23, 2009_____. Note: NMFS HQ will begin their review after NOAA GC completes their review. All groups must clear the FEIS for it to be filed.
 - 3) Proposed Rule filed on _____.

- 4) NMFS files FEIS with EPA – by 12/4/09. Note: FEIS needs to be published by 12/11/09. Done Publish December 11, 2009.
- 5) CZMA consistency letters sent 11/5/09
- I. Council sends the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 (and FEP) to Secretary of Commerce by _____
- J. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- K. Notice of Availability published _____.
- 1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on _____/09.
- 2) Send to Habitat, Coral, Golden Crab, Deepwater Shrimp APs & SSC.
- 3) Post to website; Kim any additional publicity?
- 4) Proposed rule distributed for comment.
- 5) Amendment approved, partially approved, or disapproved on _____.
- 6) Final Rule approved on _____.
- L. GMFMC approval at August 2009 meeting.

Revised 2009 Activities:

- A. ✓NMFS conducts CZM Consistency Determination by November 5, 2009
- B. ✓Initiate Section 7 Consultation. Begin as soon as public hearing document is ready. Determination signed Nov 30, 2009 (Made determination that no Section 7 Consultation was needed)
- C. ✓Review informal & 2nd round public hearing comments, AP comments, SSC comments, and EA/DEIS comments and approves final document for formal review at March 2-6, 2009 meeting. Note: The DEIS was not filed prior to the March 2009 meeting so the Council reviewed comments from the 2nd round of hearings, AP comments, and SSC comments. They approved the actions in the document without making any changes.
 - 1) ✓SAFMC staff revise document based on Committee & Council actions and sends revised document to Team - by 3/12/09. Done.
 - 2) ✓GC and NEPA (David Keys) review of Document by 3/16/09. GC comments not received.
 - 3) ✓Draft Proposed Rule due from Perry Allen by 3/31/09. Done.
 - 4) ✓Myra revises DEIS/CE-BA 1 and proposed rule for Submission and sends to NMFS SERO and Monica Smit-Brunello via email and overnight CD – by 3/25/09. Done.

NOTE: DEIS to be filed in June 2009.

- 5) ✓DEIS publishes by July 24, 2009
- 6) ✓DEIS comment period ends September 8, 2009.
- 7) ✓Team addresses comments as they are received
- 8) ✓Revised DEIS/CE-BA 1 included in briefing book for September meeting on August 22, 2009.

NOTE: DEIS not file prior to June 2009 meeting. Council reviewed revised document and approved the DEIS for filing at June 2009 meeting. Myra sent revised DEIS to NMFS on 6/15/09.

- D. ✓Review DEIS comments and approves final document for formal review at September 14-18, 2009 meeting.

- 1) Council takes final action on FEIS/CE-BA 1 September 14-18, 2009 meeting in Charleston, SC.
 - 2) Council sends FEIS/CE-BA 1 and proposed rule to SERO by October 23, 2009. Note: NMFS HQ will begin their review after NOAA GC completes their review. All groups must clear the FEIS for it to be filed.
 - √3) Proposed Rule filed on __3/2/10. 4) NMFS files with EPA by 12/4/09.
 - 5) CZMA consistency letters sent __11/5/09_____
- E. Council sends the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 (and FEP) to Secretary of Commerce – done 10/23/2009.
- √F. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as __2/26/10_____.
- √G. Notice of Availability of FEIS
- √1) Published December 11, 2009.
 - √2) FEIS comment period ends on January 11, 2010.
 - 3) Send to Habitat, Coral, Golden Crab, Deepwater Shrimp APs & SSC.
 - 4) Post to website; Kim any additional publicity?
- H. Amendment document
- √1) Notice of Availability of Amendment published March 4, 2010.
 - 2) Comment period on Amendment ends on May 3, 2010.
 - 3) Decision date June 2, 2010.
 - 4) Send to Habitat, Coral, Golden Crab, Deepwater Shrimp APs & SSC.
 - 5) Post to website; Kim any additional publicity?
- I. Proposed Rule
- √1) Proposed rule published on March 26, 2010
 - √2) Comment period ends on May 10, 2010
 - √3) Send to Habitat, Coral, Golden Crab, Deepwater Shrimp APs & SSC.
 - √4) Post to website; Kim any additional publicity?
 - √(5) Science Center Certification Request sent on 11/4/09.
 - (6) Science Center Certification received on _____.
 - √(7) EFH consultation completed on 11/30/09.
 - √(8) Interested parties letters sent out on 7/24/09.
 - √(9) Submitted to PPI for preliminary review on 7/1/09.
 - √(10) Submitted to PPI for final clearance on 11/9/09.
 - √(11) Issues Advisory cleared in HQ on 11/16/09.
- J. Amendment approved, partially approved, or disapproved on _____.
- K. Final Rule approved on _____.
- Final Rule publishes on _____.
- Final Rule implemented on _____.

3. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 – Myra*

Items to be included thus far:

- Update Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and EFH-Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs) as required by the Final Rule;
- Modify the limited take of octocorals, octocoral reporting, and possibly establish a lease program;
- Possibly allow harvest of the erect forms of corky seafingers and encrusting gorgonians (*Briareum sp.* and *Erythropodium sp.* respectively);
- Possibly establish a permit system to harvest the invasive orange cup coral (*Tubestrea coccinea*).
- Evaluate habitat impacts from wreckfish fishing gear and “deep-dropping.”

Revised to include the following:

1. Establish Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) for octocorals in the South Atlantic.
2. Establish an Overfishing Level (OFL) for octocorals in the South Atlantic.
3. Establish Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for octocorals in the South Atlantic.
4. Establish an Allowable Catch Limit (ACL) for octocorals in the South Atlantic.
5. Establish Accountability Measures (AMs) for octocorals in the South Atlantic.
6. Modify the existing Live Rock Aquaculture program to allow harvest of octocorals.
7. Transfer management authority of the octocoral fishery to the State of Florida.
8. Allow harvest of the exotic stony coral *Tubastrea coccinea*.
9. Amend Council FMPs as needed to designate new or modify existing EFH and EFH-HAPCs.
10. Require that all harvest with the use of all non-prohibited fishing gear in Special Management Zones in South Carolina be limited to the recreational bag limit.

A. Appoint Team

- a. Council Team – Myra Brouwer (Council Lead), Kate Quigley (Economic impacts), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
- b. NMFS Team – Karla Gore (Lead); Nikhil Mehta, Kate Michie, Bill Aronold, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist; providing constructive comments and minor word-smithing where appropriate but no new data or analyses); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist); Mike Burton (SEFSC); David Dale (HCD); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
- c. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

~~B. NOI to publish in FR by _____.~~ NOI published on _____.

a. ~~(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 2 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 2 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the September Council meeting and NMFS will conduct additional scoping at the December Council meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC)~~

- C. ✓ Draft MSA scoping document. Done.
- D. ✓ Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team. Done. Schedule a Team call if needed.
- E. ✓ MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 2. To be held following December 2008 Council meeting. Hotels – the following hotels have been reserved.

<p><u>January 26, 2009</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	<p><u>January 27, 2009</u> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
<p><u>February 3, 2009</u> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><u>February 4, 2009</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><u>February 5, 2009</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888</p>	

- F. ✓ Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
- G. ✓ Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2009 meeting.
- H. ✓ Myra drafts options paper and distributes to Team by 3/23/09
- I. ✓ Team provides edits to Myra by 4/10/09
- J. ✓ Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution. Done.
- K. ✓ Myra revises CE-BA 2 options paper and provides to Team by 4/22/09
- L. ✓ Team comments back to Myra by 5/6/09
- M. ✓ Options Paper to Gregg for BB by 5/12/09
- N. ✓ Committee/Council revises Options Paper at June 8-12 meeting and provides directions to staff
- O. ✓ Staff revises Options Paper according to guidance
- P. ✓ BB version ready by August 21, 2009
- Q. ✓ Coral AP meeting early September – comments from AP summarized for BB.
- R. ✓ Committee/Council revises Options Paper at September 2009 meeting and provides directions to staff
- S. ✓ Staff revises Options Paper according to guidance

- T. √Team reviews Options Paper and provides comments to Myra by October 16, 2009
- U. √Options Paper ready for BB by November 17, 2009
- V. √Committee/Council revises Options Paper at December 2009 meeting and provides direction to staff

2010 Activities:

- A. √CE-BA 2 IPT meeting scheduled for 1/12/10.
- B. √Myra edits Options Paper according to Committee guidance by February 1, 2010
- C. √Draft amendment reviewed at March 2010 Council meeting
- D. SSC provides fishing level recommendations for octocorals at their April 2010 meeting.
- E. Council reviews SSC recommendations and draft amendment and provides guidance to staff during June 7-11, 2010 meeting.
- F. Council reviews draft amendment and provides guidance to staff during September 12-16, 2010 meeting.
- G. CE-BA 2 approved for public hearings at December 2010 meeting
- H. Public hearings January/February 2011.

III. MACKEREL

1. Amendment 18 - Gregg

TEAM LEADS: Gregg Waugh(SAFMC Lead)/Rick Leard (GMFMC Lead)/Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead) (Boundary/Mixing, Permits, & Separate FMP).

AT JUNE 2007 MEETING, THE SAFMC DEFERRED FURTHER ACTION UNTIL THE RESULTS OF SEDAR 16 BECOME AVAILABLE (LATE 2008; King mackerel review workshop 8/4-8/08 and Spanish mackerel review workshop 10/20/08-10/24/08; both would be reviewed by SSC at 12/08 meeting). AT THE MARCH 2009 MEETING, THE SAFMC APPROVED A MOTION TO PREPARE A JOINT AMENDMENT WITH THE GMFMC TO ADDRESS THE NEW REAUTHORIZED MSA REQUIREMENTS.

- A. √NMFS SERO prepares Notice of intent to prepare an EIS; Done _____.
 - a. SAFMC Staff comments on notice; done _____.
 - b. NMFS SERO files NOI; Done 1/22/08.
- B. √Establish an Interdisciplinary Team:
 - a. SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead) and Kate Quigley.
 - b. GMFMC – Rick Leard, GMFMC & Council Lead.
 - c. NMFS SERO – Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead), John Vondruska (Economist); David Dale (HCD), Kate Michie, Karla Gore, Nikhil Mehta (NMFS), Otha Easley (OLE), Jennie Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS PR), Mike Jepson (Anthropologist) and David Keys (NEPA).
 - d. NMFS SEFSC – Mauricio Ortiz.
 - e. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

NEW TIMING AND ACTIONS FOR JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC MACKEREL AMENDMENT 18 (R-MSA REQUIREMENTS)

2009 Activities:

Potential Actions

- I. GMFMC
 - a. OFL & ABC from SSC for Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel, Gulf Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Gulf of Mexico). The Gulf SSC has recommended setting the interim OFL for Gulf group king mackerel based on the yield at $F_{30\%SPR}$ and setting the interim ABC based on 85% of the $F_{30\%SPR}$ yield based on the assumption of a 50/50 mix of Atlantic and Gulf group king mackerel in the existing mixing zone.
 - b. ACL for Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel, Gulf Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Gulf of Mexico).
 - c. Management measures to prevent ACL from being exceeded.
- II. SAFMC
 - a. OFL & ABC from SSC for Atlantic Migratory Group king mackerel, Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Atlantic). The Atlantic

SSC has not addressed non-overfishing species, however, they plan to begin at their June 2009 meeting.

- b. ACL for Atlantic Migratory Group king mackerel, Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish mackerel & cobia (in the Atlantic).
- c. Management measures to prevent ACL from being exceeded; this will continue to include the northern zone of the Gulf Migratory Group king mackerel after the Gulf Council specifies the quota.

III. GMFMC/SAFMC – JOINT ITEMS

- a. Establish a Gulf Migratory Group and Atlantic Migratory Group of Cobia.
- b. Data – any changes to data collection as necessary.
- c. Framework – update to include SEDAR and adding OFL, ABC, ACL, and possibly ACT to the list of items that can be changed.

STEPS TO COMPLETE AMENDMENT

- A. ✓Conference call on 3/12/09. The Council chairs, mackerel committee chairs, staff and possibly NOAA GC to discuss whether there is a need to hold an in-person joint committee meeting.
- B. ✓Council staff to work on options paper for June meetings.
- C. ✓Councils review draft options paper/scoping document – SAFMC June 7-12, 2009 meeting and GMFMC June 15-18, 2009 meeting.
- D. ✓SAFMC already completed scoping in January/February 2009. GMFMC to scope after their June 2009 meeting.
- E. SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations. Note: This is the same approach that the South Atlantic SSC attempted to use but NMFS SERO objected and the SSC pulled their recommendation. The South Atlantic SSC may provide their recommendation in June 2009 or December 2009.
- F. Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - _____
- G. NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - _____
- H. Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA ready for public hearings - _____
- I. Public Hearings - _____
- J. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document - _____
- K. Review and approve final document – by South Atlantic Council’s September or December 2011 meeting and the Gulf Councils _____.

2010 Activities:

An Inter-Disciplinary Team (IPT) has been formed:

- A. SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead) and Kate Quigley.
- B. GMFMC – Rick Leard, GMFMC & Council Lead.
- C. NMFS SERO – Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead), Steve Branstetter, John Vondruska (Economist); David Dale (HCD), Kate Michie, Karla Gore, Nikhil Mehta, Tracy Dunn (OLE), Jennifer Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS PR), Karen Burns, and David Keys (NEPA).
- D. NMFS SEFSC – Mauricio Ortiz.
- E. NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes.

Timing:

- 1. √IPT Meeting January 14, 2010
- 2. Options Paper/Draft Amendment – March & June 2010
- 3. Approve for public hearings – August/September 2010
- 4. Hearings – October/November 2010
- 5. Currently EA. If EIS, NMFS Files DEIS – October; comment period ends prior to December 2010
- 6. Review public hearing input and approve actions – December 2010 and January 2011
- 7. Final review of complete document and final approval – March and April 2011
- 8. Send to Secretary of Commerce – April 2011

Specific steps in 2010 and 2011:

- A. √IPT meeting – 1/14/2010
- B. SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations. The South Atlantic SSC will provide their recommendations after their April 20-22, 2010 meeting.
- C. Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - _____
 - a. GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4, April 12-15, and June 14-17, 2010
 - b. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Committee meeting – June 8, 2010 from 8:30 am – 3 pm
 - c. SAFMC reviews and provides input – March 1-5 and June 7-11, 2010
- D. NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - _____. Currently EA.
- E. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA and approve for public hearings –
 - a. GMFMC – August 16-19, 2010 in Pensacola, FL
 - b. SAFMC – September 13-17, 2010 in Charleston, SC
- F. Public Hearings – October/November 2010
- G. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
 - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 in TX
 - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- H. Review and approve final document –
 - a. GMFMC – April 11-4, 2011 in Orange Beach, AL

- b. SAFMC – March 7-11, 2011 in GA
- I. Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA or EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – April 2011.
- E. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- F. Notice of Availability of Amendment 17B published _____.
 (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on ____/10.
 (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
 (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
 (4) Amendment approved on _____.
- G. Proposed Rule published _____.
 (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
 (2) Comments due by _____
- H. Final Rule published _____.
 (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC

2. Allocation of Commercial Quota- will be addressed if necessary in Amendment 18.

- A. Scoping
 - a. Notice of Intent – Rick to draft by _____; NMFS to publish by _____;
 i. Published in FR on _____. See Item B below.
 - b. Scope at December 2007 Council meeting.
- B. Other scoping in February 2008.
- C. Other Scoping
 - a. Approve for scoping – December 3-7, 2007 meeting.
 - b. NOI
 - i. (i) Rick to draft by 12/13/07. SAFMC staff changes sent to NMFS on 1/10/08.
 - ii. (ii) NMFS to review, revise and publish in FR by _____.
 1. Published in FR on 1/22/08.
 - c. Scope in February 2008 (along with Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 & 18 Scoping; and Comprehensive Allocation Amendment Scoping).
 - i. NOI for all items – Rick provided draft material to SERO; reviewed notices on 1/9/08.
 - ii. Meeting locations – Cindy; done 1/9/08.
 - iii. [Scoping meeting hours all run 2 – 5 pm & 6 – 8 pm]

<p><u>Monday, February 4, 2008</u> The Mutiny Hotel 2951 South Bayshore Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 Phone: 305-441-2100</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</u> Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920 Phone: 321-784-0000</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2008</u> Quality Inn 125 Venure Drive Brunswick, Georgia 31525 Phone: 912-265-4600</p>	<p><u>Thursday, February 7, 2008</u> Sheraton New Bern 100 Middle Street New Bern, North Carolina 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585</p>

<p><u>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 294 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	
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- i. ✓Federal Register Notice – Kim; done 1/9/08.
 - ii. ✓Scoping Documents
 - iii. ✓Staff presentations
 - iv. ✓Transcribe scoping comments ASAP for inclusion in 2nd briefing book on February 25, 2008.
 - v.
- D. ✓Options on commercial allocation and final results from SEDAR assessment reviewed at December 2008 meeting. The Council approved motions to address king and Spanish mackerel changes (TAC, quotas, bag limits, etc.) through the Comprehensive ACL Amendment and approved a list of items to be scoped for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.

3. *Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 20*

- A. Potential items: Adjustments to management unit, dealer permit, and other changes as indicated in the scoping document (including item requested by MAFMC).
- B. List of items from SAFMC decision document.

IV. SPINY LOBSTER AMENDMENT 10 – Gregg

The Gulf and South Atlantic Councils will prepare a joint amendment to meet the new Reauthorized MSA requirements.

Potential Actions

Modifications to tailing permit; modifications to regulations that consider undersized spiny lobster as attractants; modify the Council/State of Florida process; delegate management to the State of Florida.

STEPS:

- A. ✓NMFS SERO determines whether an EA or EIS is required. If EIS, NMFS prepares Notice of intent to prepare an EIS; Done 1/28/09. Spiny lobster was included in the Comp. ACL NOI published [74 FR 4943, January 28, 2009]. See excerpt below. Seems OK, need to check with GC to ensure this is adequate.

From FR notice: Additionally, the Comprehensive ACL Amendment may address several issues concerning the spiny lobster fishery such as, trap impacts on staghorn and elkhorn corals, tailing permits, and the Federal 50–short rule that allows retention of undersized spiny lobster to be used as live attractants.

- a. ✓SAFMC Staff comments on notice; done _____.
 - b. ✓NMFS SERO files NOI; Done 1/28/09.
 - c. ✓Scoping completed January-February 2009.
- B. ✓Establish an Interdisciplinary Team (Gregg/Steve):
- a. SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC & Council Lead) and Kate Quigley.
 - b. GMFMC – Rick Leard (GMFMC Lead).
 - c. NMFS SERO – Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead); Denise Johnson (Economist); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist); David Dale (HCD); Kate Michie, Karla Gore, and Nik Mehta (NMFS); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (NMFS PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
 - d. **NMFS SEFSC** – _____
 - e. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
- C. ✓Conference call with Florida staff and Council staff to determine timing for next spiny lobster assessment/update.
- D. Draft Timing:
- 1) SSC provides ABC – The South Atlantic SSC may provide their recommendation in June 2009 or December 2009. SSC will discuss ABC control rules for data poor species in April 2010.
 - 2) Options paper considered by Council - _____
 - 3) Draft Amendment prepared by South Atlantic staff with assistance from NMFS staff - _____

- 4) NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - _____
- 5) Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA ready for public hearings - _____
- 6) Public Hearings - _____
- 7) Review public comments and provide final guidance on document - _____
- 8) Review and approve final document – by South Atlantic Council’s September or December 2011 meeting _____.

ADD MISSING 2009????

2010 Activities:

An Inter-Disciplinary Team (IPT) has been formed:

- a. SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC & Council Lead).
- b. GMFMC – Carrie Simmons (GMFMC Lead) and Rick Leard.
- c. NMFS SERO – Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead); Denise Johnson (Economist); David Dale (HCD); Kate Michie, Karla Gore, and Nikhil Mehta (NMFS); Otha Easley (OLE); Andy Herndon (NMFS PR); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), and David Keys (NEPA).
- d. **NMFS SEFSC – _____** Waiting for SEFSC to make appointment(s).
- e. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
- f. Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish & Wildlife Research Institute – Bill Sharp

Timing - draft

1. Options Paper – February/March/April 2010
2. Joint SA/GM Committee/AP meeting – June 7, 2010 in Orlando, FL
3. Options Paper/Draft Amendment – June 2010
4. Draft Amendment – September 2010
5. Approve for public hearings – December 2010
6. Hearings – January/February 2011
7. NMFS Files DEIS – January; comment period ends prior to June 2011
8. Review public hearing input and approve actions – March 2011
9. Final review of complete document and final approval – June 2011
10. Send to Secretary of Commerce – June 2011

Specific steps in 2010 and 2011:

- A. √IPT meeting – 1/21/2010
- B. Draft Amendment prepared by SAFMC staff (Gregg Waugh) with assistance from NMFS staff (Susan Gerhart) and GMFMC staff (Carrie Simmons):
 - a. GMFMC reviews and provides input:
 - i. √February 1-4 and
 - ii. June 14-17, 2010
 - b. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic APs and Committees – June 7, 2010 from 8:30 am – 5 pm
 - c. SAFMC reviews and provides input – June 7-11, 2010
- C. √NMFS determined an EIS is necessary due to coral ESA issues and prepares appropriate notices.
- D. SEDAR Update complete and sent to SSC – October 18, 2010
- E. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 15-19, 2010
- F. SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
- G. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS and approve for public hearings –
 - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 TX
 - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- H. Public Hearings – April 2011
- I. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
 - a. GMFMC – June 13-16, 2011 in FL
 - b. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in FL
- J. Review and approve final document –
 - a. GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011 LA
 - b. SAFMC – September 12-16, 2011 in SC
- K. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – September 2011.
- L. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as _____.
- M. Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 published _____.
 - a. Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on ____/11.
 - b. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - c. Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
 - d. Amendment approved on _____
- N. Proposed Rule published _____.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by _____
- O. Final Rule published _____.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC

V. SHRIMP – Myra

1. Amendment 7

√Establish an Interdisciplinary Team (Gregg/Steve):

- a. SAFMC – Myra Brouwer (Coral issues & SAFMC Lead), Roger Pugliese (EFH), Rick DeVictor (NEPA issues), Kate Quigley, John Carmichael, and Gregg Waugh..
- b. NMFS SERO – Mike Travis (NMFS Lead & Economist); Steve Branstetter with Susan Gerhart as designee, Kate Michie (SF), Jennifer lee (PR), and Brent Stoffle (SEFSC Social Scientist).
- c. NMFS SEFSC – Rick Hart (SEFSC Galveston Lab).
- d. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

2009 Activities:

- A. √NMFS Declares Transmit Date of May 22, 2009.
- B. √Notice of Availability for Shrimp Amendment 7 published 6/1/09.
 - 1) √Comments on Amendment 7 due no later than 5 pm EST on 7/31/09.
 - 2) √Send to Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp APs and SSC.
 - 3) √Post to website; Kim any additional publicity?
 - 4) √Proposed rule published on 6/24/09; comments due 7/24/09.
 - 5) √Distribute proposed rule for comment.
 - 6) √Amendment approved on August 19, 2009.
 - 7) √Final Rule published on October 1, 2009; effective on January 27, 2010.

2. Future Shrimp Issues (for the next shrimp amendment)

- A. Add Royal Red Shrimp to the FMU.
- B. Develop SFA parameters for royal red shrimp.
- C. Remove limited access program for rock shrimp fishery.
- D. Modify protocol for states to request concurrent closure of the EEZ during severe winter weather to expedite the process.
- E. Revise MSST proxy for pink shrimp.
- F. Measures to reduce takes of smalltooth sawfish.

SHRIMP ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION

- A. Survey finalized by SEFSC. 20-30% of shrimpers will be selected annually to participate.
- B. Survey begins April 2010.

VI. COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT (ACL) AMENDMENT

Species to be included and principal SAFMC staff:

1. Snapper Grouper (ACL related issues for non-overfishing species including wreckfish) – Rick; Gregg to help with wreckfish
2. Golden Crab (ACL related issues; LAPP issues in separate amendment) – Gregg
3. Sargassum (ACL related issues) - Myra
4. Dolphin Wahoo (ACL related issues) – Gregg
5. Shrimp (SDC, MSY, OY, ABC and ABC control rule related issues) not ACLs

Steps

1. Scoping

- A. ✓ Approve for scoping at the December 2008 meeting:
- B. NOI to publish in FR by _____. NOI published on _____.
 - 1) ✓ Kate distribute draft NOIs to Jack and Council staff - by Monday, December 15, 2008 noon. Done December 30, 2008.
 - 2) ✓ Comments back to Kate by Wednesday, December 17, 2008 noon. Done January 5, 2009.
 - 3) **Internal NMFS Review**
 - 4) ✓ NMFS File NOIs - January 9, 2009. Done 1/16/09.
 - 5) ✓ NOI publishes - January 16, 2009. Done 1/22/09.
 - 6) ✓ Thirty day comment period begins the date the NOI publishes; 1/22 – 2/22/09.
 - 7) ✓ First Scoping Meeting - January 26, 2009.
 - 8) ✓ Last Scoping Meeting – February 5, 2009.
- C. Scope during weeks of January 26-30, 2009 and February 2-5, 2009.

<p><u>January 26, 2009</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. N. Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	<p><u>January 27, 2009</u> Bridge Pointe Hotel 101 Howell Road New Bern, North Carolina 28582 Phone: 252-636-3637</p>
<p><u>February 3, 2009</u> Key Largo Grande 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><u>February 4, 2009</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><u>February 5, 2009</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Ave. Pooler, Georgia 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888</p>	

- D. Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 6, 2009.
- 2. Appoint Team Members
TEAM LEADS: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead)
 - A. SAFMC: Rick DeVictor (SAFMC Lead); Myra Brouwer (Coral issues); Roger Pugliese (EFH/Ecosystem); Kate Quigley (Economics); and John Carmichael.
 - B. NMFS Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead) and Jack McGovern; Karla Gore (SERO); Kate Michie (SERO); David Dale (HCD); Otha Easley (OLE); Andy Herndon (PR); David Keys (NEPA); Jim Berkson (NOAA RTR Unit, Virginia Tech); Mike Jepson (NMFS Anthropologists); and Mike Travis (Economist). **NMFS is determining whether additional NMFS staff will be added for dolphin/wahoo, golden crab, coral, Sargassum, and wreckfish.**
 - C. NMFS SEFSC – Jim Berkson
 - D. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- 3. Committee/Council review scoping comments and options paper at:
 - √A. March 2009 meeting. At June 2009 meeting. The committee will evaluate the criteria for designating ecosystem species. Tables will be provided ranking level of landings by species from high to low from headboat, MRFSS, logbook, and ALS databases. Existing state regulations will also be compiled.

Based on actions by the Council at the March 2009 meeting, SSC timing, and staff workload, the following revised timeline is suggested: **Note: This has been updated as of December 2009.**

- 1. √Staff/Team prepare analyses of ecosystem species designation by May 12, 2009.
- 2. √Committee/Council review and provide guidance – June 2009 meeting
- 3. √Staff/Team continue to work on draft amendment document during 2009.
- 4. √Committee/Council review and provide guidance during 2009.
- 5. SSC provides OFL/ABC recommendations by April 2010.
- 6. Committee/Council review and provide guidance – June & September 2010 meeting.
- 7. Approve document for public hearings – December 2010.
- 8. Public hearings & DEIS review – January/February 2011.
- 9. Committee/Council review public hearing input and approve actions – April 2011.
- 10. Committee/Council review and approve final document – June 2011.
- 11. SAFMC submits Amendment Comprehensive ACL Amendment for formal Secretarial review – June 2011.
- 12. NMFS implements during 2011 fishing year.

ADD MISSING 2009 ITEMS

- √E. Team Conference Call - 10/29/09
- √F. December Council meeting – 12/7/09 – 12/11/09

- √G. Send committee reports and with motions to Comp. ACL Team – by 12/17/09

2010 ACTIVITIES

- A. √Team Conference Call – January 13, 2010
- B. √Team SECTIONS due to Team leads by February 16 COB.
- √C. March 2-6, 2010 Council Meeting. Council review alternatives in the Amendment.
- √D. Nik/Rick send latest version of options paper (including any revisions made by the Council at the meeting) and Amendment timeline to the Team by March 15, 2010 COB.
- √E. Team Conference call to discuss actions and amendment timing – March 23, 2010 at 2 PM
- F. April 20-22, 2010 – SSC develops ABC control rules for data poor species and provides ABC recommendations.
- G. Team material due to Nik/Rick – noon on May 5, 2010
- H. Briefing book material to Gregg Waugh – COB May 11, 2010
- I. First Briefing Book mailed – May 20, 2010
- J. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting. Council reviews SSC input, alternatives and provides guidance.
- K. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting. Council reviews Draft Amendment and chooses preferred alternatives.
- L. December 5-10, 2010 Council meeting. Council reviews Amendment and approves for public hearings.
- M. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions.
- N. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting. Council reviews complete document and approves for formal review by Secretary of Commerce.
- O. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – by June 29, 2011.

VII. GOLDEN CRAB LAP AMENDMENT

1. AP subgroup to get together three times between now and September to develop a LAP draft design and present it to the Golden Crab Committee/LAP Committee/Council in September 2009.
2. Staff present the Council with an options paper in September 2009.
3. Council approve for scoping in September 2009.
4. Scope for a Golden Crab LAP Amendment in November 2009.
5. Present the Council with a draft document in December 2009/March 2010.

2010 Activities: Draft timing; approval for public hearing could change from March 2011 to June 2011.

- A. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team.
- B. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by _____ 2010.
- C. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- D. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- E. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- F. Public hearings – May 2011
- G. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- H. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.

VIII. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

1. *January 7, 2010 Webinar*

- A. Options for deriving ABC from landings
- B. Data needs for April 2010 for deriving ABC

2. *SSC Meeting – April 20-22, 2010*

9 am April 20 – 4 pm April 22.

Charleston

- A. Black and Red Grouper Assessments
- B. ABC Recommendations for and reviews of:
 - (i) Comprehensive ACL
 - (ii) SG 17A, 18 and 20
 - (iii) King & Spanish Mackerel and Cobia 18
 - (iv) CEBA 2

3. *November 8-10, 2010*

9 am November 8 – 4 pm November 10

Charleston SC

NOTE: Recommendation of SSC, made prior to change in Red Snapper Update completion. ADVISE consultation with SSC, preferably during Jan 7 webinar, not later than April meeting.

- C. Ongoing amendments
- D. Red Snapper SEDAR Benchmark
- E. Spiny Lobster Update

4. *November 15-19, 2010*

Subset to meet with Gulf SSC to review Goliath & Spiny Lobster SEDAR assessment results

5. *March & October 2011 timeframe*

Time TBD

Charleston SC

- A. Black Sea Bass Update
- B. Snowy Grouper Update

IX. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1st full week in March; (2) 2nd full week in June; (3) 3rd week in September; and (4) 1st full week in December.]

A. March 1-5, 2010

~~Jekyll Island Club Hotel
371 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA 31527
Phone: 1-800-535-9547 or 912-635-2600/Fax: 912-635-2818~~

B. June 6-11, 2010

Renaissance Orlando Hotel Airport
5445 Forbes Place
Orlando, Florida 32812
Phone: 1-800-545-1985 or 407-240-1000/Fax: 407-240-1005

C. September 13-17, 2010

The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29403
Phone: 1-800-968-3569 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-3000

D. December 5-10, 2010

Sheraton New Bern
100 Middle Street
New Bern, NC 28562
Phone: 1-800-326-3745 or 252-638-3585/Fax: 252-638-8112

E. March 7-11, 2011 – Georgia

F. June 13-17, 2011 – Florida

G. September 12-16, 2011 – South Carolina

H. December 5-9, 2011 – North Carolina

X. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING

A. Snapper Grouper – Rick

1. ✓ [Letter to the Secretary of Commerce addressing: ACLs, data delivery systems, economic impacts]. Done 4/6/10.
2. ✓ Letter to NMFS requesting emergency wreckfish action. Done.
3. ✓ Letter to ACCSP requesting presentation
4. ✓ Letter to NMFS SEFSC requesting presentations
5. Directed staff to develop a plan for preparing SG Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.
6. Others?

B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Myra/Roger

- (1) South Carolina's intent to limit harvest and possession in Special Management Zones to the recreational bag limit should apply to all relevant managed species, not just snapper grouper species.
- (2) Consider adding an action to CE-BA 2 to modify the framework under the Coral FMP
- (3) Continue to include Action 8 in CE-BA 2 (possibly allow harvest of orange cup coral) and revisit issue at the June meeting.
- (4) Revise the draft SAFMC invasive species policy and obtain input from the Coral and Habitat Advisory Panels. Revise the policy and prepare a second draft for the June Council meeting.

C. Catch Share Programs – Kate

- 1) Update current factsheets on catch shares
- 2) Create Lessons Learned Factsheet
- 3) Draft letter commenting on NOAA catch share policy
- 4) Apply wreckfish options paper skeleton to an options paper for vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, red snapper, black seabass and consider shallow water groupers, deep water groupers categories. Consider ways for NOAA to assist in this task.
- 5) Staff analysis of trip limits for most or the entire season for black sea bass and vermilion as possible interim measures by the June meeting.

D. Golden Crab – Kate/Gregg

- 1) Note: the ACL/AM actions for golden crab should be considered for moving to the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.

E. Mackerel – Gregg

- (1) ✓SEND LETTER TO GMFMC REQUESTING THE SAFMC GET REPRESENTATION ON THEIR KING MACKEREL LAPP AD HOC AP [DIRECTION TO STAFF TO WORK WITH BEN HARTIG AND GET 3 INDIVIDUALS AND NAME 2 WITH 1 ALTERNATE]. Done 4/7/10.
- (2) ✓REQUEST THE GULF COUNCIL THAT WE ESTABLISH A JOINT MACKEREL COMMITTEE MEETING. Done via discussions with GMFMC staff. At their April meeting, the Gulf Council approved a joint meeting for June 2010.
- (3) DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK WITH GULF STAFF TO STRUCTURE THE AMENDMENT 18 DOCUMENT WITH THE MSY, OY, AND ABC/ABC CONROL RULE ACTIONS AND ORDER BY COUNCIL ACTION (JOINT ACTIONS, THEN GULF ACTIONS, AND FOLLOWED BY SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ACTIONS).

F. Dolphin Wahoo – Gregg; nothing – waiting on SSC input.

G. Shrimp

- (1) Research how other states, particularly Texas, handles closures due to severe winter weather to use as possible guidance to an amendment of the Shrimp FMP regarding this issue.
- (2) Work with the Shrimp Review Panel to evaluate fishery-independent surveys to replace or enhance the current MSST proxy for pink shrimp that is currently based on the SEAMAP survey.

H. Spiny Lobster – Gregg

1. ✓Staff is requested to present a summary of information available from the State of Florida's work on spiny lobster at the next meeting; this could include having Florida scientists presenting information. The intent is to determine how much of the work can be used in developing Amendment 10 in order to avoid duplicating effort. Florida staff will present results at the June 7th joint meeting.
2. ✓Directed staff to schedule a Joint Spiny Lobster Committee/Advisory Panel at the June 2010 meeting and have staff from Florida report on their work over the past several years. Also, work with the Gulf Council to explore making this a Joint SA/GM Spiny Lobster Committee/AP meeting. Done; scheduled for June 7th from 8:30 am – 5:30 pm
3. ✓Directed staff to add actions to Amendment 10 to address the NMFS Biological Opinion items.

I. Law Enforcement - Myra

- (1) The Law Enforcement AP reiterates that the size of area closures should be limited to the minimum necessary to protect the resource. The Law Enforcement AP does not support proposing area closures that are larger than necessary in order to facilitate enforcement.

J. SEDAR - John

- (1) Develop disclosure form for consideration at next meeting

K. SSC Selection - John

1. Develop Conduct guidance for inclusion in the SSC Job Description
2. Solicit SSC Applications (general and from SSC)
3. Develop reply for correspondence regarding regional representation on the SSC

L. Full Council – Bob

1. Letter to NMFS with SAFMC's approval of the Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation exempted fishing permit.

XI. JUNE 7-11, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

Renaissance Orlando Hotel Airport

5445 Forbes Place

Orlando, FL 32812

Phone: 1-800-545-1985 or 407-240-1000/Fax: 407-240-1005

1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 5/7/2010 @ 5 pm local time.
2. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO GREGG BY 5/11/2010 AT NOON.
3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 5/13/2010
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 5/18/2010 AT 9 a.m.
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 5/17/2010.
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 5/20/2010.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (Minor Items only) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 6/1/2010.

[_____ – GMFMC liason]

Bob – memo to Roy:

(1) _____. Done _____.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: see snapper grouper presentations below. We also need to have the recreational catch data from Am 13C implementation date forward.]:

(1) _____

NMFS/Council Questions/Answer session – _____.

Informal Q & A with Roy & Duane – Monday evening beginning at 6 pm

Public Comment Period (SG Am 17A & Other Items) – Tuesday evening beginning at 6:30 pm

DRAFT

A. Joint SAFMC & GMFMC Spiny Lobster AP & Committee – Monday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm [Note: Gulf AP – 5 members

- (1) Presentation(s) on Florida's Spiny Lobster Work
- (2) Presentation on Draft Options Paper/Amendment
- (3) Recommendations from APs
- (4) Committees provide direction to staff/team

B. Joint SAFMC & GMFMC Mackerel Committee – Tuesday 8:30 am – 3 pm

- (1) SSC Report on Atlantic King & Spanish Mackerel Recommendations
- (2) Joint SA/GM Amendment 18 – review amendment and provide guidance

C. Snapper Grouper Committee – Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm and Thursday 8:30 am – 10 am

- (1) SSC Report for all species other than Mackerels
- (2) Oculina Monitoring Reports
 - a. Kim/Myra
 - b. Sociodemographic Report – Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Development Foundation
- (3) ACCSP Quota Monitoring Program – ACCSP Rep.
- (4) SEFSC Quota Monitoring Program – SEFSC Rep.

- (5) Status of Electronic Logbook Pilot Program – SEFSC Rep.
- (6) Verification of Self-Reported Data – SEFSC Rep.
- (7) Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation’s Bandit Reel Observer Program – Frank Helies, Program Director
- (8) Amendment 17A
 - a. Review DEIS comments & final approval for SOC review
 - b. Provide staff/team guidance on what approaches (e.g., NMFS Area Closure Model, others) and what mechanism (Emergency Rule/Framework) to analyze for consideration at September or December Council meeting.
- (9) Amendment 18 – provide guidance on new items added and approve for 2nd round of public hearings. Final approval is anticipated at September 2010 meeting.
- (10) Amendment 20 Wreckfish Catch Shares
 - a. Report from Wreckfish Shareholders Meeting
 - b. Status report on work on amendment
- (11) Amendment 21 Comprehensive Catch Shares – status report
- (12) Amendment 22 Long-term Red Snapper Management – status report
- (13) Comprehensive ACL Amendment (including results from Black & Red Grouper SEDAR Assessments) – review SSC input, review Options Paper, & provide guidance to staff/team
- (14) Potential Interim Rule Request for Black Sea Bass & Vermilion Snapper Trip Limits

D. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

- (1) Presentation on Orange Cup Coral – TBD
- (2) CE-BA 2 – review SSC input, amendment, and provide guidance
- (3) Sargassum input for Comprehensive ACL Amendment
- (4) Review & approve SAFMC Invasive Species Policy statement

E. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee

- (1) Review SSC Recommendations
- (2) Comprehensive ACL Amendment input

F. Golden Crab Committee

- (1) Review SSC Recommendations
- (2) Comprehensive ACL Amendment input
- (3) Golden Crab Amendment 5 – status report

G. Executive/Finance

H. SOPPs

- 1. SSC Operations – review recommendations for SSC Selection Committee
- 2. SSC Code of Conduct
- 3. Automatically appoint prior Council members to the SEDAR pool.
- 4. Policy for Streaming meetings

Provide SAFMC SEDAR Admin Process to SOPPs Committee

Modify SAFMC Procedures (SOPPS committee?), as appropriate to:

- 1. recognize SSC Liaison position
- 2. Create SSC Coordination Committee
- 3. Allow SSC members to submit SSC nominations

I. SEDAR

- (1) Report from May 17, 2010 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting
- (2) Conflict of Interest – review disclosure form
- (3) Appointments:

Goliath Review Panel (1 SSC)

Spiny Lobster Update review (3 SSC)

J. SSC Selection Committee (CLOSED SESSION)

- (1) Membership appointment – review SSC Applicants and appoint members.
- (2) Review updated SSC Job Description

COUNCIL SESSION

I. Presentations - ????

II. Committee Reports & Other Items

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION)??????]

- A. Snapper Grouper Committee – Friday morning after public comment session on Thursday night
 - 1. Amendment 17A – Approve for formal review (ACTION)
 - 2. Guidance to staff/team on amendments under development
- B. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report – ACTION
- C. Catch Shares Committee Report – ACTION
- D. Mackerel Committee Report – ACTION
- E. Spiny Lobster Committee Report – ACTION
- F. SEDAR Committee Report – ACTION
- G. SSC Selection Committee Report – ACTION
- H. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Report – ACTION
- I. Golden Crab Committee Report – ACTION
- J. SOPPs Committee Report – ACTION
- K. Executive/Finance Committee Report – ACTION
- L. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 5/11/2010 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Commercial Quotas by fishing year: 1. Atlantic King Mackerel; 2. Gulf King Mackerel Eastern Zone; 3. Atlantic Spanish Mackerel; 4. Snowy Grouper; 5. Golden Tilefish; 6. Wreckfish; 7. South Atlantic Octocorals; 8. Greater Amberjack; 9. Dolphin (soft quota); 10. Vermilion Snapper; 11. Black Sea Bass; 12. Red Porgy; and 13. Gag.
 - (b) Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B
 - (c) Other issues?
- M. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 5/11/2010 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Data Collection & Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
 - (b) Progress reports on headboat data entry
 - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations (Note: the data provided should track the relevant fishing years and show quota or allocation and current catches: 1. Atlantic King Mackerel; 2. Atlantic Spanish Mackerel; 3. Black Sea Bass; 4. Golden Tilefish; 5. Snowy Grouper; 6.

Red Porgy; 7. Vermilion Snapper; 8. Gag; 9. Mutton Snapper; 10. Yellowtail Snapper; 11. Greater Amberjack; and 12. Dolphin & Wahoo.

- (d) Response to letters requesting data
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION
- N. Other Business

XII. SEPTEMBER 13-17, 2010 COUNCIL MEETING

The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29403

Draft list of committees that are expected to meet.

I. Potential Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Committee Meetings

A. Spiny Lobster Committee

- (1) Presentation on Draft Options Paper/Amendment
- (2) Committees provide direction to staff/team

B. Mackerel Committee

- (1) Presentation on Draft Options Paper/Amendment
- (2) Committees provide direction to staff/team

III. SAFMC COMMITTEE/COUNCIL

A. Snapper Grouper Committee

- (1) Oculina Monitoring Reports
- (2) Amendment 18 – final approval for formal review by SOC
- (3) Amendment 20 – status report
- (4) Comprehensive ACL Amendment – guidance to staff/team
- (5) Amendment 21 – status report
- (6) Amendment 22 – status report
- (7) Other items??

B. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

- (1) CE-BA 2 – review amendment and provide guidance

C. Catch Shares Committee –

- (1) ??

D. Mackerel Committee

- (1) Joint SA/GM Amendment 18 – review amendment and provide guidance

E. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee

- (1) Comprehensive ACL Amendment input

F. Golden Crab Committee

- (1) Comprehensive ACL Amendment input
- (2) Golden Crab Amendment 5 – review amendment and provide guidance

G. Executive/Finance

H. SOPPs

I. SEDAR

- (1) Research Plan – approve 2010 Research Plan

J. Full Council – PUBLIC COMMENT

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 18
- (2) Agenda Items

XIII. 2010 PRIORITIES & TIMING

Note: The following amendments have a **statutory deadline of 2010** because they include species that are undergoing overfishing: Snapper Grouper Amendments 17A and 17B. The following amendments have a **statutory deadline of 2011** for all other species: Snapper Grouper Amendment 18, Comprehensive ACL Amendment, Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2, Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 18, and Joint SA/GM Spiny Lobster Amendment 10.

-----2010 STATUTORY DEADLINE-----

1. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A/EIS – Rick*

[Note: At the June 2009 meeting, the Council split Amendment 17 into 17A & 17B. Amendment 17B was finalized in December 2009 and will be submitted to the Secretary of Commerce in February 2010.]

- A. Scoping - February 2008.
- B. Review scoping comments and options - February & June 2008.
- C. At the December 2008 meeting, the Council decided to split 17 into Amendments 17 and 18. Amendment 17 would be completed and approved for public hearing after NMFS publishes the final ACL guidelines and the SSC provides their OFL and ABC recommendations. It is anticipated that this will take place in September 2009 at the earliest.
- D. At the June 2009 meeting, the Council decided to split 17 into Amendments 17A (Red Snapper) and 17B (Remaining Species). Both amendments are going to be worked on together. If possible, they will be approved for public hearings in September or December 2009. Public hearings were held in November 2009 and all comments were reviewed and preferred alternatives were finalized in December 2009.
- E. NMFS Files DEIS in February 2010. Filed 2/26 and published on 3/5/2010.
- F. Review revised Amendment 17A in March 2010.
- G. Review complete document, review DEIS comments, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – June 2010.
- H. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – June 2010.
- I. Regulations effective by _____. Note: need to ensure no lapse in Interim Rule regulations.

2. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B/EA – Rick*

- A. Review revised Amendment 17B and approve for formal review – December 2009.
- B. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – March 2010. Done on 3/30/2010.
- C. Regulations effective by _____.

3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 – Kate/Rick

[Note: At the December 2008 meeting, the Council directed staff to scope items for Amendment 18 including LAPP related issues.]

[Note: At the June 2009 meeting, the Council split the Wreckfish ITQ Program into Amendment 20.]

- A. Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. Review scoping comments, LAPP Working Group recommendations, and options – March & June 2009.
- C. Public hearings were held in November 2009 and comments reviewed in December 2009. Guidance was provided to staff.
- D. Review Amendment and provide guidance at March 2010 meeting.
- E. Review Amendment and approve for 2nd round of public hearings.
- F. Review public comments and approve final actions at September 2010 meeting.
- G. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – September 2010.
- H. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – October 2010.
- I. Regulations effective by _____.

4. Comprehensive Ecosystem-based Amendment 2 (Coral ACLs & AMs) – Myra

- A. Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. Review scoping comments and options – March & June 2009.
- C. Council work on Amendment September 2009 – September 2010
- D. Approve for public hearings – December 2010.
- E. Public hearings – January/February 2011.
- F. Review all comments and approve all actions – March 2011.
- G. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce – June 2011.

5. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Amendment 18 - Gregg

(King & Spanish Mackerel & Cobia MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG (RICK LEARD, GMFMC STAFF LEAD)

- A. Scope Commercial Quota Issue – February 2008.
- B. Review scoping comments and options – June, September & December 2008.
- C. SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations. The South Atlantic SSC will provide their recommendations after their April 20-22, 2010 meeting.
- D. Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - _____

- a. GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4, April 12-15, and June 14-17, 2010
- b. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Committee meeting – June 8, 2010 from 8:30 am – 3 pm
- c. SAFMC reviews and provides input – March 1-5 and June 7-11, 2010
- E. NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses - _____. Currently EA.
- F. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS or EA and approve for public hearings –
 - a. GMFMC – August 16-19, 2010 in Pensacola, FL
 - b. SAFMC – September 13-17, 2010 in Charleston, SC
- G. Public Hearings – October/November 2010
- H. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
 - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 in TX
 - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- I. Review and approve final document –
 - a. GMFMC – April 11-4, 2011 in Orange Beach, AL
 - b. SAFMC – March 7-11, 2011 in GA
- J. Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA or EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – April 2011.
- K. Final regulations effective _____.

6. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Spiny Lobster Amendment 10 – Gregg/Carrie

(Delegation to FL and MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG SAFMC/GMFMC STAFF LEAD

- A. Scope Commercial Quota Issue – February 2008.
- B. Review scoping comments and options – June, September & December 2008.
- C. Draft Amendment prepared by SAFMC staff (Gregg Waugh) with assistance from NMFS staff (Susan Gerhart) and GMFMC staff (Carrie Simmons)
 - a. GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4 and June 14-17, 2010
 - b. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic APs and Committees – June 7, 2010 from 8:30 am – 5 pm
 - c. SAFMC reviews and provides input – June 7-11, 2010
- D. NMFS determined an EIS is required due to coral ESA issues and prepares appropriate notices.
- E. SEDAR Update complete and sent to SSC – October 18, 2010
- F. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 15-19, 2010
- G. SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
- H. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS and approve for public hearings –
 - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 TX
 - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- I. Public Hearings – April 2011
- J. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
 - a. GMFMC – June 13-16, 2011 in FL
 - b. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in FL

- K. Review and approve final document –
 - a. GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011 LA
 - b. SAFMC – September 12-16, 2011 in SC
- L. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – September 2011.
- M. Final regulations effective _____.

7. *Comprehensive ACL Amendment – Rick*

- A. Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. Review scoping comments and options – March & June 2009.
- C. Approve for public hearings - December 2010.
- D. Public hearings – January/February 2011.
- E. Review all comments and approve all actions – March 2011.
- F. Review complete document and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - June 2011.
- G. Send to Secretary of Commerce for formal review – June 2011.
- H. Final regulations effective _____.

-----NO STATUTORY DEADLINE-----

8. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 (Wreckfish ITQ & ACL/AM) - Kate*

[Note: At the June 2009 meeting, the Council split the Wreckfish ITQ Program out of Amendment 18 and into Amendment 20. At the March 2010 meeting, the Council split the ACL/AM actions out of Amendment 20 and into the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.]

Staff/Team will work on Amendment 20 as time permits in 2010 but focus will be on those amendments with a statutory deadline (Snapper Grouper Amendments 17A & 18

- A. Scoping – January/February 2009.
- B. Review scoping comments, LAPP Working Group recommendations, and options – March & June 2009.
- C. March 1-5, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team.
- D. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- E. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by _____ 2010.
- F. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- G. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- H. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- I. Public hearings – May 2011
- J. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- K. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.

L. Regulations effective by _____.

9. Golden Crab Amendment 5 (Kate/Gregg)

- A. Scope for a Golden Crab LAP Amendment in November 2009.
- B. Council provides guidance 2010
- C. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team on splitting ACL/AM measures out into the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.
- D. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by _____ 2010.
- E. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- F. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- G. March 7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- H. Public hearings – May 2011
- I. June 13-17, 2011 Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- J. September 12-16, 2011 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review.
- K. Final regulations implemented _____.

10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 (COMPREHENSIVE CATCH SHARES/TRIP LIMITS) - Kate

(Vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, black sea bass, gag, greater amberjack, red grouper, and black grouper – trip limit actions, effort and participation reduction and endorsement actions, catch share program for quota species except snowy grouper. To include ITQ, cooperative, RFA, CDQ components, and regional or state by state quota analysis) - Kate

- A. IPT Members
- B. April – December 2010
 - 1. Data requests
 - 2. Outside staff assistance
 - 3. Staff/team work on analyses
 - 4. Status reports at each Council meeting
- C. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- D. Scoping – January/February 2011

11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Long-term Management of Red Snapper) - Rick

The Council directed staff to develop a plan for preparing Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.

- A. IPT Members
- B. The Council directed staff to develop a plan for preparing SG Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.

- C. Put together a list of possible members for an ad-hoc AP to aid in providing input for Amendment 22 and future plans for recovering fisheries.
- D. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – approve scoping document
- E. Scoping – January/February 2011

12. *South Atlantic Independent Monitoring Plan – John*

- A. Planning and organization – June - July 2010
- B. Background preparation – August 2010
- C. Workshop – August 2010
- D. Complete Workshop Report – September 2011.
- E. Proposed Plan Completed, presented to Council – September 2011.
- F. Council approves 2011 Plan at September 2011 meeting.