



## **VERSION 4 SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES**

### **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: DECEMBER 1-5, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **TIMING:**

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Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 1/5/15.

√SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 12/10/14 and 12/16/14. Done 12/16/14.

√NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised.

Done 1/5/15. 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:

√Approved Version by 1/8/15. Done 1/9/15.



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## I. SNAPPER GROUPER

### 1. *Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier*

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 for Council meetings as information becomes available.
- 2) **Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports** – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
- 3) **Oculina Evaluation Plan** (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area:
  - Law Enforcement
  - Research scientists
  - Commercial fishermen
  - Recreational fishermen
  - Outreach experts
  - Non-governmental Organizations
  - Council staff

A report, written by the team, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

#### **Timing**

The Evaluation Team will deliver its first report to the Council by the **March 2007** Council meeting in order for the Council to make its determination on whether or not it is necessary to change the size and configuration of the Closed Area. The Team will submit its second report by **March 2014** in order for the Council to re-evaluate all regulations within *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area.

#### 4) New 5-Year Evaluation Plan

- a. ✓ Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
- b. ✓ Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team – November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
- c. SSC Review – April 2015
- d. Council sees final report – June 2015

- e. Document revised and distributed – by June 30, 2015.
- f. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.

## **2. Amendment 22/EIS (Recreational Tag Program to Track Harvest) – Myra Brouwer**

The Council originally 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.

August/September 2011 Council meeting: requested clarification on whether this amendment should become an informational document; Council agreed and requested a briefing at some point in the future during 2012.

AT THE MARCH 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL DEFERRED ACTION UNTIL 2013.

AT THE JUNE 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENT 22 SPECIFICALLY TO EXPLORE A TAG PROGRAM FOR RED SNAPPER THAT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY NOAA FISHERIES. THE TAGS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH A LOTTERY SYSTEM. THE TAGS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE COMMERCIAL/REC ALLOCATION.

AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENT 22 SPECIFICALLY TO EXPLORE A RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR RED SNAPPER, GOLDEN TILEFISH, SNOWY GROUPER & WRECKFISH THAT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY NOAA FISHERIES. OPTIONS ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE JUNE OR SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING.

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THE AMENDMENT BE MODIFIED TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC SPECIES AND MAKE AMENDMENT 22 MORE OF A FRAMEWORK FOR A TAG PROGRAM THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO ANY SNAPPER GROUPER SPECIES WITH A LOW RECREATIONAL ACL.

SG Amendment 22 IPT Team members:

- √a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC lead); Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Chip Collier (Coral issues), and John Carmichael.
- √b. NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead), Andy Strelcheck, Rick DeVactor, and Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries); David Dale (Habitat Division); Jeff Radonski (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Stephen Holiman and Tony Lamberte (Economists, Sustainable

- Fisheries); Anik Clemens (regulations writer); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist, Sustainable Fisheries); and Patrick Murphy (Permits Office).
- √c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Refik Orhun and Scott Crosson.
  - √d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

Rough Timing/Issues to be resolved:

- a. √IPT meeting – timeline and writing responsibilities; 6/27/12
- b. √NMFS determined EIS.
- c. √Options Paper for September 2012 Council meeting
  - i. Expand to include snowy grouper, golden tilefish & wreckfish
  - ii. Others?
- d. √Council provides guidance at September 2012 Council meeting – ~~choose preferreds if possible.~~
- e. SSC Review in \_\_\_\_\_
- f. Approve for public hearings at \_\_\_\_\_ meeting
- g. Public hearings \_\_\_\_\_
- h. Council reviews public hearing comments and final approval at \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: Scoping meetings for a red snapper tag program were held in Jan-Feb 2011; based on scoping comments and the need for tracking other species, this was expanded to add golden tilefish, snowy grouper & wreckfish. A supplemental NOI was published on August 2, 2013 to cover the expanded scope of the tag program in Amendment 22.

#### WORK WILL RESUME IN 2013 TO PREPARE OPTIONS FOR THE JUNE OR SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL ASKED TO SEE AN OPTIONS PAPER IN SEPTEMBER 2013 THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A GENERIC RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR SPECIES WITH VERY LOW ACLs. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED REMOVING LANGUAGE FROM THE OPTIONS PAPER THAT WOULD SPECIFY A PARTICULAR SPECIES.

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council suspended work on this amendment until NOAA GC provides a determination whether the recreational tag program is considered a LAPP.

From the March 2014 meeting: NOAA GC is currently developing guidelines that can be applied nationally to determine whether proposed tag programs fit the criteria of a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP). More information is currently needed to determine whether the proposed recreational harvest tag program in Amendment 22 would be considered a LAPP. To that purpose, NOAA GC began by asking a series of questions from each of the state directors. However, it was decided that directors would be contacted directly and more details would be provided to the Committee and the Council at their June 2014 meeting.

At the June 2014 Council meeting, NOAA GC indicated that the guidance from Headquarters to determine whether or not the proposed harvest tag program is a LAPP is expected to be completed by the September 2014 Council meeting. GC received the requested permit information from each of the South Atlantic States before the June 2014 meeting.

At the September 2014 meeting, the Council requested a presentation from NC about the NC catch card program. The presentation is to be given at the December 2014 meeting. Additionally, GC determined the tag program could be a LAPP if it is designed with restrictions on participation.

At the December 2014 meeting, the Council received a presentation on the NC catch card program. The Council took no action on the amendment and gave no direction to staff for further development.

**Timing 2013/14:**

- a. ✓Options Paper: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓Draft Amendment 22 Options Paper: review & provide guidance – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓Work on this amendment suspended by Council at December 2013 meeting.
- d. ✓January – March 2014 – IPT works on document
- e. ✓NOAA GC determines if considered a catch share program and results presented to Council – March 2014
- f. ✓Review/modify amendment, and provide guidance on actions/alternatives/timing – ~~March~~ June 2014
- g. ✓Based on the time necessary to receive and incorporate the NOAA GC guidelines to determine whether the proposed program fits the criteria of a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP), a timing change was approved at the June 2014 meeting: Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.]
- h. ✓During the September 2014 meeting, timing was changed to receive a presentation at the December 2014 meeting and address during 2015.
- i. ✓Presentation from NC Card program at December 2014 meeting.
- j.

**Timing 2015:**

- a. Myra to add
- b. Review/modify amendment and approve for public hearings – \_\_\_\_\_ 2015.
- c. Public hearings – \_\_\_\_\_ 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for hearings in 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – \_\_\_\_\_ 2015
- e. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – \_\_\_\_\_ 2015



### **3. Amendment 29/EA (ORCS Revisions to Control Rule & Gray Triggerfish MMs) – Myra Brouwer**

[Note: CE-BA 2 included SG Amendment 23; the Comprehensive ACL Amendment included SG Amendment 25; CEBA 3 is Amendment 26; Mgmt. Authority, Frame work & Blue runner is Amendment 27; and Red Snapper Framework Amendment is 28.]

- i) ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 24, 2014. Done 10/14/14.
- j) ✓Notice of Availability (NOA) published 11/24/14; comments due 1/23/15.
- k) ✓Proposed Rule published 12/8/14.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Comments due by 1/7/15.
- l) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_ 14.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Post to web site
- m) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

### **4. Amendment 32/EA (Blueline Tilefish) – Myra Brouwer**

- m. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 30, 2014. Done 11/14/14.
- n. ✓Notice of Availability (NOA) published 12/19/14; comments due 2/17/15.
- o. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/14.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/14.
- p. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_.
- q. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.

## **5. *Regulatory Amendment 16/EIS – Brian Cheuvront***

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL STOPPED WORK ON GOLDEN TILEFISH IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 16 AND DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE BSB POT CLOSURE (IF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 19 IS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED). BRING THE DRAFT DOCUMENT TO THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2013.

### **1. ✓Assign Team –**

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brower, Kari MacLauchlin, Gregg Waugh, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead); Jack McGovern; Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Tony Lamberte (Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); Andy Herndon, Jessica Powell, and Barb Zoodsma (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Nick Farmer (Data Analyst); and Jeff Radonski (OLE).
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson (Economist) & Lance Garrison (Protected Resources Research Biologist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined RA 16 will be an EIS.

Timing for BSB Pot Removal RA 16: Regulatory Amendment 16 reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting. Council to provide guidance on steps and timing

### **Timing 2013/14/15:**

- a. ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓If EIS required, Draft Regulatory Amendment 16: review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- d. ✓Scoping – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- e. ✓Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2014
- f. ✓Based on the time necessary for Protected Resources to complete their analyses, a timing change was approved by the Council at the June 2014 meeting:  
Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.
- g. ✓IPT meeting: 7/21/2014
- h. ✓IPT meeting: 11/20/2014

- i. The Council approved the following revised timing change for RA 16 at the December 2014 meeting:
  - √DEC 2014 – ADD/REMOVE ALTS
  - JAN 2015 – TAKE TO LWTRT
  - DEC 2014 – MAR 2015 – ADDITIONAL BIO AND ECON ANALYSIS OF ALTS
  - MAR 2015 – REVIEW DOC, CHOOSE PREFERRED, DEIS STARTS
  - MAR – JUN – REVISE DOC
  - JUN – REVIEW DOC, VOTE TO SEND OUT TO PH
  - AUG – PH
  - SEPT – REVIEW PH COMMENTS & DRAFT BiOp
  - DEC 2015 – FINAL VOTE ON SENDING TO THE SECRETARY FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT NC MEETING
- j. IPT meeting: 1/8/2015
- k. Review/modify amendment, choose preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – June 2015
- l. Public hearings – August 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- m. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015
- n. Review final amendment and approved for formal review – December 2015
- o. Document preparation for formal review:
  1. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on \_\_\_\_\_.
  4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  5. Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_/15.
- l. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/16.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/16.
- m. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/16. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Post to web site
- n. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/16.

## **6. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)/EIS – Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese**

**Note:** At the June 2014 meeting, the Council changed directions and retired Regulatory Amendment 17 and started to use Amendment 36; timing does not change.

- A. √At the September 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff/IPT to develop alternatives for the following items:
  - a. MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper
- B. √At the September 2012 meeting, the Council approved the following schedule:
  - a. Council Approves for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
  - b. Public hearings August 2013
  - c. Public comment at September 2013 meeting
  - d. Council final approval at September 2013 meeting
  - e. Send to Secretary of Commerce September 27, 2013
  - f. Final regulations effective asap in the 2014 fishing year.
- C. √At the September meeting the Council directed staff to have the SERO present Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs at the December 2012 meeting and to discuss timing and further guidance at that time.
- D. √At the December 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff to conduct a second MPA Expert Working Group meeting prior to the March 2013 meeting. The Committee/Council will provide guidance on options and timing at the March 2013 meeting.

√NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 17 will be an EIS.

**Note:** NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER AMENDMENT 36 WILL BE AN EA OR EIS. After discussing with SERO NEPA, it was decided that the NEPA checklist would be re-sent to NMFS SERO IPT members as focus of the actions have changed. The checklist was sent Oct. 28 and NMFS SERO IPT surveys were due Nov. 12.

- E. √At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target speckled hind/warsaw grouper spawning sites.

### **1. Assign Team – TBD**

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
- b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Jack McGovern (Biologist), David Records (Economist), Mike Jepson

- (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Adam Bailey (Regulations writer).
- c. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Mike Burton (Biologist) and Larry Perruso (Social Scientist).
  - d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELF-EDGE MPAs TO PROTECT SPECKLED HIND AND WARSAW GROUPER

- A. √MPA public workshops held in FL and NC in conjunction with public hearings in August 2012:

<b><u>August 7, 2012</u></b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	<b><u>August 8, 2012</u></b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b><u>August 9, 2012</u></b> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>August 16, 2012</u></b> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- B. √Public input presented to Council at September 2012 meeting in Charleston
- C. √SERO presentation at December 2012 meeting in Wilmington, NC on Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs.
- D. √MPA Expert Workgroup Meeting –

<b><u>February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013</u></b> Crown Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422
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- E. √Meeting arrangements
  - a. √Memo to Workgroup members – Roger to do on 12/11/12 with dates and city only (not hotel). Done 12/11/12.
  - b. √FR notice
  - c. √Briefing materials including presentation – done 1/2/13
- F. √Workgroup Report
  - a. ~~Draft completed at meeting~~. Not completed during meeting.
  - b. √Final report for inclusion in 2<sup>nd</sup> BBook – 2/22/13. Draft of workgroup report distributed and posted on 2/27/13.
- G. √In preparation for the September 2013 Snapper Grouper Committee meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target spawning sites.
- H. √The Committee/Council will provide guidance on actions and timing at the September 2013 meeting.

**Timing 2013/14 (assuming EIS):**

- a. ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓Staff/IPT to prepare Scoping Document for Regulatory Amendment 17 – September/November 2014
  - iii. First briefing book deadline – COB 11/8/13
  - iv. Second briefing book deadline – COB 11/22/13
- c. ✓Review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting  
At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motion: TAKE ALL ALTERNATIVES TO SCOPING IN AUGUST (2014) AND HAVE THE AP RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL'S JUNE 2014 MEETING
- d. ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- e. ✓AP meeting – April 8 (1:30) to April 11 (noon); MPAs on April 9<sup>th</sup> all day (See XII. AP Meetings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)  
MPA Presentations on April 9<sup>th</sup>:
  - i. Kim Iverson – Outreach; confirmed
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ - Law Enforcement; Coast Guard confirmed; NMFS ?
  - iii. Stacey Harter – SEFSC; confirmed
  - iv. Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart – SERFS; confirmed
  - v. George Sedberry – MPA Expert Workgroup; confirmed
  - vi. Will Heymen – LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc.; confirmed
  - vii. Mike Burton – SEFSC; confirmed
  - viii. John Hunt – FL FWC; confirmed
- f. ✓Review AP input and ~~approve alternatives/sites for scoping~~ – June 2014. At the June 2014 meeting the Council changed the approach to using Spawning SMZs through Amendment 36; timing remains the same.
- g. ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- h. Review scoping comments and provide guidance for more complete analyses – September 2014. At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added two actions that result in more time for document preparation for public hearings.
- i. ✓Staff revise document and prepare for AP review and for December Council meeting.
- j. ✓AP review – October 21-22, 2014
- k. ✓IPT meeting held – October 24, 2014
- l. ✓Council provide guidance on actions and timing – December 2014
- m. Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – December 2014 – February 2015
- n. Draft Amendment 36: review analyses/amendment, modify & approve for public hearings – March 2015 Council meeting
- o. Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – March 2015
- p. Public hearings – webinar and 1 in-person at June meeting (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 Hearings for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – April 2015
- q. Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve for formal review – June 2015
- r. Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – June 2015

- s. Document preparation for formal review:
  - 1. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5. Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_.
- p. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2015. Done \_\_\_\_/15.
- q. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/15.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/15.
- r. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_ 15.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Post to web site
- s. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.

**7. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper)/EA – Myra Brouwer**

- j. ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by ~~March/April 2013~~ October/November 2014. Done 12/2/14.
- k. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/15.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/15.
- l. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_ 15.
  - 3. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 4. Post to web site
- m. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.



## **8. System Management Plan – Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese**

At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to work on a System Management Plan (SMP) for the existing 8 MPAs. An outline was presented at the September 2013 meeting and this item will be worked on during 2014.

### IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Chip Collier (Coral issues), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
- b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Andy Herndon and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
- c. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
- d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

**Note: The Council has contracted with Michelle Tishler to assist in completing the SMP.**

A framework is in development for a System Management Plan (SMP) for the eight SAFMC Snapper-Grouper Amendment 14 MPAs and to provide a foundation for potential future SAFMC MPA management plans in the southeast U.S. This document is currently in outline form, serving as a starting point to expand the development of adaptive- and effectiveness-based management of the SAFMC's array of protected areas.

This SMP draft outline is intended to also increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources intended by the Amendment 14 MPAs. Once the primary working outline structure is established, the component sections of the SMP will be populated and vetted through the SAFMC's public process.

The final SMP will contain the proposed management action items and background details for the eight MPAs established by Amendment 14 in January of 2009.

To provide a foundation for the SMP, four steps for management actions are proposed: resource protection, research and monitoring, outreach and education, and administrative and financial. Additionally, management effectiveness evaluations are recommended as a fundamental component that the final SMP will contain to determine the status and utility of the MPAs in achieving the intentions set by Amendment 14. The final SMP expects to support the requirements of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S. Public Law 109-479 2007) and aims to utilize MPAs in the southeast as a viable fishery management tool to protect and assess target resource populations and associated habitats.

**Initial Timing 2014:**

- a. IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT revise document – July 2014
- d. Public input during public hearings – August 2014
- e. Council reviews public input and provide guidance – September 2014
- f. IPT revise document – September/October 2014
- g. SSC review – October 27 – 30, 2014
- h. Council review and approve SMP – December 2014

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council approved the following revised timing

**Revised Timing 2014/15: work will shift to early – mid 2015 based on workload**

- a. xIPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. ✓Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT works on items in the outline – July through November 2014
- d. Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
- e. Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
- f. Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – March 2015
- g. IPT revise document as necessary – March 2015
- h. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2014
- i. SSC review – May 5-7, 2015
- j. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – June 2015

**Final Timing 2015:**

- a. Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
- b. ✓IPT meeting – 12/10/14
- c. IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
- d. Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015
- e. IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
- f. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- g. Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015
- h. IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- i. Public input – July/August/September 2015
- j. Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- k. IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- l. SSC review – October 2015
- m. Snapper Grouper AP input – October 2015
- n. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – December 2015

## **9. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 35/EA (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsements) – Myra Brouwer***

Note: SG Amendment 34 is part of Comprehensive AM and Dolphin Allocation Amendment.

At the March 2014 meeting, the Council approved a motion to remove Nassau grouper, dog snapper, school master, mahogany, and black snapper from the snapper grouper FMU. At the June 2014, the Council approved a motion to not include Nassau grouper in Amendment 35.

### **IPT Team**

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (Data), Anik Clemens (Regulations Writer), David Records (Economist), David Dale (HCD), Jenny Lee (PR)
- c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried (Biologist), Larry Perruso (Economist)
- d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after a range of actions is determined by the Council. The NEPA checklist was sent out to the IPT at SERO on November 4, 2014. SERO determined the document should be an EA.

### **Proposed Draft Timing 2014-15:**

- a. ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2014
- b. ✓Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2014
- c. ✓Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Committee/Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2014
- e. ✓At the September 2014 meeting, the Council added an action related to golden tilefish endorsements to the amendment.
- f. ✓IPT prepare document – September through November
- g. ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and approve for public hearings – December 2014
- h. Public Hearings – January 2015 (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- i. Committee/Council review public hearing comments and approve all actions – March 2015
- j. Committee/Council review, modify, and approve for formal review – June 2015
- i. Document preparation for formal review:
  - 1. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_.
- k. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2015. Done \_\_\_\_/15.
- l. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/15.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/15.
- m. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_ 15.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Post to web site
- n. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.

## **10. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)/EA- Myra Brouwer**

The gag and wreckfish assessment reviews and fishing level recommendations were available after the SSC's April 2014 meeting. Council staff recommended the following information on how to address the resulting changes and requested guidance from the Council at the June 2014 meeting. The Council approved the following approach and timing.

### **IPT Team**

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist), Jessica Stephen (Data), Anik Clemens (Regulations Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), David Dale (HCD), and Jenny Lee (PR)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer (Biologist) and Scott Crosson (Economist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after assessments are reviewed by SSC in April 2014 and range of actions is determined by the Council. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 22 will be an EA.

### **Timing 2014/15:**

- a. ✓SSC reviews assessment – April 2014
- b. ✓Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – June 2014.  
Provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included.
- c. ~~If Existing Framework Procedure must be used: Draft Framework Document: review, modify & approve for public hearings – September 2014~~
- d. ✓Public Hearings – via webinar hearing prior to December 2014 meeting and a public hearing at the December 2014 meeting or take to public hearings in January/February 2015? Webinar public hearing on November 6<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 pm.
- e. ✓Review public hearing comments, modify amendment as necessary, and approve for formal review and implementation – December 2014 or March 2015
- f. Document preparation for formal review:
  - 1. IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 5. Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by January 2015 or March 2015. Done \_\_\_\_\_/15.
- h. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/15.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/15.

- i. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_ 15.
  - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - 2. Post to web site
- j. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.

### **11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37/EA or EIS (Short-term Visioning Items; Hogfish; Jacks) – Myra**

- A. Work on this amendment will begin in late 2014/early 2015 after the visioning process is complete and the Council has approved their Vision/Strategic Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery.

At the December 2014 meeting, Council directed staff to work on this amendment in 2015 and to address: (1) Short-term visioning items; (2) hogfish; and (3) jacks complex.

At the March 2015 meeting, Council will provide guiding on content and timing:

- 1. Perhaps moving short-term visioning to another amendment.
- 2. Adding Almaco trip limits
- 3. Adding mutton snapper
- 4. Adding removal of deepwater species size limits

### **12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 38 (Allocations from Visioning) – Brian**

**Details to be added**

## II. ECOSYSTEM

### 1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese*

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

- A.   √Original FEP Approved by Council – March 2009
- B.   √Original FEP submitted as Source Document for Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 which was approved on June 1, 2010 with regulations effective on July 22, 2010
- C.   Process for FEP II – Developed in cooperation with Habitat AP prior to December 2013 Council meeting. Planning initiated and policy statement revision/development completed in 2013.
  - a.   √Habitat Advisory Panel discusses and provides initial recommendations on overall structure, review process for updating, refining and expanding the FEP November 2013
  - b.   √Winter/Spring 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel Sub Panel Chairs coordinate with Roger and Pat Geer new AP Chair in identifying leads and team members for review redraft of core sections on species and habitats
  - c.   √Habitat Committee input on updates or revisions to the structure which would improve use and effectiveness of FEP II – March 2014
  - d.   Evaluate how amendments can incorporate this information by reference to reduce size of documents- ongoing.
- D. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2014-2015):
  - a.   Development will be facilitated around spring (April) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014 and 2015).
  - b.   √Habitat Advisory Panel State Sub-Panel review and provide initial recommendations on lists of FEP II review/writing teams April 2014.
  - c.   Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 Council meeting.
  - d.   September 2014 – March 2015- EFH/FEP technical webinars to refine and update sections for FEP II: Bottom Habitat; Artificial Reefs; Pelagic Habitat, Sargassum; Fisheries Oceanography and Climate Change; Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves); South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling; Ecosystem Tools and GIS (Atlas, Digital Dashboard and Ecospecies); Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research, Monitoring, Mapping and Characterization
  - e.   Initiate Volume Sections update and new Section outline and drafting August 2014-February 2015
  - f.   Model Workshop conducted between August 2014 and February 2015.

- g. xNovember 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel meeting review redrafted EFH Policy Statements and new Statements. Sessions conducted on Threats to Fish Habitat and Research and Monitoring. The November 2014 was cancelled. This will be addressed during the April 7-8, 2015 meeting.
- h. Habitat AP to further refine existing and develop new SAFMC EFH policy statements for consideration at the December 2014 Council meeting. This was delayed until the Council's June 2015 meeting.

## **2. *Essential Fish Habitat – Roger***

- A. Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision
  - a. √Identify focus teams of Habitat AP members to perform initial reviews and develop revision/update recommendations. Initiated in conjunction with November 14-15, 2012 AP meeting.
  - b. √The Habitat AP during 2013 meetings continued developing updated and new policy statements to support and enhance their use in by NOAA Fisheries and regional partners in EFH review and consultation.
  - c. √The Habitat AP provides redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species for Council consideration at March 2014 Council meeting.
  - d. √The Habitat AP provides refined redrafts, of EFH Policy Statements, based on additional State input for June 2014 Council meeting. Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species that were approved by Council.
  - e. The Habitat AP redrafts EFH Policy Statements for Energy and Dredge and Fill and developing an Artificial Reef Policy for review at their November 2014 meeting. Moved to April 7-8, 2015.
- B. Initiate Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
  - a. Habitat Advisory Panel during November 2013 meeting initiated coordination with regional partners in preparation in conjunction with other ongoing efforts (e.g., SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report). Moved to April 7-8, 2015.

### **FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process: Council Meeting Timeline (June 2014- December 2015)**

√June 2014 Council Meeting: Redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species Approved by Council for Inclusion into FEP II

√September 2014 Meeting: FEP II Development Timeline and Participation Update

December 2014 Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, Beach Dredge and Fill and New EFH Policy Statement



for Artificial Reefs for inclusion into FEP II. Presentation on FEP II Section Development and EFH Updates. Moved to March 2015.

March and June 2015 Council Meetings: FEP II Development and EFH Updates

September 2015 Council Meeting: Complete Draft FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review

December 2015 Council Meeting: Finalize and Approve FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review

In advance of March 2016 5 Year EFH Review Deadline

### ***3. Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2014)***

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings/coordination have been scheduled:

- 1) √SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup Meeting January 23, 2014 Charleston, SC
- 2) √Pulley Ridge Connectivity Study PI and Board Member Meeting January 7-8, 2014 RSMAS, Miami, FL
- 3) √Society for Conservation GIS July 9-12, 2014 Monterey, CA
- 4) √South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 28-31, 2014 San Juan, PR
- 5) √Governors SAA Meeting September 3-5, 2014 Charleston, SC
- 6) √Oceans 2014 September 17-19, 2014 St. Johns, CA
- 7) xSARP Steering Committee/SEAFWA Meeting October 14-17, 2013 Destin, FL
- 8) xESRI Ocean Forum November 5-7, 2014
- 9) xHabitat Advisory Panel Meeting November 18-19, 2014 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL

**WORKING LIST (June 2014)**  
**Webinars/Workshops/Meetings Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update/**  
**5 Year Review (January 2014 - December 2015)**  
**EFH, Ecosystem (FEP II Development) Technical Workshops**

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
√January 23, 2014	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: 1) Mapping Strategy; 2) Review and Guidance for Refinement of Benthic Habitat and Species GIS; and 3) review and guidance for development of regional SALCC/TNC seafloor mapping effort.	Charleston, South Carolina (in conjunction with South Division AFS)
√April 1-3, 2014	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting Complete redrafting EFH Policy Statements on Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species. Initiate Review and initiate redraft of remaining statements and development of new statements. State Sub-Panels reviewed and provided input on lists of preparers of FEP II Sections.	Charleston, South Carolina
√June 24, 2014	SARP Committee Meeting – Overview and engagement of SARP in FEP II Development process and relationship to SARP Habitat Plan Update	Webinar
√July 9-13, 2014	Society of Conservation GIS – Coordination with ESRI staff in development of proposal for collaboration in refinement of Fishery Management GIS information and capabilities for the US South Atlantic Region	Monterey, CA
√July 31, 2014	SEAMAP SA Committee Review of 5 Year Plan Components Highlighting Long-term Fishery Independent Monitoring initiate update and refine for Section/Appendix for FEP II	San Juan, PR
√July-August, 2014	SECOORA Fishery Team – Coordinate and initiate development of Integrated Products for Fishermen and Researchers. Use Team as core group to highlight data and models available and connecting 10 year build-out plan to fish, fish habitat and fishery operations needs	TBD
√September 2014	SECOORA Fishery Team – Engage core plus other experts in FEP II Sections on Fisheries Oceanography and updates for oceanographic characterization of South Atlantic in FEP	In conjunction with Oceans 2014
√September 2014	Engage SARP Committee and Instream Flow Experts in development of FEP II Instream flow Section outline, and identification of potential participants. Committee endorsement of Instream Flow Analyses in cooperation with SALCC for South Atlantic Region (Transfer Methodology from Gulf Partnership Effort)	Destin, Florida
Winter 2014	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with December Council Meeting New Bern, North Carolina
September 2014- March 2015	FEP II Section and EFH Update Webinars: Bottom Habitat, Artificial Reefs, Pelagic Habitat, Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves), Wetlands Marsh and Oyster/Shell Habitat Possible input on Estuarine Wetland Habitat during Healthy Ecosystem Technical Team Meeting at Annual GSAA Meeting	Webinars  Ponte Vedra, FL
September 2014- March 2015	Managed Species Sections Council, ASMFC and HMS. Coordination with presentation on Ecospecies online system, identification and engagement of species experts	Webinars

June 2014- June 2015	South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II	
September 2014- March 2015	Sections on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expand on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants	Webinar/ Coordination Meeting
Summer 2014 / Spring 2015	Modeling Workshop: Ecopath Forage Model, Habitat Modeling for Stock Assessment, Oceanographic Models, Connectivity Modeling and Integrated Ecosystem Models Facilitate Development of Ecosystem Model Suite: Updated Comprehensive Ecopath Model and Integrated Ecosystem/ Oceanographic Model (SALCC supported regional modeling as priority development of Conservation Blueprint Version 2.0)	St. Petersburg, Florida
November 3-5, 2014	ESRI Ocean Forum – Facilitate Session on proposal for collaboration with ESRI in creation of enhanced GIS capabilities and presentation supporting Regional Fish, Fish Habitat and Fishery Management in the US South Atlantic Region	Redlands, CA
November 18-19, 2014	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: Complete review and redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	St. Petersburg, Florida

Note: SEP can help with socio-economic sections.

#### **4. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3/EA – Chip Collier***

##### Items included during scoping:

- A. Speckled hind and Warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
- C. Potential expansion of HAPC areas
- D. Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
- E. Wreckfish fishery impacts to deepwater coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species

##### The Council revised the items to be included at the March 2012 meeting:

- A. Speckled hind and Warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Potential expansion of Coral HAPC areas
- C. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

##### The Council revised the items to be included at the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.

##### At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:

1. Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
2. Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
3. Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment

The only remaining item in CE-BA 3 is bycatch reporting; staff was directed to revise the document and bring to the Council in March 2013 for final review and approval.

##### At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3.

NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and the Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

[Note: This presentation was postponed to December 2013 and then to March 2014.]

##### **Timing:**

- A. ✓Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
- B. ✓Council refines list and approves for scoping – December 2011 meeting
- C. ✓Scope in January/February – see below for details

- D. √Council reviews scoping comments at March 2012 meeting and provides guidance to Staff/IPT
- E. √Individual Council Species Committees develop actions/alternatives
- F. √Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at June 2012 meeting
- G. √Public hearings – August 2012
- H. √Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review at September 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012. The Council provided further guidance at the December 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to March 2013 meeting
- I. Changes implemented January 1, 2013; as early as possible in 2013.

Appoint IPT Team:

- A. √Council Team – Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), Brian Cheuvront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Gregg Waugh (lead for Data actions) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
- B. √NMFS SERO Team – Karla Gore (NMFS Lead); Nick Farmer, Rick DeVactor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA); Anik Clemens (Regulations writers).
- C. √NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
- D. √NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

Advisory Panel Input:

- A. √Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- B. √Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- C. √Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- D. √Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- E. √Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials

- F.     √Dolphin/Wahoo AP – April 24, 2012 (8:30 am – noon) in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- G.     √Mackerel AP – April 24 (1:30 pm) – 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- H.     √Coral AP – May 9 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) – 10 (9:00 am – 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - (1) Hotel location
  - (2) FR notice
  - (3) Briefing materials
- I.     √Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012 from 2-4 pm. The Habitat AP will meet in person in the Fall as normal

Specific Steps:

- A.   √NOI to publish in FR by \_\_\_\_\_. NOI published on 5/23/12. Given that MPAs removed, a new checklist will be sent out to determine if this amendment will be an EA or EIS.

(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the March 2012 Council meeting. The SAFMC conducted scoping during the Council's MSA scoping in January/February 2012.)

- B.   √Draft MSA scoping document.
- C.   √Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.  
Schedule a Team call if needed.
- D.   √MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. **Scoping from 4-7 pm**

<b><u>January 24, 2012</u></b> Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	<b><u>January 31, 2012</u></b> Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
<b><u>January 26, 2012</u></b> BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	<b><u>February 1, 2012</u></b> Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800
<b><u>January 30, 2012</u></b> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>February 2, 2012</u></b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888

- E.   √Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- F.   √Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.

- G. ✓Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- H. ✓Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- I. ✓Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- ~~J. Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12~~
- ~~K. Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12~~
- L. ✓CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- M. ✓Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2012 COUNCIL MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ACTIONS PERTAINING TO CORAL HAPCs AND SHELF-EDGE MPAs FROM CE-BA 3 TO CE-BA 4. SEE BELOW FOR PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR MPA DEVELOPMENT

The Council provided guidance on items to be further developed in CE-BA 3 during the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Include modifications to data collection (for-hire and commercial) and bycatch reporting in CE-BA 3 and approved for public hearings
  - B. Develop Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 4 after a joint meeting of the Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, and representatives from the Habitat and Law Enforcement APs during the fall of 2012
  - C. Proceed with developing additional protections for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; the SSC is to provide guidance on ABC values for speckled hind and warsaw grouper during their October 2012 meeting
- N. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
  - O. ✓Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<b><u>August 9, 2012</u></b> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<b><u>August 8, 2012</u></b> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<b><u>August 7, 2012</u></b> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road <b>Jacksonville, FL 32256</b> Phone: 904-296-2222	<b><u>August 6, 2012</u></b> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043
<b><u>August 14, 2012</u></b> Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	<b><u>August 16, 2012</u></b> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- P. ✓BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- Q. ✓Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

NOTE: AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED THE CORAL HAPC ACTIONS TO CORAL AMENDMENT 7 8.

- R. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- S. ✓IPT completes analyses
  - a. 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
  - b. 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
  - c. 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
  - d. 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
  - e. 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1<sup>st</sup> briefing book at 9 am
  - f. 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
  - g. 11/26/12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> briefing book ready at 9 am
- T. ✓Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012 meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.

**AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.**

- U. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
  - a. ✓Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
  - b. ✓Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
- V. ✓IPT completes analyses
  - a. ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
  - b. ✓\_\_\_\_\_ – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
  - c. ✓\_\_\_\_\_ – revised document sent to IPT
  - d. ✓\_\_\_\_\_ – comments due back from IPT
  - e. ✓2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1<sup>st</sup> briefing book at 9 am
- ~~W. South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
- J. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- X. ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
- Y. ✓December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
- Z. ✓March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.  
 At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils



are working on a shared cost approach to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on species-specific observer requirements.

- AA.   √At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:
- a.   √Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
  - b.   √Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
  - c.   Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
  - d.   Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.
- BB.   Based on discussions at the September 2014 Council meeting, the SEFSC/SERO agreed to draft a comprehensive bycatch reporting system for the southeast. The SEFSC and SERO will provide an update on their efforts at each Council meeting. The Council's intent thus far is that this would be specified in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3.

### III. Coral Amendment – Chip Collier

#### 1. *Coral Amendment 8/EA – Chip*

Coral Amendment 8/EA was approved at the September 2013 meeting and will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in ~~September/October~~ November 2013.

- A. ☒ Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. Staff/IPT completes document by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Corrections made by \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. ☒ SAFMC sends to NMFS by \_\_\_\_\_. Done 11/26/13.
- C. ☒ Notice of Availability of Amendment
  - a. Published in *Federal Register* on 5/20/14.
  - b. Comments due 7/21/14.
  - c. Amendment approved on 8/20/14.
- D. ☒ Proposed Rule published 6/3/14.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - b. Comments due by 7/3/14.
- E. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/13. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_ 13.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/13.
- F. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/13.

## IV. MACKEREL

### **1. *Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 20(20B) (Boundaries & Transit Provisions)(Gulf Administrative Lead)***

- a. √Document sent to NMFS 5/22/14.
- b. √Notice of Availability of Amendment
  - i. √Published in *Federal Register* on 10/17/14.
  - ii. Comments due 12/16/14.
- c. √Proposed Rule published 10/31/14.
  - i. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - ii. Comments due by 12/16/14.
- d. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_ 14.
- e. Send to Council, AP & SSC
- f. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/14.

### **2. *South Atlantic/Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 2/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)***

In March 2013 the South Atlantic Council added an action to South Atlantic Framework Action 2013 to consider changes in the commercial trip limit system for Atlantic Spanish mackerel in Florida, but decided to move the action to a later amendment in June 2013. The Committee approved the following motion to add the action in a new framework amendment:

**MOTION: BRING BACK THE PREVIOUS TRIP LIMIT ACTIONS FROM ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK IN A SEPARATE FRAMEWORK ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**Approved by Committee. APPROVED BY COUNCIL.**

#### **IPT Team**

- 1. √SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- 2. √GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (Lead)
- 3. √NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Co-Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS Co-Lead), Jack McGovern (Sustainable Fisheries Biologist), David Keys (NEPA), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Anik Clemens (Technical Writer), Adam Brame (Protected Resources)
- 4. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried and Brent Stoffle
- 5. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

√NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in April 2014. NMFS determine an EA.

Note: At the June 2014 Council meeting the document was approved for public hearings. No preferred alternatives were chosen.

Timing 2014:

- a. √June 2014- review by South Atlantic Council, direction to staff, and approve for public hearings
- b. √August 2014 – public hearings
- c. √September 2014- review, public hearing, and final action by South Atlantic Council
- d. √October 2014- review and final action by Gulf Council
- e. √November 2014- send for Secretarial Review; done 11/5/14.
- f. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Send to Council, AP & SSC – done \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_
- g. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- h. Send to Council, AP & SSC \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

### **3. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP ALLOCATION AMENDMENT 24/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)**

**WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016**

#### **IPT Team**

- a. √SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. √GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), David Keys (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), and Stephen Holiman (Economist)
- d. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
- e. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

√NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in November 2013. NMFS determined CMP Amendment 24 is an EA.

#### **Items:**

- A. ~~Modify allocations for Gulf migratory group king mackerel~~
- B. Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

#### **Proposed Timing 2013/14:**

- a. √Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. √Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. √February 2014, GMFMC decided to table the amendment until after the king mackerel assessment is completed.
- e. √March 2014 the SAFMC decided to move forward with development of actions and alternatives for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel.
- f. √SAFMC to review updated options paper at June 2014 meeting. Council directed staff to bring back a more detailed options paper at the December 2014 meeting.
- g. √Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- h. GMFMC scoping in \_\_\_\_\_ 2014
- i. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – √SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- j. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_
- k. Public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_
- l. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_
- m. Document submitted to NMFS – \_\_\_\_\_

**Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.**

#### **4. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP AMENDMENT 26 (King Mackerel ACLs, stock boundary, other management measures)/EA or EIS? – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)**

Given the workload, if developed, this amendment should be considered for later in 2014 (i.e., public hearings in August 2014).

Amendment 26 was scoped as actions to split the KM and SM commercial permits into separate jurisdictions, but now Am 26 will only include king mackerel actions associated with the results of the stock assessment and an action to address sale of king mackerel caught in shark gillnets. The permit or FMP split will be in Amendment 28.

#### **DECISION DOCUMENT FOR SEPARATING PERMITS FOR KING MACKEREL AND SPANISH MACKEREL INTO SEPARATE JURISDICTIONS**

##### **IPT Team NEED IPT TEAM**

The Gulf side will set up an IPT after they determine if the Gulf Council is going to move forward with Amendment 26. Decision will be made after assessments are completed for king mackerel in fall 2014.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead) and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie (NMFS co-lead)
- d. NMFS SEFSC Team:
- b. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

**NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after range of actions is determined and IPT meets.**

##### **Proposed Timing 2014:**

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies Decision Document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- e. ✓GMFMC to discuss development of amendment. At their February 2014 meeting, the GMFMC delayed development of Amendment 26 until after stock assessment for king mackerel is completed.
- f. ✓Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014
- g. Review White Paper at September 2014 meeting – provide input and guidance on timing.
- h. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_
- i. Public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_

j. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_

k. Document submitted to NMFS – \_\_\_\_\_

Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

**5. *JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP AMENDMENT 28 (Permit/FMP Split)/EA or EIS? – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)***

Given the workload, if developed, this amendment should be considered for later in 2014 (i.e., public hearings in August 2014).

Amendment 26 was scoped as actions to split the KM and SM commercial permits into separate jurisdictions, but now Am 26 will only include king mackerel actions associated with the results of the stock assessment. The permit or FMP split will be in Amendment 28.

## **V. SPINY LOBSTER**

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

The Spiny Lobster Review Panel will meet in Key West, Florida February 9, 2015 to discuss the 2014 OFL overage and make recommendations about actions the Councils should consider including possibly adjusting the ACL.

### ***1. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – Kari***



## **VI. SHRIMP – Chip Collier**

### **1. *Potential Cold Water Closure***

- A. Plan for action in 2015 if requested. Shrimp Amendment 9 was approved and the new process was used in 2014 and can be used during the winter of 2015 if necessary.

## **VII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian**

√Golden Crab AP meeting prior to June 2014 Council meeting. Topics include:

1. Input on Accountability Measures
2. Potential modifications to fishing zones
3. Other issues

√AP meets May 2, 2014 from 1-5 pm in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (See Section XII. for details)

√Golden Crab Committee meeting during the June 2014 meeting. Provide guidance to staff.

AP meeting in Ft. Lauderdale, FL January 23, 2014 from 10 am – 5 pm.

1. Mapping of areas and potential modifications to allowable fishing areas.
2. Potential change in fishing year.

Committee meeting during March 2-6, 2015 meeting in St. Simons Island, GA.

1. Determine if need to develop a new amendment.
2. If yes, approve scoping document.
3. Scope during August 2015.

## **VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS**

### **1. *Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment* - Gregg**

Note: This was previously Action 2 in CEBA-3.

Note: This will be a joint amendment with the Gulf Council with the South Atlantic Council as administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 27, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 9

**WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016**

IPT Team IPT to be determined after February 2013 Gulf Council meeting.

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. √GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski (NMFS Co-Lead), Anik Clemens (Regulation Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Nick Farmer, David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman, (NEPA), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Kelly Moran (OLE).
- d. √NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertlein, Shannon Calay, Larry Perruso (Economist).
- e. √NOAA GC – Mara Levy.

Timing: WILL BE WORKED ON AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Prepare draft amendment document from CEBA-3 – Gregg in early January 2013
- ii. IPT review and revise document
- iii. Document reviewed during Gulf Council February 5-8, 2013 meeting.
- iv. Timing determined after Gulf Council meeting
- v. IPT meeting with Gulf Staff - April 1, 2013

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC requested a presentation on the pilot study from the SEFSC. After receiving the presentation at the September 2013 meeting, the Committee and Council will provide guidance to staff/IPT on timing and scope.

**At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC requested the SEFSC provide updates at each Council meeting on progress of the commercial electronic logbook pilot study and directed staff to defer work on the amendment until the pilot is completed.**

At the March 2014 meeting, Dr. Bonnie Ponwith updated the committee on the status of this electronic logbook pilot project. The committee discussed the original intent to provide fishermen the option of filing their logbook form electronically or using the current paper logbook versus the current pilot study evaluating an on-vessel electronic logbook. Input from the Snapper Grouper visioning process thus far indicates support for reporting electronically rather than via paper. The committee expressed interest in future discussions about providing the opportunity for fishermen to report electronically, in addition to using paper. The Council directed staff to provide some options on how

commercial fishermen could report electronically and via paper and provide at the June 2014 meeting.

At the June 2014 meeting, Dr. Bonnie Ponwith updated the committee on the status of this electronic logbook pilot project. The committee directed staff to work with ACCSP on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form. Gregg Waugh will be the staff person working on this and NMFS SERO (Andy Strelcheck) and SEFSC (Dave Gloeckner/Steve Turner) will appoint an individual to work on this along with NOAA GC (Monica Smit-Brunello).

Timing:

- A.    √Options drafted by Gregg – by \_\_\_\_\_; done for 2<sup>nd</sup> bb.
- B.    xProvided to IPT for review – by
- C.    xComments due - by
- D.    √Options ready for briefing book – 5/16/14; included in 2<sup>nd</sup> bb.
- E.    √Committee/Council guidance at June 2014 meeting.
- F.    √NMFS SERO appoints Andy Strelcheck
- G.    √NMFS SEFSC appoints Dave Gloeckner/Steve Turner
- H.    √Gregg to follow-up with Mike Cahall – done June 20, 2014
- I.    √Group to draft implementation plan with timing and report to Council in December 2014. Status report presented to Council with goal of implementing in early 2015.
- J.    Status report to Council in March 2015.

## **2. *JOINT SAFMC/GMFMC Charterboat Reporting Amendment - Gregg***

Need additional SAFMC guidance on level of participation.

The Gulf Council approved the following motions at their October 2012 meeting:

- a. Motion#1: To create a subcommittee with a member of the South Atlantic, HMS, Gulf Council, SEFSC, and MRIP to coordinate and bring back a complementary document to deal with headboat data collection system.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), John Carmichael, Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. NMFS SERO Team: Rich Malinowski (NMFS Lead), Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Andy Strelcheck
- d. NMFS SEFSC – Ken Brennan and Vivian Matter
- e. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello

### ✓Technical Subcommittee

- a. GMFMC – John Froeschke
- b. SAFMC – John Carmichael/Mike Errigo
- c. NMFS SERO – Andy Strelcheck
- d. NMFS SEFSC – Ken Brennan and Vivian Matter
- e. MRIP – Dr. Ron Saltz
- f. HMS – George Silva
- g. ASFMC – Beverly Sauls
- h. ACCSP – Mike Cahall
- i. GSFMC – Greg Bray
- j. Doug Mumford – NC
- k. Eric Hiltz – SC
- l. Mark Fisher – TX

Timing – work with Gulf Council to determine timing.

- a. Technical Sub-Committee meets May 28-29, 2014 in Tampa, FL

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC reiterated their direction to staff to work with the GMFMC on this amendment in 2014.

✓Request other organizations make appointments.

At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

1. APPOINT JOHN CARMICHAEL/MIKE ERRIGO AS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING ON THE TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SEPARATING CHARTERBOATS FROM THE MRIP SAMPLING PROGRAM
2. Directed staff to work with Gulf Council staff and NMFS staff on a Generic Amendment addressing Charter Reporting

At the December 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

**MOTION #1:** The Councils' intent is to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically at a minimum of weekly as is being implemented for headboats. It is the Councils' intent that this information be updated on the SERO's website on some regular period.

**MOTON #2:** Direct staff to draft a letter from SAFMC/GMFMFC to the agencies/partners (MRIP, HMS, SEFSC, SERO, ACCSP AND ASMFC) requesting they appoint representatives prior to the South Atlantic Council's March 2014 meeting.

At the March 2014 meeting, the South Atlantic Council discussed the Gulf Council's interest in moving this amendment along and that the technical subcommittee provide their report by summer and their approved motion to develop a joint framework action to establish electronic reporting or other approved methods within the federally permitted reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics charter fishery. The committee discussed this but felt that the technical committee would need the rest of this year to complete their work. The committee discussed work that could be conducted by the two Councils to begin working on an amendment to require electronic reporting from charter vessels. The Council directed South Atlantic Staff to work with Gulf Staff to provide support to the technical committee and facilitate the committee's work. Discuss what work can be accomplished on the amendment while the technical committee is completing their work. Report back at the June 2014 meeting.

#### 2014 Schedule:

- a) ✓The Council also directed staff to draft a letter from the SAFMC/GMFMFC asking the other agencies/partners to appoint representatives to the committee prior to the Council's March 2014 meeting.
- b) ✓Letter to agencies/partners:
  - (i) ✓Draft prepared – done 1/31/14
  - (ii) ✓Sent to GMFMFC by – done 1/31/14
  - (iii)✓Sent to Partners by – done 2/4/14
- c) ✓Technical subcommittee work during 2014 and develop a recommendation to present to the Council in December 2014 or March 2015.
- d) ✓Staff to continue work on the technical sub-committee to complete the report for the Decebmer 2014 meeting.
- e) ✓The Council directed staff to work with Gulf Council staff to prepare amendment to implement similar measures in the charterboat reporting amendment as were implemented for headboats while taking into considerations the recommendations in the Charterboat Technical Committee Final Report – December 2014.

2015 Schedule:

Details to be added.

## **IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO – Brian**

Note: Comprehensive ACL Amendment was #2, CE-BA 3 is #3, and the Joint SA/GM Dealer Amendment was #4.

### **1. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillet Issue)/EA - Brian**

- i. ✓ Council reviews public input, revises document as necessary, and approves for formal review – December 2014
- ii. Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
  - a. IPT needs one final review
  - b. Jack needs one final review
  - c. IRFA needs to be done
  - d. When these are done, then Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review
- iii. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by January 30, 2015. Done \_\_\_\_/15. Target for regulations to be in place by Summer 2015 but likely winter due to delay in final approval of amendment.
- iv. Notice of Availability of Amendment
  1. Published in *Federal Register* on \_\_\_\_.
  2. Comments due \_\_\_\_.
- xv. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_.
- xvi. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/15.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Post to web site
  3. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.



## **X.       GENERIC AM/DOLPHIN ALLOCATION AMENDMENT/EA – Brian**

(Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 8, Snapper Grouper Amendment 34, and Golden Crab Amendment 9)

- a. ✓Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve all actions – September 2014
- b. Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
  1. ✓IPT needs one final review
  2. ✓Jack needs one final review
  3. IRFA needs to be done
  4. When these are done, then Gregg, ✓Monica, ✓Jack, and Ben final review
- c. ✓Review final amendment and approve for formal review – December 2014
- d. Document submitted to NMFS – December 2014; done \_\_\_\_\_
- e. Notice of Availability of Amendment
  1. Published in *Federal Register* on \_\_\_\_\_.
  2. Comments due \_\_\_\_\_.
- f. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_.
- g. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/15.
  1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  2. Post to web site
  3. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/15.

## **XI. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – John**

### **1. *SSC Winter Meeting Conference Call (week of February 9-13)***

If necessary, to review analyses or documents for March Council meeting

### **2. *SSC Spring 2015 Meeting – April 28-30, 2015***

\*value after item # is estimated time allotment. Please advise if more time is required.

- 1) 3h Review Florida Mutton Snapper Updated Assessment (FL FWC)
  - a. Fishing Level Recommendations
- 2) 2h Protected Resources Presentation (SERO)
- 3) .5 Oculina Evaluation Team Final Report (Staff)
- 4) 1h Review 2014 Landings and Catch limits (SERO)
- 5) 1h Stock Status Determinations Process (SERO Presentation)
- 6) .5h Progress report on SEFSC Headboat Data Evaluation (SEFSC)
- 7) .25h Report from National SSC Workshop V (Chair)
- 8) .5h Report on the SEFSC Assessment Program Review (SEFSC)
- 9) .25h Report on MRIP Calibration Workshop and Effort Survey Transition (Staff)
- 10) .5h Report on the Council Visioning Project (Staff)
- 11) .5h Spiny Lobster Review Panel Recommendations (staff)
- 12) .25h Review SAFMC Annual Research and Monitoring Plan
- 13) 1h SEDAR items (Staff)
  - a. SEDAR 41 Schedule update
  - b. Data Best Practices Workshop Update
  - c. FWC proposals for black grouper and yellowtail snapper
  - d. Red Grouper Update TORs
  - e. Assessment Priorities for 2017
- 14) Amendments (Staff, others as noted)
  - a. 2h SG RA 16, with SERO presentation on revised analyses
  - b. 1h SG Amend 36, with SERO presentation on id'ing spawning aggregations
  - c. .5h Hogfish rebuilding plan amendment (tentative)
- 15) .25h Updates/FYI ongoing projects (amends/actions without action items)

- a. Octocoral Status Report
- b. SG Amend 35

16) 0h Election

**3. *SSC Summer 2015 Meeting*** (Conf Call or Webinar) – Review analyses and documents for September meeting.

**4. *SSC Fall 2015 Meeting – October 20-22 (tentative dates)***

- A. No assessments to be reviewed.
- B. SEDAR Items
  - i. Blueline Tilefish Terms of Reference
  - ii. Gray and Lane Snapper Stock ID / Data Inventory Workshop
  - iii. Data Best Practices Workshop report
- C. Report on Landings and Stock Status

**5. *Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Meeting – April 27, 2015***

## ***XII. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS***

Crown Plaza requested for Charleston meetings.

Federal Register notices are due 30 days prior to meeting; send to Kim.

Meeting requests to Cindy.

### **1. Golden Crab AP - Brian**

- A. January 23, 2015 from 10 am to 5 pm
- B. Location: Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- C. Items
  - 1. Potential modifications to fishing year
  - 2. Potential modifications to fishing zones; mapping
  - 3. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Law Enforcement AP - Myra**

- A. March 2, 2015 1:30 - 5pm
- B. Location: St. Simons Island, GA
- C. Items
  - a. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Species Removal & Golden Tilefish Endorsements)
  - b. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - c. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots)
  - d. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 2/12/15

### **3. Habitat AP - Roger**

- A. April 7, 2015 (9 am) to April 8, 2015 (5pm)
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
  - e. Policy Statements
  - f. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 3/27/15

#### **4. Snapper Grouper AP - Myra**

- A. April 13, 2015 (1:30 pm) – April 14, 2015 (5 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
  - 1. Amendment 35 (Species Removal)
  - 2. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - 3. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots)
  - 4. Visioning
  - 5. Joint SA/GM Amendments
  - 6. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 3/27/15

#### **5. Mackerel AP - Kari**

- A. April 15, 2015 (9 am – 5 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
  - 1. Status of CMP Amendment 20A
  - 2. Status CMP Amendment 20B
  - 3. Status of South Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013
  - 4. Status of Framework Amendment 1
  - 5. Status of Framework Amendment 2
  - 6. CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations for Spanish Mackerel)
  - 7. CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACL/stock boundary)
  - 8. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 3/21/15. Done 3/\_\_\_/15.

#### **6. Joint Shrimp/Deepwater Shrimp AP - Chip**

- A. April 16, 2015 (9 am – 3 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
  - a. Shrimp Biological Opinion (21014)
  - b. Reporting Requirements from BiOP
  - c. Shrimp Procedural Workshop Results
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_/15

## **7. Snapper Grouper AP - Myra**

- A. October XX, 2015 (1:30 pm) – October XX, 2015 (5 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
  - 1. Others?
- B. Federal Register notice
- C. Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_/15

## **8. Mackerel AP - Kari**

- A. October xx, 2015 (9 am – 5 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston, SC
- C. Items
  - 1. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_/15. Done \_/\_/15.

## **9. Habitat AP - Roger**

- a. November 17, 2015 (9 am) to November 18, 2015 (5pm)
- b. Location: St. Petersburg, FL @ FWRI
- c. Items
  - 1. Others?
- d. Federal Register notice
- e. Briefing materials by 11/3/15

## **10. I & E AP - Amber**

- f. Fall 2015
- g. Location: Charleston, SC
- h. Items
  - 1. Others?
- i. Federal Register notice
- j. Briefing materials by \_\_\_\_/15

### **XIII. VISIONING – Amber/Myra**

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved holding port meetings during February – March 2014.

Proposed Timing 2014:

- a) ✓Port Meetings – February through April 2014
- b) ✓Comments accepted through May 30, 2014
- c) ✓Council reviews comments – June 2014
  - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
  - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- d) ✓Council work on Vision/Strategic Plan – October 14 (1 pm) to October 16 (3pm), 2014 in North Charleston, SC (Crown Plaza)
  - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
  - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- e) ✓Council review of Draft Strategic Goals (Management and Communication) for Vision Blueprint– December 2014
  - i. Overview – Amber
  - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval

Revised timing from December 2014 Visioning Workshop:

- March 2015: Review of draft strategic goals (Science & Governance) for Vision Blueprint; further revise Management & Communication strategic goals; plan public input activities.
- June 2015 Council meeting: Finalize strategic goals and draft Vision Blueprint; prep for public input activities.
- June – September 2015: Collect public input
- September 2015: Review public input and plan for October Council Visioning Workshop
- October 2015 Council Visioning Workshop to prioritize short-term and long-term items and further refine for development of SG Amendment 38.
- December 2015 Council meeting: Review and approve prioritized items to be scoped under SG Amendment 37

## **XIV. SOUTH FLORIDA MANAGEMENT ISSUES/GOLIATH GROUP JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE – Bob/Gregg**

South Atlantic Council (2014/15):

1. Council members – Ben Hartig, Michelle Duval, Jessica McCawley, Mel Bell & Charlie Phillips
2. Staff – Bob Mahood & Gregg Waugh
3. Others – Luiz Barbieri & John Hunt

Gulf of Mexico Council (2014/15):

1. Council members – Martha Bademan, Roy Williams, John Sanchez & Pam Dana
2. Staff – Doug Gregory & Carrie Simmons

√The group has held a number of meetings via webinar and phone. The first in-person meeting was held January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.

√The second in-person meeting was held July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.

### **IPT Team**

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier (Coral), Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues).
- b. √GMFMC Team: Carrie Simmons (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, Assane Diagne, and Doug Gregory
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Jack McGovern (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski, Nikhil Mehta, Andy Herndon (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Tony Lamberte (Economist), and Tracy Dunn (OLE)
- d. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Jeff Isley and Matthew McPherson
- e. √NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes

### **1. Goliath Grouper**

- a. SSC/Assessment group to determine if sufficient data exist for another assessment – Carrie/Luiz Gulf lead. If yes, FWC staff have volunteered to be lead on the stock assessment. If no, the SSC group would provide a coordinated scientific sampling plan to address any missing data needs.
- b. SEDAR representative as we move forward – Julie Neer

### **2. Speckled hind/Warsaw grouper**

- a. South Atlantic & Gulf SSC Subcommittee to explore methods to determine stock status of speckled hind and warsaw grouper and suggest a path forward – John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead) working with Luiz and Carrie to organize meeting; may need to meet several times.



- b. Timing - can the group meet prior to July 22-24, 2014 Jt. Committee meeting?
- c. Education program to help people distinguish snowy grouper from warsaw grouper – handle through normal Information & Education activities.

**3. SAFMC Only Snapper Grouper Amendment (Snapper Grouper Amendment 35) – Gregg Waugh->Myra Brouwer (SAMFC Lead)**

- a. Species to remove (Gulf removed these species from Reef Fish FMU in 2011):
  - i. Dog snapper
  - ii. Schoolmaster
  - iii. Mahogany snapper
  - iv. Black snapper
- b. Vermilion snapper – change to 10” TL (same as Gulf). Florida would take their own action to make this change.

**MOTION #1: TAKE AN ACTION TO REMOVE NASSAU GROUPE, DOG SNAPPER, SCHOOL MASTER, MAHOGANY AND BLACK SNAPPER FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPE FMU.**

**APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**APPROVED BY COUNCIL [Intent to scope in August 2014]**

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council excluded removal of Nassau grouper and approved the document for scoping. See Snapper Grouper #13 for timing, etc. on Amendment 34.

**4. Joint Amendment to address all other species/actions**

- a. Prepared by Joint Council Committee on South Florida Issues – document preparation, actions/alternatives, analysis and recommendation of preferred alternatives.
- b. Draft Amendment provided to Gulf Council and South Atlantic Council for consideration by full Councils not committees.
- c. IPT-like group to guide development (work assignments, timeframes for deliverables, etc.):
  - i. South Atlantic Council – Bob Mahood & Gregg Waugh
  - ii. Gulf of Mexico Council – Doug Gregory & Carrie Simmons
  - iii. NMFS SERO – Jack McGovern
  - iv. NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes
  - v. Florida – Jessica McCawley, Martha Bademan, Luiz Barbieri & John Hunt

**MOTION #2: APPROVE THE PROCESS DESCRIBED FOR HOW THE JOINT SOUTH  
FLORIDA MANAGEMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE WOULD OPERATE.  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

d. Timing:

- i. ✓Group met January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL
- ii. ✓Group to meet July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.
- iii. ✓Briefing book materials to be posted and distributed July 14, 2014
- iv. ✓Scoping conducted 2013-2014 by Florida at workshops and at each Group meeting, Council meeting, etc.
- v. ✓Council review and provide guidance – September 2014
- vi. ✓Council review and provide guidance – December 2014. SAFMC provided guidance on AM alternatives.
- vii. Group to meet January 13-14, 2015 in Key West, FL.
- viii. Council reviews and approves for public hearings – June 2015
  - 1. SAFMC
  - 2. GMFMC
- ix. Public hearings (See XV. Dates and Locations for 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – August 2015
- x. Council reviews public hearing input and approves actions – September 2015
- xi. Councils approves for final review –December 2015

e.

## **XV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS**

The Council generally holds scoping meetings and public hearings during the last week in January and the first week in February. A second round is generally scheduled in August.

### **1. Dates and Locations for January 2015**

A. Dates and requested locations: **Hearings from 4-7 pm except Key West.**

Revised process for these Public Hearings:

1. Staff presentations, questions, and then public comments will be conducted in the same room.
2. Times – most begin at 4 pm but Key West begins at 5:30 pm.
3. Amendments – Key West, Cocoa Beach & Georgetown will cover SG Am 35 (Species Removal & Golden Tilefish Endorsements). Cocoa Beach will also cover scoping for CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures).

<b><u>January 13, 2015</u></b> Marriott Key West Beachside 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, Florida 33040 Phone: 305-296-8100	<b><u>January 20, 2015</u></b> <del>Hull's Seafood Market/Restaurant</del> <del>111 W Granada Blvd</del> <del>Ormond Beach, FL 32174</del>
<b><u>January 21, 2014</u></b> Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 North Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-799-0003	<b><u>January 27, 2014</u></b> Kimbel Lodge at Hobcaw Barony 22 Hobcaw Road Georgetown, SC 29442 Phone: 843-904-9024
<b><u>January 28, 2015</u></b> <del>T's Café</del> <del>2004 NC HWY 172</del> <del>Sneads Ferry, NC 28460</del>	

- B. Amendments:
  - 1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsements) (Myra) – public hearings
  - 2. CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures) - scoping
- C. Rooms Needed – one room for staff presentation, questions, and public comments)
- D. Federal Register Notice – by \_\_\_\_\_, 2014
  - a. Notice sent to NOAA –
  - b. Publish notice –
- E. Document preparation
  - a. Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
    - ii. Summary documents posted by 1/7/15 for Am 35 and 1/14/15 for CMP Am 26.
    - iii. Amendments posted by 1/7/15 or 1/12/15 at the latest for Am 35.
    - iv. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 1/7/15 for Am 35 and 1/14/15 for CMP Am 26.
  - b. Comments due by 5 pm on 2/4/15 for SG Am 35 and 2/11/15 for CMP Am 26.
  - c. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net)  
Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line:  
SG Am 35 & CMP Am 26.
  - d. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
    - i. SG Am 35 (Myra) – 1/8/15
    - ii. CMP Am 26 (Kari) – 2/4/15
- D. Staff attending hearings – Gregg – Key West; Myra – Cocoa Beach & Georgetown; Kari – Cocoa Beach only; Julie (Administrative) all sites; Amber – Key West & Georgetown; and Kim – Cocoa Beach.
- E. Council chairs:
  - a. SC – Mel (chair);
  - b. Cocoa Beach – Ben (chair)
  - c. Key West – Ben/Jessica (chair)

## **2. Webinar Public Hearings – April 2015**

- A. Amendments:
  - a. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) (Gregg) – \_\_\_\_\_
- B. Document/presentation preparation – scoping webinars start at 6 pm
  - 1. Scoping document and summary.
    - a. Scoping document posted by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
    - b. Presentation done by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
    - c. Video presentation done by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2. Document available and posted on web site by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 3. Comments due by 5 pm on \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4. Email addresses:
    - a. [Mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:Mike.collins@safmc.net)
  - 5. Presentation/Informal Q & A and then Scoping; done via webinar with listening stations.
    - a. AM
    - b. Afternoon
    - c. Evening beginning at 6 pm
  - 6. Record scoping webinar.
  - 7. Listening stations
    - a. NC
    - b. SC
    - c. GA
    - d. FL
  - 8.

### 3. *Dates and Locations for August 2015*

A. Draft dates and requested locations: **WILL BE FINALIZED AFTER MARCH MEETING**

Spiny Lobster season opens on August 6<sup>th</sup>. **Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm**  
**NEED DATES FOR 2015 AND WILL REQUEST LOCATIONS**

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots) Public Hearings:

<b><u>August 11, 2015</u></b>  N. Charleston, SC Phone: 843-	<b><u>August 13, 2015</u></b> T's Café 2004 NC HWY 172 Sneads Ferry, NC 28460 Phone: 252-
<b><u>August 12, 2015</u></b> Little River, SC or Bolivia, NC Phone:	<b><u>August 17, 2014</u></b> Hull's Seafood Market/Restaurant 111 W Granada Blvd Ormond Beach, FL 32174 Phone:

Mackerel & Other?? Public Hearings:

<b><u>August 11, 2015</u></b>  N. Charleston, SC Phone: 843-	<b><u>August 18, 2015</u></b> Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-799-0003
<b><u>August 19, 2015</u></b> Key West, FL or Key Largo, FL Phone: 305	<b><u>August xx, 2014</u></b>  Sneads Ferry or Morehead City, NC
<b><u>August xx, 2015</u></b>  Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904	<b><u>August xx, 2015</u></b> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-743-8888

B. Amendments:

1. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots) (Brian) – public hearing.
2. CMP ??? (???) – Kari

C. Rooms Needed – large area plus 1 or 2 rooms (1 recording and 1 for tech. presentations)

1. General area (large) – sign-in and get information
2. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input
3. Room #2 – SG Reg Am 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots)
4. Room #1 – CMP Amendment ???

D. Federal Register Notice – by \_\_\_\_\_

- a. Notice sent to NOAA –
- b. Publish notice –

- E. Document preparation
- a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
    - i. Summary documents posted by \_\_\_\_\_.
    - ii. Amendments posted by \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ at the latest.
    - iii. Video presentation posted on \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Documents available and posted on web site by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. Comments due by 5 pm on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net)
  - e. Presentations (powerpoint & video) done by \_\_\_\_\_. Posted by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
    - i. SG RegAm 16 (Brian) – \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. CMP Amendment ??? (Kari) – \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Staff attending hearings – Karin& Brian all sites?????; Julie (Administrative) all sites; and Amber/Kim all sites?????.
- G. Council chairs –
- a. NC – Michelle (chair)
  - b. SC – Mel (chair); Chris
  - c. GA – Charlie (chair); Zack
  - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – Jessica (chair) and Doug (Jacksonville)
  - e. Key West – Jessica (chair); Ben

## **XVI. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

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

**A. March 2-6, 2015**

The King and Prince  
201 Arnold Road  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522  
Phone: 1-800-342-0212 or 912-638-3631/Fax: 912-638-7699

**B. June 8-12, 2015 – Key West, Florida; hotel cutoff 5/7/15**

Doubletree Grand Key Resort  
3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard  
Key West, FL 33040  
Phone: 888-844-0454 or 305-293-1818  
Fax: 305-296-6962

**C. September 14-18, 2015**

The Beach House Resort  
1 South Forest Beach Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928  
Phone: 800-315-2621 or 843-785-5126/Fax: 843-785-7763

**D. December 7-11, 2015 – Atlantic Beach, North Carolina; hotel cutoff 11/7/15**

Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront  
2717 W. Fort Macon Road  
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512  
Reservations: 800-222-8733; Phone: 252-240-1155  
Fax: 252-240-1452



## ***XVII. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND DECEMBER 2014 MEETING***

Items from the committee reports (Timing & Task motion) from the last Council meeting are inserted here.

### **A. Snapper Grouper – Myra**

1. Direct staff to conduct another review of the Oculina Closed Area Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
2. CONDUCT ANALYSES, INCLUDE DETAILED CHARTS, INCLUDE A SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLAN AS AN APPENDIX, AND PREPARE AMENDMENT 36 FOR THE MARCH 2015 COUNCIL MEETING.
3. Direct staff/IPT to address monitoring/evaluation needs upfront in the Amendment 36 document and reference the Monitoring/Evaluation Appendix.
4. Direct staff/IPT to look within the areas identified for Spawning SMZs off each state and, using bottom topography, bring alternative boxes back at the March 2015 meeting for the Committee's consideration. Include any surveys of biomass in the areas that are available.
5. Direct staff to discuss options for rebuilding plan for hogfish with Gulf Council.
6. Direct staff to look into scheduling presentation(s) on sector management for March 2015 Council meeting.
7. Direct staff to develop alternatives for an almaco trip limit. Bring to AP for their input in 2015. Develop alternatives that would allow for year-round fishery.
8. Submit Regulatory Amendment 22 for formal review.
9. ✓Prepare Amendment 35 for public hearings.

### **B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Chip/Roger**

1. Work with the Habitat AP to further refine existing and develop new SAFMC EFH policy statements for consideration at the December 2014 Council meeting.
2. Staff coordinate with NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division to monitor the ongoing evaluation of ESA impacts and response associated with activities associated with Miami Harbor deepening and further evaluate the need for response associated with impacts to EFH. Staff will also coordinate with NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division and council members regarding the proposed Port of Palm Beach project.
3. Direct staff to provide an updated VMS analysis using all of 2014 data and include information on vessels that are capable of fishing in the depth of the area that will be closed in Coral Amendment 8 and updated economic information for the area from Mike Merrifield. Present results to the Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee by the June 2015 Council meeting.
4. Direct staff to update the Council if new sanctuaries are proposed in the South Atlantic.
5. Direct staff to develop a document that describes all the management actions taken by the Council to protect habitats and manage fisheries off the coast of

northeast Florida. Present results to the Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee by the March or June 2014 Council meetings.

**C. Golden Crab – Brian**

1. Convene a meeting of the GC AP in the fall of 2014 for them to make recommendations regarding changes to the AGCFAs. Bring the findings back to the Council at the December 2014 Council meeting. Moved to January 23, 2015.

**D. Mackerel – Kari**

1. PREPARE A SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR AMENDMENT 26 AND SCOPE THE AMENDMENT IN JANUARY 2015.
2. PREPARE DRAFT AMENDMENT 26 FOR THE MARCH 2015 MEETING, INCLUDING INFORMATION REQUESTED DURING THE DISCUSSION.
3. PREPARE A DISCUSSION DOCUMENT ON OPTIONS AND COMPONENTS OF SEPARATING THE FMP FOR MARCH 2015.

**E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian**

1. none

**F. Shrimp – Chip**

1. none

**G. Law Enforcement - Myra**

1. none

**H. SEDAR – John**

1. none

**I. SSC Selection - John**

1. none

**J. AP Selection – Kim**

1. none

**K. Data Collection – Gregg**

1. ✓Direct staff to assist in providing input on the draft Electronic Technology Regional Implementation Plan. Letter sent to NMFS 12/22/14.
2. Direct staff to continue working with ACCSP (Mike Cahall) on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form. Gregg Waugh will be the staff person; Andy Strelcheck will represent the NMFS SERO and Dave Gloeckner/Steve Turner will represent the SEFSC; Monica Smit-Brunello will

- represent NOAA GC. A status report will be presented to the Council in March 2015 with the goal of implementation in early 2015.
3. Direct staff to work with the Gulf Council staff to begin working on a joint charterboat logbook amendment.

**L. Protected Resources – Kari**

1. None.

**M. Full Council – Bob**

1. ?

## **XVIII. March 2-6, 2015 – St. Simons Island, GA - DRAFT**

The King and Prince  
201 Arnold Road  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522  
Phone: 1-800-342-0212 or 912-638-3631/Fax: 912-638-7699

**ALL MATERIALS & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO 2<sup>ND</sup> BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL CHAIR.**

1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 2/2/15 @ 5 pm local time.
2. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO GREGG BY 2/9/2015 AT NOON.
3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/11/2015 AT 5 PM
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 2/12/2015 AT noon
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- (1) Recap of December Visioning Workshop
  - (2) Further Revise Management & Communication Strategic Goals
    - a. Overview – Amber
    - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval
  - (3) Draft Strategic Goals (Science & Governance)
    - a. Overview – Amber
    - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval
  - (4) Plan for collecting public input on Draft Vision Blueprint
    - a. Overview – Amber
    - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval

- B. Joint Habitat/Ecosystem Committee (TAB 2) – Monday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC) – SERO
  - (2) Updated Policy Statements
    - a. Overview – Roger
    - b. Committee Discussion & Action – Wilson Laney
  - (3) Ecosystem Workshop – Roger Pugliese/Wilson Laney
  - (4) Council meeting to accommodate the Ecosystem Session
    - a. Invited speakers from VIMS, NOAA Fisheries, SALCC, and BOEM (and possibly RSMAS)
    - b. Committee Discussion & Guidance to staff – Wilson Laney
  - (5) Others?

**NOTE: JOINT HABITAT/ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AP RUN CONCURRENTLY IN SEPARATE ROOMS**

- C. Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (Myra) (TAB 3) – Monday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Status of Joint Enforcement Agreements (JEAs)
    - i. NMFS
    - ii. Each State (FL, GA, SC, & NC)
  - (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Species Removal & Golden Tilefish Endorsements)
  - (3) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - (4) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots)
  - (5) Others??

- D. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 4) (CLOSED) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 9:00 am**
- (1) SEDAR Projects Update
  - (2) SEFSC Headboat Data Evaluation Update
  - (3) Appointments for Data Best Practices Workshop and SEDAR 41, if needed dt schedule change

- E. SSC Selection Committee (John) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 9:00 am – 9:30 am**
- (1) SSC Policies Review

- F. Protected Resources Committee (Kari) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 9:30 am – 10:30 am**
- (1) Update from SERO
  - (2) CMP Biological Opinion
  - (3) Status of MOU
  - (4) Report from Take Reduction Team Meeting
  - (5) Others??

- G. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 7) – Tuesday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Review Panel Report
    - a. Overview – Kari
    - b. Committee discussion and action – Jessica McCawley

(2) Other items??

**H. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 8) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
  - a. Amendment 29 (ORCS)
  - b. Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
  - c. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy)
  - d. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)
  - e. Am 33/34
- (5) Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Short-term Visioning, Hogfish, Jacks Complex)
  - a. Overview – Myra/Amber
  - b. Committee provides guidance on items (removal of Deepwater Species size limits; almaco trip limit; move visioning items?) and timing – Michelle Duval
- (6) Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
  - a. Overview of document – Brian
  - b. Committee modifies document and chooses preferred alternatives for all actions – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)
  - a. Status of document – Myra
  - b. Committee discussion and guidance – Michelle Duval
- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - a. Overview of document – Gregg
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsement)
  - a. Review Public Hearing comments – Myra
  - b. Overview of document – Myra
  - c. Committee reviews, modifies, and approve all actions – Michelle Duval

**I. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 9) – Thursday 8:30 am – 12:00 noon**

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Status of Amendments Under Review
  - a. Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20B – NMFS SERO
  - b. South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Action 2013 – NMFS SERO

- c. CMP Framework Amendment 1 – NMFS SERO
  - d. CMP Framework Amendment 2 – NMFS SERO
- (4) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures)
  - a. Review Scoping Comments – Kari
  - b. Overview of Actions & Alternatives – Kari
  - c. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance – Ben Hartig
- (5) CMP Amendment 28 (Separating permits for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel into separate jurisdictions/FMP split)
  - a. Presentation on How FMP Split would Work – Monica Smit-Brunello
  - b. Committee discusses and provides guidance – Ben Hartig
- J. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 10) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm**
  - (1) Budget
  - (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – Gregg
  - (3) South Florida Issues
  - (4) CCC Meeting Report
  - (5) Others?
- K. Golden Crab Committee (Brian) (TAB 11) – Thursday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm**
  - (1) Status of catches
  - (2) AP Report
  - (3) Committee Discussion and Guidance
  - (4) Others?
- L. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 12) – Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 pm**
  - (1) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) – status of work from NMFS
  - (2) Status of Final ET Implementation Plan – NMFS SERO
    - a. Presentation – NMFS SERO
    - b. Committee review and approval – Mel Bell
  - (3) Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
    - a. Overview – Gregg
    - b. Committee review and approval – Mel Bell
  - (4) Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study – SEFSC
  - (5) GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
    - a. Overview – Gregg/Mike
    - b. Committee discussion and guidance – Mel Bell
- M. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**
- N. Public Comments – Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**
- O. Council Session (TAB 13) – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
  - I. Presentations - none**
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## **II. Final Council Action and Comment:**

- (1) none

## **III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)

## **IV. Committee Reports & Other Items**

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

- A. Law Enforcement AP Report (TAB 3) – Mel Bell
- B. Visioning Workshop Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- C. Joint Habitat/Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- D. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- E. SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- H. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- I. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- J. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 10) – ACTION
- K. Golden Crab Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION
- L. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION
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  - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
  - (e) Other issues?
- L. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on \_\_\_\_\_ for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
  - (b) Progress reports on headboat data entry
  - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- M. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION



***XIX. June 8-12, 2015 – Key West, Florida – ROUGH DRAFT***

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Key West, FL 33040  
Phone: 888-844-0454 or 305-293-1818  
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Note: Gulf Council is meeting in Key West during the same week and there will be a Joint Council Session on Thursday or Friday (Items: South Florida Amendment, Mackerel, Joint Charterboat Amendment, Spiny Lobster?, others?).

**ALL MATERIALS & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO 2<sup>ND</sup> BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE UNLESS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL CHAIR.**

1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 5/7/15 @ 5 pm local time.
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- (1) Recap of March Visioning Workshop
  - (2) Further Refine Strategic Goals and Approve Draft Vision Blueprint for Public Input
    - a. Overview – Amber
    - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval
  - (3) Planning Discussion for Next Steps (Finalize plan for collecting public input on Draft Vision Blueprint)

- a. Overview – Amber
  - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval
- B. Habitat Committee (TAB 2) – Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm**
  - (1) Updated Policy Statements
    - a. Overview – Roger
    - b. Committee Discussion & Action – Wilson Laney
  - (2) Report from Habitat AP Meeting
    - a. Overview – Roger
    - b. Committee Discussion & Guidance to staff – Wilson Laney
  - (3) Others?
- C. Ecosystem Committee (TAB 3) – Monday 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm**
  - (1) Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC) – SERO
  - (2) Oculina Evaluation Team – Final Report
    - a. Overview – Chip
    - b. Committee Discussion & Action – Doug Haymans
  - (3) Updated VMS Analysis & Catch/Other Data
    - a. Overview – Roger/Chip
    - b. Committee Discussion & Action – Doug Haymans
  - (4) Others?
- D. Protected Resources Committee (Kari) (TAB 4) – Monday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
  - (1) SERO PRD Update
  - (2) Status of MOU
  - (3) Others??
- E. Shrimp Committee (Chip) (TAB 5) – Monday 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm**
  - (1) AP Report
  - (2) Committee Discussion & Guidance
  - (3) Others?
- F. Spiny Lobster Committee (Kari) (TAB 6) – Monday 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm**
  - (1) Actions to address Review Panel Recommendations (as necessary)
    - a. Overview – Kari
    - b. Committee discussion and action – Jessica McCawley
  - (2) Other items??
- G. SEDAR Committee (John) (TAB 7) – Monday 5:00 pm – 5:30 pm**
  - (1) Results of SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting
  - (2) Approve Red Grouper TORs
  - (3) Approve SAFMC Annual Research & Monitoring Plan

- H. Golden Crab Committee (Brian) (TAB 8) – Monday 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm**  
(1) Status of catches  
(2) Others?
- I. SSC Selection Committee (John) (TAB 9) – Tuesday 8:00 am – 9:00 am - **CLOSED****  
(1) Review applications and make appointments
- J. LE Committee (Myra) (TAB 10) – Tuesday 9:00 am – 9:30 am - **CLOSED****  
(1) Review nominations for LE Officer of the year  
(2) Others?
- K. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 11) – Tuesday 9:30 am – 10:30 am - **CLOSED****  
(1) Review applications and make appointments  
(2) Others?
- L. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 12) – Tuesday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon**  
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(3) South Florida Issues  
    a. Overview – Gregg  
    b. Committee Discussion & Guidance for Joint Council Session – Ben Hartig  
(4) Others?
- N. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 14) – Tuesday 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm**  
(1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO  
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    a. Overview of Actions & Alternatives – Kari  
    b. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance for Joint Council Session – Ben Hartig

- (6) CMP Amendment 28 (Separating permits for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel into separate jurisdictions/FMP split)
  - c. Overview of document – Kari
  - d. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance for Joint Council Session – Ben Hartig

**O. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 15) – Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**

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- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
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  - e. Am 33/34
- (5) AP Report
- (6) SSC Report
- (7) Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
  - a. Overview of document – Brian
  - b. Committee modifies document and approves for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)
  - a. Status of document – Myra
  - b. Committee discussion and guidance – Michelle Duval
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - a. Overview of document & public comments – Gregg
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (10) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species & Golden Tilefish Endorsement)
  - a. Overview of document – Myra
  - b. Committee reviews and approve for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (11) Regulatory Amendment 37
  - a. Overview of document – Myra
  - b. Committee reviews and provides guidance – Michelle Duval
- (12) Red Snapper 2015 Season
  - a. Presentation of analyses by NMFS – TBD
  - b. Committee discussion and action as necessary – Michelle Duval

**P. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**BOB – Joint Council session run all day on Thursday?? We need to break at 5 pm for public comment at 5:30. Joint Council topics (draft): Spiny Lobster, Mackerel, Hogfish Management, Charterboat Amendment & South Florida Amendment**

**Q. Public Comments – Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

**R. Council Session (TAB 16) – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

**I. Presentations - ????**

**1.**

**II. Final Council Action and Comment:**

**(1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Species Removal & Golden Tilefish Endorsements)**

**(2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)**

**III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings**

**(1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots)**

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**(3) CMP Amendment 28?? (Permit/FMP Split)**

**IV. Committee Reports & Other Items**

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

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**B. Habitat Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION**

**C. Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION**

**D. Protected Species Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION**

**E. Shrimp Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION**

**F. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION**

**G. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION**

**H. Golden Crab Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION**

**I. SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION**

**J. LE Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION**

**K. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION**

**L. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION**

**M. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 13) – ACTION**

**N. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 14) – ACTION**

**O. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 15) – ACTION**

**P. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on \_\_\_\_\_ for inclusion in the briefing book):**

**(a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs**

**(b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site**

**(c) Other issues?**

- O. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on \_\_\_\_\_ for inclusion in the briefing book):
  - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
  - (b) Progress reports on headboat data entry
  - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- P. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

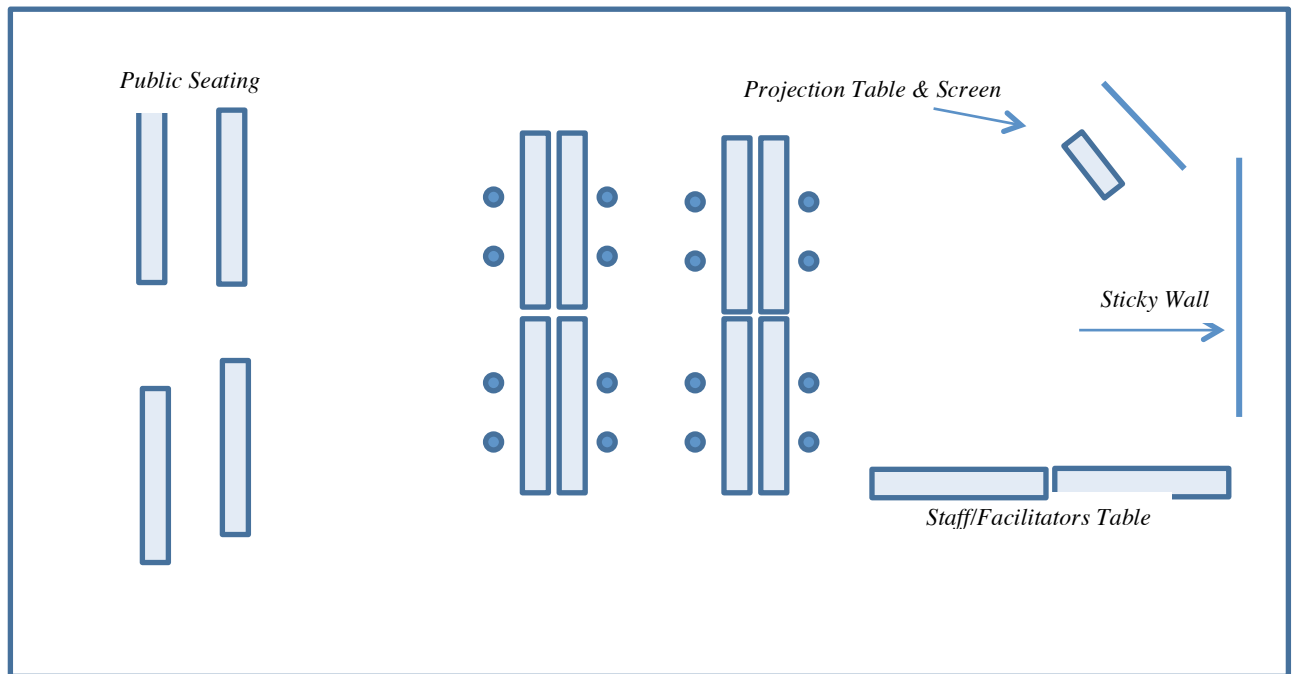
## XX. October 2015 Council Visioning Workshop – North Charleston, SC - **DRAFT**

Hotel requested: Crown Plaza Hotel, North Charleston; hotel cutoff \_\_\_\_\_.

Council staff will facilitate the Council Visioning Workshop and lead the Council through discussions and brainstorming exercises to prioritize short-term and long-term management actions for management of the snapper grouper fishery. Utilizing the input received from the public comment collected from March through June 2015, Council will prioritize objectives and strategies for each strategic goal into short-term and long-term actions to be developed in Snapper Grouper Amendment 37. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 will be developed at the September 2015 Council meeting.

### Meeting set-up:

- Tables arranged in clusters
- Breakout group discussions
- Assigned seating; Participants rotate seats in the morning and afternoon



**General Schedule:****Day 1** –

- Start at 1:00PM; End at 5:00PM; (Public Comment 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM??)
- Staff debriefing from 5:00-6:00PM
- Social??

**Day 2** –

- Start at 8:30AM – 12:00PM;
- Lunch from 12:00PM – 1:30PM;
- Start 1:30PM – 5:00 PM; (Public Comment 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM??)
- Staff debriefing from 5:00-6:00PM

**Meeting Purpose & Objectives:**

- To prioritize objectives in the draft vision blueprint into short-term and long-term action items for subsequent amendments under the snapper grouper fishery management plan.

**Participants:** Council members

**Meeting Facilitator:** Amber Von Harten

**Breakout Group Facilitators:** SAFMC Technical Staff

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**Facilitation Method:**

1. Each strategic goal will be presented by the technical staff member assigned to the topic. Staff will provide:
  - Overview of the strategic goal – objectives, strategies, and actions
2. Council works in breakout groups to brainstorm/discuss each strategic goal and prioritizes objectives into specific short-term and long-term action items.
  - Break out groups will brainstorm prioritizing objectives first and then develop solutions.
  - Technical staff will be present at each table to answer questions, help with discussions and record the overall discussion from the group.



3. Breakout group results for each strategic goal will be brought back to the entire group, discussed and prioritized by short and long term objectives.
  - Results will be compiled on the sticky wall, grouped and categorized and then prioritized using the dot technique.

**XXI. 2015 PRIORITIES & TIMING** – Exhibit #1 shows most recent Council-approved activity schedule (Approved at December 2014 meeting).

The following items are listed in priority order. Note: Multiple Items are listed with the same Priority #.

**1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37/EA or EIS (Short-term Visioning Items; Hogfish; Jacks) – Myra**

- B. Work on this amendment will begin in late 2014/early 2015 after the visioning process is complete and the Council has approved their Vision/Strategic Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery.

Council staff recommends moving Short-term Visioning Items to Snapper Grouper Amendment 40 & work on this in 2016. Also, add almaco trip limit, removal of size limits for deepwater species, and mutton snapper to Amendment 37.

**2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – Gregg/Roger**

- A. ✓ Council working on document 2012 onwards
- B. ✓ Scoping August 2014.
- C. Council reviews document and approves for public hearings – March 2015.
- D. Public hearings via Webinar & Listening Stations – April 2015.
- E. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review – June/September 2015.
- F. Send to Secretary of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Proposed rule published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- H. Final rule published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- I. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**3. System Management Plan (for MPAs from Amendment 14 MPAs) – Gregg/Roger/Chip**

- A. ✓ At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to work on a System Management Plan for the existing 8 MPAs. An outline was presented at the meeting and this item will be worked on in 2014.
- B. ✓ Council modified the timing at the June & December 2014 meetings
- C. Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
- D. IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
- E. Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015
- F. IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
- G. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- H. Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015
- I. IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- J. Public input – July/August/September 2015
- K. Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- L. IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- M. SSC review – October 2015

- N. Snapper Grouper AP input – October 2015
- O. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – December 2015
- P. Distribute to Council members, Advisory Panels, SSC, NMFS, others

#### **4. *Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Gregg***

- A. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council appointed John Carmichael/Mike Errigo as the SAFMC representatives on the subcommittee working on the technical aspects of separating charterboats from the MRIP sampling program.
- B. ✓At the December 2013 meeting, the Council indicated their intent to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically at a minimum of weekly as is being implemented for headboats. Further, it is the Council's intent that this information be updated on the SERO's website on some regular period.  
The Council also directed staff to draft a letter from the SAFMC/GMFMC asking the other agencies/partners to appoint representatives to the committee prior to the Council's March 2014 meeting.
- C. ✓Letter sent by \_\_\_\_\_. Done 2/4/14.
- D. ✓Technical subcommittee work during 2014 and develop a recommendation to present to the Council in December 2014.

#### **4. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 38 (Allocations from Visioning)* – Brian**

**WILL BE ADDED**

#### **5. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16/EIS (Black Sea Bass)* – Brian**

- A. ✓Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at June 2013 meeting
- B. ✓Options reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting
- C. ✓SSC & AP review – October & November 2013
- D. ✓Approve for scoping – December 2013
- E. ✓Scoping – January 2014
- F. ✓Review scoping comments & provide guidance – March 2014
- G. ✓Council modified timing at the June and December 2014 meetings
- H. Review/modify document and approve for public hearings – June 2015
- I. Public hearings – August 2015
- J. Review public hearing comments, BiOp, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – September 2015
- K. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – December 2015
- L. Send to Secretary of Commerce by December 18, 2014. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
- M. Proposed rule published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- N. Final rule published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- O. Final regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

**6. Fishery Ecosystem Plan II - Roger**

- A. Work to begin in late 2013 and continue into 2014 and 2015
- B. Council receives presentation on FEP II development and completion timeline – December 2014

**6. Joint SA/GM Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures) – Kari**

- A. √Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- B. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- C. √Scoping In-Person – January 2014
- D. GMFMC scoping in \_\_\_\_\_ 2014
- E. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – √SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- F. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in June 2014 and GMFMC in June 2014?
- G. Public hearings – SAFMC in August 2014 and GMFMC in July/August 2014?
- H. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in September 2014 and GMFMC in August/October 2014?
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**7. Joint SA/GM Amendment (Issues from S. FL Committee) – Gregg**

- A. √Group met January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL
- B. √Group to meet July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.
- C. √Briefing book materials to be posted and distributed July 14, 2014
- D. √Scoping conducted 2013-2014 by Florida at workshops and at each Group meeting, Council meeting, etc.
- E. √Council review and provide guidance – September 2014
- F. √Council review and provide guidance – December 2014. SAFMC provided guidance on AM alternatives.
- G. Group to meet January 13-14, 2015 in Key West, FL.
- H. Council reviews and approves for public hearings – June 2015
- I. SAFMC
- J. GMFMC
- K. Public hearings – August 2015
- L. Council reviews public hearing input and approves actions –September 2015  
Councils approves for final review –December 2015

**8. Joint SA/GM CMP Amendment 28 (Permit/FMP Split) – Kari**  
**WILL BE ADDED**

**9. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species)**

- a. √Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2014
- b. √Scoping – August 2014
- c. Approve for public hearings – December 2014
- d. Public hearings – January 2015
- e. Review public comments, revise document, and approve action – March 2015
- f. Approve for formal review – June 2015

**10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22/EIS (Recreational Tag Program to track harvest) – Myra**

- A. Proposed timing – goal is to implement for 2014 or 2015 fishing year.
- B. √Appoint IPT Team members
- C. √NMFS determined EIS
- D. √Options Paper for June 2013 Council meeting; Council provides guidance
- E. √Options Paper for September 2013 Council meeting; Council provides guidance
- F. √Council reviews document and provides guidance – December 2013  
At the December 2013 meeting, the Council suspended work on this amendment until NOAA GC provides a determination whether the recreational tag program is considered a LAPP.
- G. √NOAA GC determines if considered a catch share program and results presented to Council – March 2014
- H. √Review/modify amendment and provide guidance on actions/alternatives/timing – March 2014
- I. √Progress delayed due to NOAA GC review
- J. Review/modify amendment and approve for public hearings – ~~June 2014~~
- K. Public hearings – ~~August 2014~~
- L. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment and approve all actions – ~~September 2014~~
- M. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – ~~December 2014~~
- N. Send to Secretary of Commerce \_\_\_\_\_
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**13. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Bycatch) - Chip**

- A. √SAFMC reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – March 2012
- B. √SSC input at April 3-5, 2012 meeting in Savannah, GA
- C. √APs reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – April & May 2012

- D. ~~√Approve for public hearings at June.~~ At the June meeting, the Council made the following changes:
  - a. Moved Coral HAPC issues to CE-BA 4
  - b. Moved the MPA issues to CE-BA 4
  - c. Modified, added VMS requirement, and approved the Data Collection actions/alternatives for public hearings
- E. ~~√Public hearings in August.~~
- F. ~~√Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in September 2012.~~
- G. ~~√At the September 2012 meeting, the Council made the following changes:~~
  - a. Moved Coral HAPC issues to Coral Amendment 7 which was later corrected to Coral Amendment 8
  - b. Moved the MPA issues to Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17
  - c. Modified CE-BA 3 and directed staff to have the Gulf Council review at their October meeting and prepare the amendment for final SAFMC review at the December 2012 meeting
- H. ~~Modify and approve for formal review in December 2012.~~
- I. ~~√At the December 2012 meeting, the Council made the following changes:~~
  - a. Moved Action 1. For-hire Reporting in the SAFMC to a separate Generic SA/GM Joint Amendment; directed staff to work with the Gulf Council on a separate Generic GM/SA Joint Amendment to address additional headboat reporting requirements; and directed staff to track the Gulf Council's work on charterboat reporting
  - b. Moved Action 2. Commercial Reporting to a separate Generic SA/GM Joint Amendment
  - c. Moved Action 3. VMS to a separate Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
  - d. Directed staff to modify CE-BA 3 with the remaining action addressing bycatch reporting and prepare for final approval at the March 2013 meeting
- J. ~~√Review and approve for formal review at March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~ At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. The Council requested an analysis from NOAA GC to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- K. ~~√Council receives NOAA GC presentation and provides guidance on next steps at September 2013 meeting. Postponed to the December 2013 meeting. Postponed to the March 2014 meeting.~~
- L. Progress delayed and anticipate approving for scoping in December 2014
- M. Review and approve for formal review at ~~March 2014~~ meeting
- N. ~~Send to Secretary of Commerce April/May 2014~~
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**8. Joint SA/GM Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment – Gregg**

- A. √At the December 2012 meeting, the Council moved commercial logbook reporting from CE-BA 3 and directed staff to develop a joint amendment with the Gulf Council.
- B. √Gulf Council approved at their February 2013 meeting
- C. √SAFMC provide guidance at March, June & September 2013 meeting on approach and timing
- D. √At the September 2013 meeting, the Council requested the SEFSC provide updates at each Council meeting on progress of the commercial electronic logbook pilot study and directed staff to defer work on the amendment until the pilot is completed.

**9. Snapper Grouper Amendment XX (Update Wreckfish ITQ) – Myra**

√At the

**11. Golden Crab Amendment XX? (Modify Fishing Areas??) – Brian**

√At the

**12. Shrimp Closure Work (if required in 2015) – Chip**

- A. The new process allows States to request action by NMFS directly so this should not require any work on the Council's part.

**13. Joint SA/GM Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel ACL Shift/Allocations) – Kari**

- A. √Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- B. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- C. √Scoping In-Person – January 2014
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**13. *Calico Scallop FMP* –**

- A. Periodically catches occur and the Council may at some point in the future address this fishery.



Council's		2015											
Priorities	SAFMC CY 2015 SCHEDULE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Ap	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(December 2014)	FMPS/AMENDMENTS/Frameworks												
1	Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Short-term Visioning Items; Hogfish; Jacks Complex)									O			O/AS
2	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)			Ah			P/A/F	S					
3	System Management Plan for SG Amendment 14 MPAs			D			D	IP	IP	P/A			F
4	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 38 (Allocations from Visioning)									O			O/AS
4	Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting Amendment			O			Ah		P	A			F/S
5	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pot Closure)			O			Ah		P	A			F/S
6	Fishery Ecosystem Plan II			D			D			D			A/F/S
6	Joint SA/GM CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs/Boundary/Management Measures)	Ps		O			Ah		P	P/A			F/S
7	Joint SA/GM CMP Amendment (Issues from South Florida Committee)			O			Ah		P	P/A			F/S
8	Joint SA/GM CMP Amendment 28 (Permit/FMP Split)			O			O			O			Ah
9	Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing species & Golden Tilefish Endorsement)			P/A			F	S					
10	Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Recreational Tag Program to Track Harvest)			D			D			O			Ah
13	Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment #3 (Bycatch)			D			D			D			Ah
Items for 2016:													
8	Joint SA/GM Generic Commercaill Logbook Amendment												
9	Snapper Grouper Amendment 42 (Update Wreckfish ITQ)												
11	Golden Crab Amendment XX (Modify Fishing Areas)												
12	Shrimp Closure Work (states can request directly to NMFS)												
13	Joint SA/GM Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Allocations)												
13	Calico Scallop FMP												
D = Plan development; AS = Approve for public scoping; Ps = Public Scoping													
O = Develop options/review options paper; Ah = Approve for public hearing													
P = Public hearing; IP = Informal public hearing; N = NMFS informal review													
A = Council approve; F = Final Review; NDC = NMFS determination of complet for DEIS filing													
S = Submit for Secretarial review													

**Exhibit 1. Council-approved activity schedule as of December 2014 meeting.**