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Sunday, June 10, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 1)

1. Personnel-related Input for Budget – ACTION

Monday, June 11, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 1)

1. Personnel-related Input for Budget – ACTION

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON SSC Selection Committee/Charlie Phillips (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 2)

1. SSC Appointments
 - a. Overview – Dr. Mike Errigo
 - b. Committee Action: Review applications and make recommendations on SSC appointments – Charlie Phillips – ACTION

12:00 NOON - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. SEDAR Committee/Charlie Phillips (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 3)

1. Appointments (**CLOSED**)
 - a. Cobia – ACTION
 - b. Yellowtail assessment – ACTION
2. Approvals: TORs & Schedules
 - a. SSC Comments – Dr. George Sedberry, SSC Chair
 - b. Cobia – ACTION
 - c. Yellowtail – ACTION
3. Assessment Activities Update
 - a. SSC Comments – Dr. George Sedberry, SSC Chair
 - b. SAFMC Projects – ACTION
 - c. SEDAR Steering Committee – ACTION

Monday, June 11, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Citizen Science Committee/Mark Brown (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 4)

1. SAFMC Citizen Science Operations Committee Appointments (**Closed**)
 - a. Overview of SAFMC Citizen Science Blueprint Organizational Structure and Role of Operations Committee – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Recommend appointments to the Operations Committee – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
2. SAFMC Citizen Science Program Development Update
 - a. Overview of Action Team progress and development of Citizen Science Program SOPPs – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
3. Review draft SAFMC Citizen Science Research Needs
 - a. Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Review and adopt document – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
4. Update on Citizen Science Pilot project
 - a. Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown – **ACTION**

3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 5)

1. 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (**Closed**)
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations on LEOY – Mel Bell – **ACTION**
2. LE AP Report
 - a. Overview – Capt. Bob Lynn, AP Chair
 - b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations as appropriate – Mel Bell – **ACTION**
3. USCG-LE priorities
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations on Coast Guard LE priorities – Mel Bell – **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)

1. Status of 2017-2018 Catches vs. ACL – NMFS SERO
2. Spiny Lobster AP Report – Bruce Irwin
3. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Review draft document, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 7)

1. Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting
 - a. Summary Report: May Advisory Panel Meeting – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and model development – Roger Pugliese
 - a. SAFMC FEP II Dashboard and Tools
 - b. Ecosystem Modeling and Regional Partner Coordination
3. Council Actions on Habitat
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

6:00 P.M. to 6:15 P.M. Overview of EFP Request (TAB 15, Attachment 7) – NMFS/FWC

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) – sent to NMFS 11/17/17
 - b. Abbreviated Framework 1 (Red Grouper) – sent to NMFS 12/21/17
3. Red Snapper 2018 Season
 - a. Expected Implementation Date of Amendment 43 (if approved) – NMFS SERO
 - b. Committee Action: Discussion and action as necessary – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Extension of the interim rule for Golden Tilefish
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss and consider requesting extension – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
5. Snapper Grouper AP Report – David Moss, AP Chair
6. Bag Limits and Trip Satisfaction in the For-Hire Sector: A Case Study of South Atlantic Black Sea Bass – Stacey Weinstock, College of Charleston
7. SSC Report – Dr. George Sedberry, SSC Chair – **ACTION**
 - a. Results from assessments reviewed
 - (i) Black sea bass
 - (ii) Vermilion snapper
 - b. Blueline tilefish – ABC recommendations for area north of Cape Hatteras
 - c. Red Snapper ABC workgroup update
 - d. Golden tilefish ABC recommendation
 - e. Recommendation on analytical methodology for actions in Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27
 - f. Committee Action: Discuss and action as necessary – Jessica McCawley
8. Cooperative Red Snapper Sampling in Florida – Dr. Luiz Barbieri, FL FWCC/FWRI
9. SERFS Update – Dr. Marcel Reichert – **ACTION**

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

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)

10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Permitting & Reporting for Private Recreational Anglers)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: Review, provide guidance to staff, and consider approval for scoping – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
11. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices & Powerheads)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Review, provide guidance to staff, and consider approval for scoping – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
12. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a. Overview and summary of public comments – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Discard mortality of gray triggerfish – Brendan Runde, North Carolina State University
 - c. Committee Action: Review, modify document as necessary, select preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Informal Q & A Session – Tuesday 5:00 P.M.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

13. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a. Overview and summary of public comments – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Review, modify document as necessary, select preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
14. Snapper Grouper Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Moratorium)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review draft scoping document, provide guidance to staff, and consider approval for scoping – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
15. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review options paper, provide guidance to staff, and consider approval for scoping - Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. **Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)**

16. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Consider public comments and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
17. Snapper Grouper Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Review scoping comments and modify/approve actions and alternatives to be analyzed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
18. Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper)
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 13, 2018 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4:30 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 28 (Golden Tilefish)
- (2) CMP Amendment 32 (Atlantic Cobia)

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Private Recreational Permitting & Reporting)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices & Powerheads)
- (3) Snapper Grouper Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Moratorium)
- (4) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (5) Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment 10

Approval for Public Hearings:

- (1) Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Bully Nets)

Public comment will also be accepted on Executive Order 13771 (2 for 1 Regulations) to identify regulations that are (1) outdated, (2) unnecessary, or (3) ineffective. The Council will review/approve a final list at the June 2018 meeting.

Thursday, June 14, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole/Charlie Phillips/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment
 - a. Overview and Review IPT Recommendations – John Carmichael
 - b. SSC Comments – Dr. George Sedberry, SSC Chair
 - c. Committee Action: Review and develop recommendations, and consider scoping alternatives – Charlie Phillips/Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. Recreational AMs
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Review and develop recommendations – Charlie Phillips/Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Joint Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management, Shrimp, And Golden Crab Committee/Doug Haymans/Charlie Phillips/Ben Hartig (TAB 10)

1. Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment 10 – Access areas/Transit provisions/GC VMS
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Review Coral, Shrimp, and Golden Crab Advisory Panel Meeting Reports – Dr. Chip Collier
 - c. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider approval for scoping – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Highly Migratory Species Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 11)

1. Incorporating SMZs into HMS bottom longline regulations
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review white paper and provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, June 14, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. CMP AP Report – Ira Laks
3. MRIP Landing and Effort estimates for tournaments – Christina Wiegand – **ACTION**
4. CMP Framework Amendment 6 – King Mackerel trip limits
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Review draft document, confirm preferred alternative, and consider approval for public hearings – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**
5. CMP Amendment 31 – Atlantic cobia management
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. ASMFC response – Bob Beal
 - c. Stock ID Workshop Update
 - d. Committee Action: Review document and consider approval for formal review – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**

Thursday, June 14, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 13)

1. Review Policies for Inclusion in SOPPs and/or Handbook
 - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b) Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 14)

1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
2. Draft CY 2018 Budget
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
3. Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
4. Regulatory Reform
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
5. Atlantic Coast-Wide Group Discussion
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
6. South Atlantic Council Aquaculture FMP
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
7. Report from CCC May 22-24, 2018 Meeting
 - a. Overview – Charlie Phillips/Mark Brown/Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**

6:00 P.M. – For-Hire Electronic Reporting Outreach Training

This continues the outreach/training workshops targeting charter vessel owners/operators.

Friday, June 15, 2018 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 15)

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

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

8:00 - 8:10 Call to Order and Introductions/Charlie Phillips
Adoption of Agenda/Charlie Phillips
Approval of Minutes/Charlie Phillips

8:10 – 8:20 Awards/Recognition/Charlie Phillips

8:20 – 8:40 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**

1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 15, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
2. MyFishCount Presentation (**TAB 15, Attachment 2**) – Kelsey Dick/Dr. Chip Collier
3. Report on Economic Impacts of Fisheries for SAFMC-Managed Species (**TAB 15, Attachment 3**) – John Hadley

8:40 – 8:55 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
2. Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
3. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
4. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 15, Attachment 4**) – Mary Wunderlich

8:55 – 9:10 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 15, Attachment 5**)
2. Method Used to Determine Dolphin Pelagic Longline Landings by Permit Type (**TAB 15, Attachment 6**)

9:10 – 9:15 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

1. Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission Lionfish EFP (**TAB 15, Attachment 7**)

9:15 – 10:00 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:00 - 10:15 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:15 - 10:20 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:20 - 10:30 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 5)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:30 - 10:35 SSC Selection Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 2)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:35 - 10:45 ABC Committee of the Whole Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 11:10 SEDAR Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 3)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, June 15, 2018

8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 15)

- 11:10 - 11:15 Habitat Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 7)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

- 11:15 - 11:25 Joint Habitat Ecosystem-Based Management/Shrimp/Golden Crab Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 10)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

- 11:25 - 11:30 Citizen Science Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 4)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

- 11:30 - 11:45 Personnel Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 1)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

- 11:45 - 11:55 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 13)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

- 11:55 - 12:25 Executive Finance Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 14)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

- 12:25 – 12:35 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 15, Attachment 8**) – **ACTION**

- 12:35 – 12:50 Other Business – **ACTION**
 1. **Western Central Atlantic Fishery Commission - Overview and Strategic Reorientation Process** – Deirdre Warner-Kramer, Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Marine Conservation, U.S. Department of State (**TAB 14, Attachment 9**)

- 12:50 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 15, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**

- 1:00 P.M. ADJOURN