



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

December 2 - 6, 2019

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Monday, December 2, 2019

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 1)

1. Appointments – **CLOSED SESSION**
 - a. SEDAR 71 Gag Operational Assessment – **ACTION**
 - b. SSC and AP participation Updates – **ACTION**
2. SEDAR Activities Updates – **ACTION**
3. SSC Report
 - a. Report Presentation – George Sedberry
 - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – **ACTION**
4. SEDAR Approvals
 - a. SEDAR 71 Gag Operational Assessment – **ACTION**
 - b. Scopes of Work for 2022 Assessments – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)

1. Report from November 5-7, 2019 CCC Meeting
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Jessica McCawley/Mel Bell
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**
2. Report from October 15, 2019 Executive Finance Committee Meeting
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Kelly Klasnick
 - b. Committee Action: Review and action as needed – **ACTION**

Monday, December 2, 2019

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)

3. Council Follow-up and Status of Work on Priorities
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**
4. NMFS Documents to Review
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Kelly Klasnick
 - b. Committee Action: Review and action as needed – **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Shrimp Committee/David Whitaker(TAB 3)

1. Shrimp Amendment 11 Transit Provisions
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider approval for public hearings – **ACTION**
2. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary AP Input – Dr. Chip Collier

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 10:00 AM

AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (TAB 4) (CLOSED)

1. Review applications for open advisory panel seats
2. Committee Action: provide recommendations for Council consideration – **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

Citizen Science Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 5)

1. Citizen Science Program & Project Update
 - a. Overview of 2019 Program Activities – Julia Byrd
 - b. Update on pilot projects, SAFMC Scamp Release & FISHstory – Julia Byrd
 - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – **ACTION**
2. Updated Citizen Science Research Priorities
 - a. Overview – Julia Byrd
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider for adoption – **ACTION**
3. Program Evaluation
 - a. Overview – Julia Byrd
 - b. Presentation – Rick Bonney
 - c. Committee Action: Provide guidance and recommendations on evaluation strategies – **ACTION**
4. Researching the Role of Program Infrastructure in Guiding Effective Development of a Scamp Discard Citizen Science Project
 - a. Introduction – Julia Byrd
 - b. Presentation – Jennifer Shirk
 - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – **ACTION**

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Tuesday, December 3, 2019 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. **Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 6)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Review of the goals and objectives for the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**
3. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON **Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 6) Continued**

3. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping– Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**
4. Amendment 12 (Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review provide guidance on amendment content and timing– Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**
5. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary AP Input – John Hadley

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. **Lunch**

1:30 P.M. to 3:50 P.M. **Mackerel Cobia Committee/Steve Poland (TAB 7)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
 - a. King mackerel emergency action – letter sent June 21, 2019
 - b. Spanish mackerel control date – letter sent June 21, 2019
3. AP Report – Ira Laks
4. Framework Amendment 8 (King mackerel trip limits, season two)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Recommend Final Approval – **ACTION**
5. Framework Amendment 9 (Spanish mackerel AMs)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Review analysis, select preferred, consider approval for public hearings – **ACTION**
6. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary AP Input – Christina Wiegand

Wednesday, December 4, 2019 PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Approval for Formal Review:

1. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 33 (Red Snapper Fishing Seasons)
2. CMP Framework 8 (King Mackerel trip limits in 2nd season)
3. Snapper Grouper Abbreviated Framework 3 (Blueline Tilefish)

Approval for Public Hearings:

1. CMP Framework 9 (Spanish mackerel AMs)
2. Shrimp Amendment 11 (Shrimp Trawler Transit Provisions)

Approval for Scoping:

1. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)

Other Items of Interest:

1. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 12 (Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
2. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 31 (Recreational Accountability Measures)

Thursday, December 5, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendments 26 & 27
 - b. Snapper Grouper Amendment 42
 - c. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30
 - d. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29
3. SSC Report – related to Snapper Grouper
4. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report
5. Abbreviated Framework 3 (Blueline Tilefish)
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Consider for final approval – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
6. Red Snapper Presentation & Action as Needed – Dr. Marcel Reichert – **ACTION**
7. Regulatory Amendment 33 (Red Snapper Season Modifications)
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Consider for final approval – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
8. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 31 (Recreational Accountability Measures)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
9. Summary of best practices outreach
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand and Cameron Rhodes
 - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
10. System Management Plan Workgroup Report – Dr. Chip Collier – **ACTION**
11. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary AP Input – Myra Brouwer – **ACTION**

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Thursday, December 5, 2019 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**
1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. **Personnel Committee/Chester Brewer (TAB 9) (CLOSED)**

1. Executive Director's Review
2. Council Comments on Documents, Procedures, etc. and guidance for 2020

Thursday, December 5, 2019 **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**
3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

- 3:30 – 3:35 Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair
Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley
Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley
- 3:35 – 5:30 Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (**TAB 10, Attachment 1**)
Presentation – Sarah Fangman, FKNMS Superintendent
Advisory Panel Input – Council Staff
Overview of Action Required – John Carmichael

Friday, December 6, 2019 **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10) CONTINUED**
8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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

- 8:00 – 8:30 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
1. Executive Director's Report (**TAB 10, Attachment 2**) – Gregg Waugh
 2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 10, Attachment 3**) – BeBe Harrison
- 8:30 – 8:50 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
 2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
 3. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 10, Attachment 4**) – Jenny Lee
- 8:50 – 8:55 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 10, Attachment 5**)
- 8:55 – 9:00 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**
- 9:00 – 9:45 Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (**TAB 10, Attachment 1**) – **ACTION**
- Council Discussion and Action – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
- 9:45 – 10:15 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:45 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Steve Poland (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, December 6, 2019 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10) CONTINUED

- 10:45 - 11:15 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:20 Shrimp Committee Report/David Whitaker (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:20 - 11:25 SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
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- 11:25 - 11:45 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 11:55 Citizen Science Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:55 - 12:15 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 12:15 - 12:25 Personnel Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 12:25 – 12:45 Agency and Liaison Reports (TAB 10, Attachment 6) – **ACTION**
- 12:45 – 12:55 Other Business – **ACTION**
- 11:55 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (TAB 10, Attachment 7) – **ACTION**
- 1:00 P.M. **ADJOURN**