



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Fishery Ecosystem Plan II Essential Fish Habitat Update

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Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management
Committee Meeting

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Savannah, Georgia



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2014/2015 FEP II Development

- Completion of EFH Policy Statement Update and Development
- Workshops and Webinars to Facilitate Review and Revision of Original FEP Sections
 - Modeling Workshop
- Completion of New FEP II Sections/Appendices to Address Fisheries Oceanography, Climate and South Atlantic Regional Mapping Strategy
- EFH Revisions and Updates Support EFH 5 Year Review Completion



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FEP II Development Initiated in Advance of EFH 5 Year Review Deadline 2016

*April and November 2013
FEP II Initiated with Habitat and Environmental Protection AP Update and Development of EFH Policy Statements*

November 2013
FEP II Structure Proposed Expansion
Coordinate with Partners to Create New Section to Address Fisheries Oceanography Climate Change and Forage Fish/ Prey Predator Interactions

Continued EFH Policy Statement Development FEP II Primary Development 2014/2015

January 2014
SEAMAP Bottom Mapping Workgroup
➤ Refining /Updating Spatial Presentation of Benthic Habitat
➤ Initiation of South Atlantic Regional Map Strategy

Habitat and Environmental Protection AP Meeting April 1-3, 2014
EFH Policy Statement Development
FEP II Development Process Refinement



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2014 FEP II and EFH Revision Activities

November 2013

Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting and
EFH/ FEP II Technical Workshops:

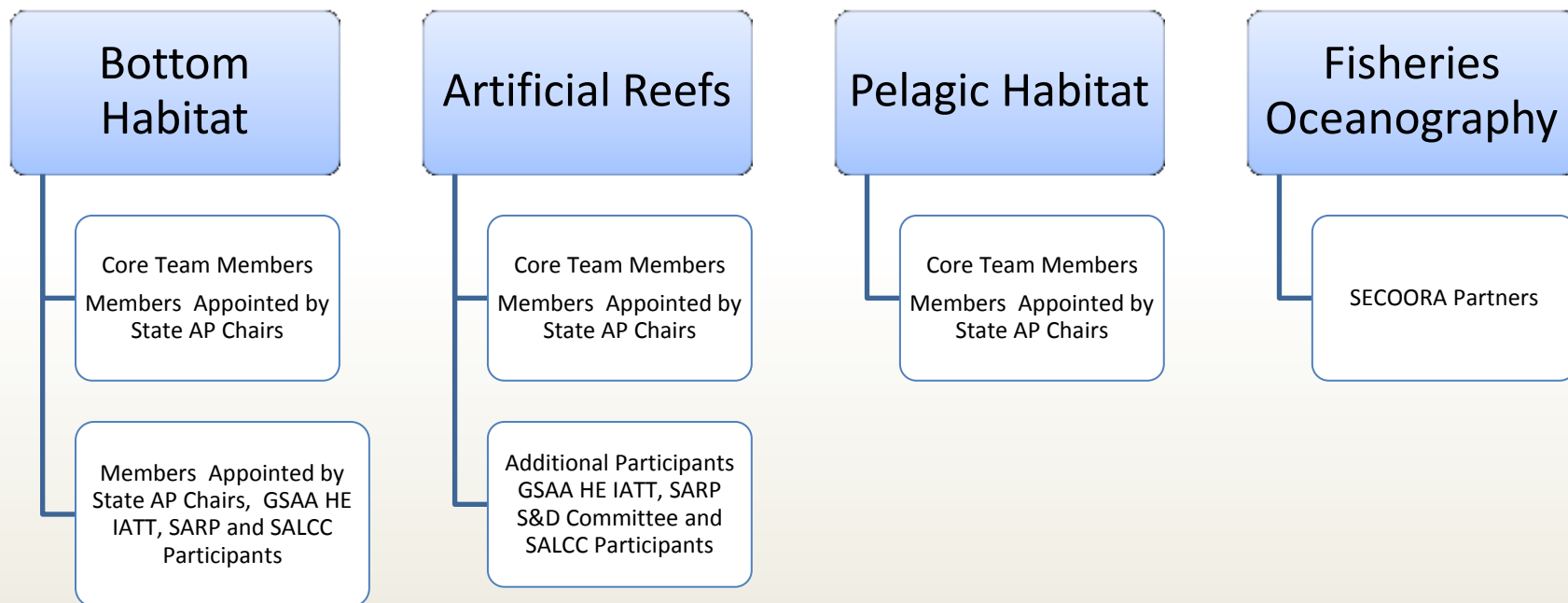
- 1) Benthic Habitats; 2) Artificial Reefs;
- 3) Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; and
- 4) Research and Monitoring



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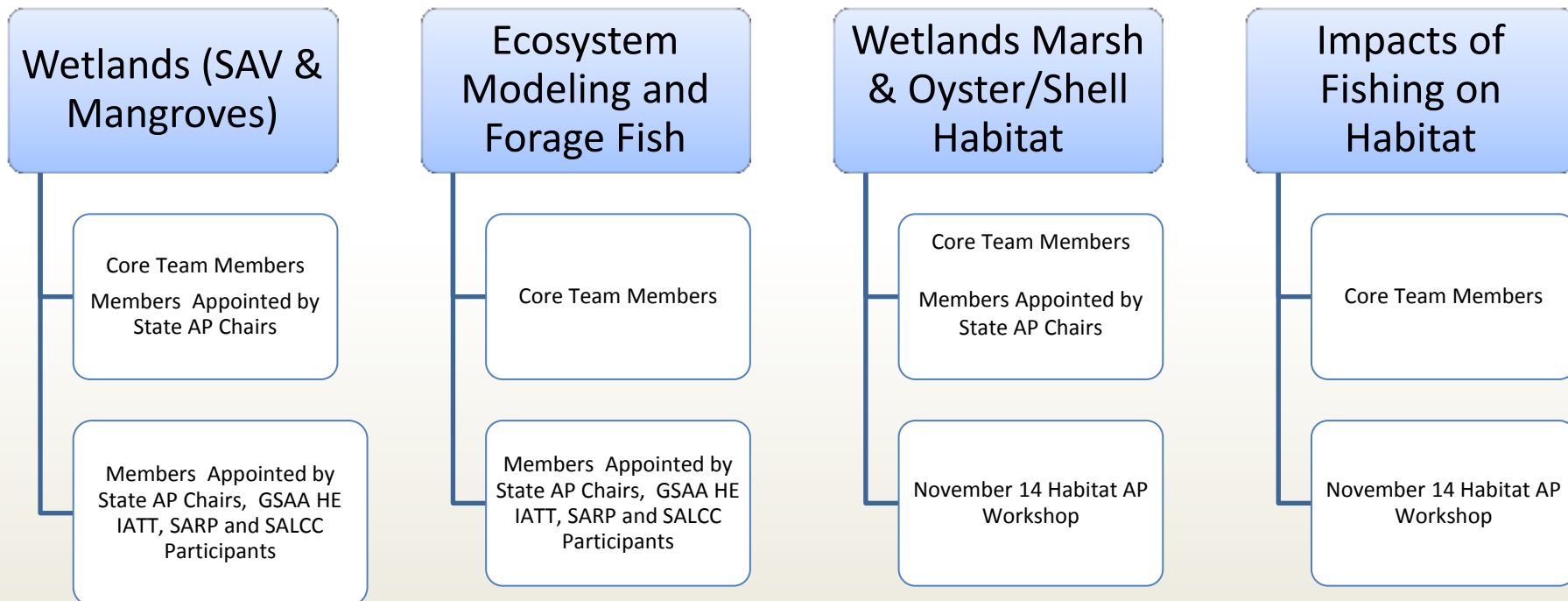


2014/2015 FEP II and EFH Revision: Section Review/Development



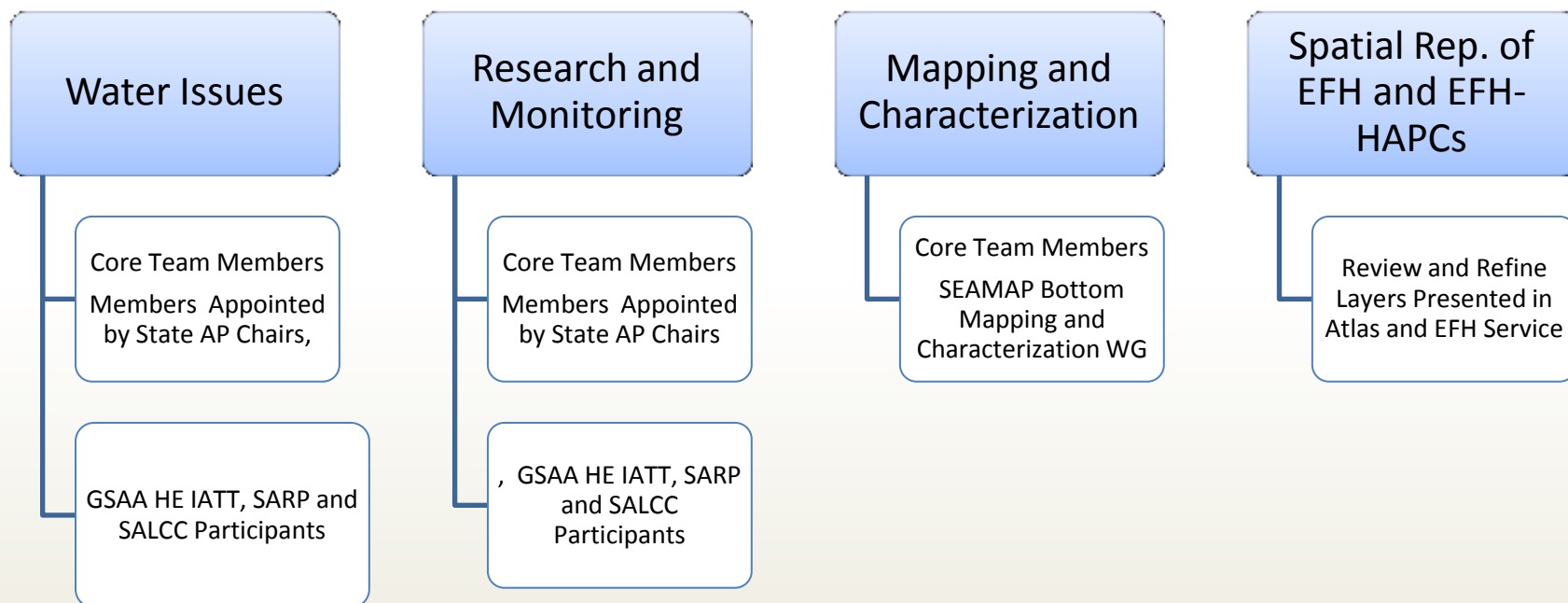


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FEP II and EFH Revision: Council Timing

June 2014 AP Complete and Council Approve EFH Policy Statements for FEP II

September 2014 and December 2014 Council Meetings:
Presentation on FEP II Development and EFH Updates Completed to Date

March 2015 Council Meeting:
Presentation on FEP II Development and EFH Updates Completed to Date

June 2015 Council Meeting
Complete Draft FEP II Revision and EFH Updates for 5 Year Review

September 2015 Council Meeting
Approve FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review
In advance of March 2016 Deadline



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