



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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FINAL REVISED AGENDA

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Monday, September 25, 2017

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 1)

9:00 - 9:10 Call to Order and Introductions/Dr. Michelle Duval
Adoption of Agenda/Dr. Michelle Duval
Approval of June 2017 Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval

9:10 - 9:15 Swearing in of Council Members (Mark Brown & Chester Brewer)/NMFS

9:15 - 9:40 Top Issues for Future Discussions with Chris Oliver, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA Fisheries/Dr. Michelle Duval

9:40 - 10:00 Florida Red Snapper Data Overview/Dr. Luiz Barbieri, FL FWC
Questions and Discussion/Dr. Michelle Duval

10:00 - 10:15 BREAK

10:15 - 12:00 PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION/Dr. Michelle Duval

The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Red Snapper Emergency Action Request –overview by Gregg Waugh/ Dr. Chip Collier
Public Comment

Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) –overview by Dr. Chip Collier
Public Comment

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH

Monday, September 25, 2017 COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 1)

- 1:30 - 2:45 Red Snapper Emergency Action request
 - a. Overview – NMFS/Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Review and approve/disapprove for formal review – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 2:45 – 3:00 BREAK
- 3:00 – 4:30 Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper Annual Catch Limit)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Review and approve/disapprove for formal review – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 4:30 – 5:00 Other Business
- 5:00 pm Recess until Thursday

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 2)

- 1. Review structure of Habitat Protection & Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel
 - a. Overview – Kim Iverson/Roger Pugliese
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Chester Brewer – **ACTION**
- 2. Review applications and make recommendations for appointments
 - a. Overview – Kim Iverson
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Chester Brewer – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Habitat Protection & Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 3)

- 1. EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Review, modify, and approve – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
- 2. Draft SAFMC FEP II Implementation Plan
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
- 3. SAFMC FEP II Dashboard Development
 - a. Overview – Cameron Rhodes/Roger Pugliese
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
- 4. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 4)

- 1. SSC Report on the Research Track Process
 - a. Overview – Dr. Marcel Reichert/John Carmichael
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
- 2. Joint SAFMC-GMFC MRIP Workshop
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
- 3. Guidance to SEDAR Steering Committee
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

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

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE

1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. SEDAR Steering Committee

See Separate Agenda for SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - a. Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - b. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - c. Update on Interim Rule for Golden Tilefish
3. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a. Review actions & alternatives
 - b. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - c. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Public Hearing on Cobia Plan – beginning at 7 pm on Tuesday. Note: This is separate from the SAFMC meeting but will be held in the same meeting room.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

4. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a. Review actions & alternatives and preliminary analyses
 - b. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - c. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
5. Update on commercial fishery socio-economic characterization/portfolio analysis – John Hadley
6. Red grouper
 - a. Review projections – SEFSC
 - b. Overview of Options – Myra Brouwer
 - c. Committee provides guidance to staff on amendment development – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

7. ABC Control Rule Amendment
 - a. Update on ABC Control Rule modifications – John Carmichael
 - b. Possibly add adjustment to the AMs – John Carmichael
 - c. Committee provides guidance to staff on amendment development – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
8. Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - a. SERO Presentation on ITQ Review Process - SERO
 - b. Shareholders meeting report – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - c. Overview of development of the review – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - d. Committee provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

9. Atlantic coast-wide group discussion
 - a. Coast-wide planning to address climate change
 - i. State-by-state regulations for snapper grouper species in the Greater Atlantic Region – Myra Brouwer
 - ii. Data collection and monitoring; Response to joint letter sent from MAFMC and SAFMC – SEFSC – **ACTION**
 - b. Discussion on working with the MAFMC to have them encourage the states north of North Carolina to implement complementary regulations for snapper grouper species in Greater Atlantic Region – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 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.

Public comment will also be accepted on E.O. 13771 (2 for 1 Regulations) to identify regulations that are (1) outdated, (2) unnecessary, or (3) ineffective.

Thursday, September 28, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (CLOSED SESSION**) (TAB 6)**

1. Executive Director's Performance Review – **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendment under Review – NMFS
 - a. Framework Amendments 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
 - b. Framework Amendment 5 (permit restrictions)
3. ASMFC Updates on Interstate Cobia Plan – Dr. Louis Daniel/Mike Schmidke – **ACTION**
4. Atlantic Cobia State Reports – State representatives – **ACTION**
5. Request for recalculation of 2015 and 2016 recreational landings for Atlantic Cobia – NMFS – **ACTION**
6. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic cobia management or removal from FMP)
 - a. Scoping Comments Summary – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Review of Decisions Document – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
 - c. Review and provide guidance to staff – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**
7. Framework to Adjust Atlantic king mackerel trip limits
 - a. Overview – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

Thursday, September 28, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

1. Report from Executive Finance Webinar Committee Meeting
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
2. South Atlantic Regional Operations Agreement
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
3. Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
4. Provide guidance on the structure of the SMP AP
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
5. Council Meeting Materials Discussion
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Cameron Rhodes
 - b. Review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
6. CY 2017 Budget Status
 - a. Overview – Mike Collins/Gregg Waugh
 - b. Discuss and provide guidance to staff as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Thursday, September 28, 2017

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 9)

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

- 4:00 - 4:05 Call to Order and Introductions/Dr. Michelle Duval
Adoption of Agenda/Dr. Michelle Duval
- 4:05 – 4:20 Elections
Election of Chair
Election of Vice Chair
- 4:20 – 4:30 Awards/Recognition/Council Chair
Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- 4:30 – 5:00 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 9, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
 2. Citizen Science Update – Amber Von Harten
 3. Draft Report on Economic Impacts of South Atlantic Fisheries (**TAB 9, Attachment 2**) – John Hadley
 4. Update on issuance of an exempted fishing permit for pelagic longline (PLL) research in the East Florida Coast PLL Closed Area (**TAB 9, Attachments 3a-3c**) – John Hadley
 5. Electronic Private Recreational Permit/Reporting Project (**TAB 9, Attachment 4**) – Kelsey Dick
 6. For-Hire Electronic Reporting App Project (**TAB 9, Attachment 5**) – Dr. Mike Errigo
 7. For-Hire Electronic Reporting Outreach Project (**TAB 9, Attachment 6**) – Kathleen Howington

Friday, September 29, 2017

8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9)

8:30 – 9:00 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already covered in a Committee (**TAB 9, Attachment 7**)
2. Status of South Atlantic For-Hire Amendment – sent for formal review on 3/3/2017 with request for mandatory reporting to begin on 1/1/2018 (**TAB 9, Attachment 8**)
3. Status of SBRM Work (**TAB 9, Attachment 9**)

9:00 – 9:30 NMFS SEFSC Presentations on Status of Bycatch Collection Programs – **ACTION**

1. Status of Bycatch Collection Programs (**TAB 9, Attachment 10**)
2. Landings of dolphin caught with pelagic longline gear by vessel permit type (**TAB 9, Attachment 11**)
3. Status of commercial electronic logbook reporting (**TAB 9, Attachment 12**)

9:30 – 9:35 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary (**none received**) – **ACTION**

9:35 – 10:25 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

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

10:25 - 10:45 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)

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

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 11:10 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 2)

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

11:10 - 11:30 SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 4)

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

11:30 - 11:45 Habitat & Ecosystem Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 3)

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

11:45 - 12:15 Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

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

12:15 – 12:40 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 9, Attachment 13**) – **ACTION**

12:40 – 12:50 Other Business – **ACTION**

- Update on Hurricane Irma Impacts/Cameron Rhodes

12:50 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 9, Attachment 14**) – **ACTION**

1:00 P.M. ADJOURN