



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA Coral Advisory Panel Webinar

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. Interested parties can provide public comment either at the beginning or end of the meeting as well as [online](#).

Wednesday, May 9, 2018 – 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Approval of Agenda – Jocelyn Karazsia

Approval of May 2014 AP minutes – Jocelyn Karazsia

Public Comment ([Link to Public Comments](#))

1. Update on amendments recently submitted and under development (*Attachment 1*) – Chip Collier
2. Joint Coral (Amendment 10), Golden Crab (Amendment 10), and Shrimp (Amendment 11) (*Attachment 2*)
 - a) Overview – Chip Collier
 - b) Discussion and recommendations – Jocelyn Karazsia
3. Update on Coral Disease in Florida (*Attachment 3*)
 - a) Overview – Dr. Josh Voss
 - b) Discussion and recommendations – Jocelyn Karazsia
4. Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area (*Attachment 4 and Attachment 4a*)
 - a) Overview – Dr. Ken Banks
 - b) Discussion and recommendations – Jocelyn Karazsia
5. Update on Deepsea Coral Research (*Attachment 5*)
 - a) Overview – [Chip Collier](#)
 - b) Discussion and recommendations – Jocelyn Karazsia
6. Regulations Recommended for Removal (*Attachment 6*)

- a) Overview – Chip Collier
- b) Discussion and recommendations – Jocelyn Karazsia

7. Elections – Jocelyn Karazsia

8. Other Business – Jocelyn Karazsia

Public Comment

Adjourn –

Advisory Panel Members:

Jocelyn Karazsia (Vice-Chair)
Dr. Kenneth Banks
Dr. Sandra Brooke
John Cramer
Dr. Henry Feddern
Dr. Roland Ferry
Dr. Nicole Fogarty
Dr. David Gilliam
Jamie Monty

Ken Nedimyer
Kim Puglise
Dr. Steve Ross
Stephanie Schopmeyer
Margot Stiles
Dr. Joshua Voss
Mike Merrifield
Brad Whipple

Attachments

- Attachment 1:** SAFMCA Active Amendments
- Attachment 2:** Options Paper Allowable Fishing Areas
- Attachment 3:** Florida Coral Disease Update
- Attachment 4:** SE Florida Coral Conservation Area Fl Law
- Attachment 4a:** Conservation Area Map_05 09 2018
- Attachment 5:** Wagner Pres SE Deep Coral Initiative
- Attachment 6:** SERO & Council staff recommended regs to remove

Additional Resources:

Hourigan TF, Etnoyer PJ, Cairns SD (2017). The State of Deep-Sea Coral and Sponge Ecosystems of the United States. NOAA Technical Memorandum NMFS-OHC-4. Silver Spring, MD. 467 p.

<https://deepseacoraldata.noaa.gov/library/2017-state-of-deep-sea-corals-report>

Rooper, C.N., P.J. Etnoyer, K.L. Stierhoff, J.V. Olson. 2017. Effects of fishing gear on deep-sea corals and sponges in U.S. waters. Chapter 4, In: Hourigan TF, Etnoyer PJ and Cairns SD (eds.) The State of Deep-Sea Coral and Sponge Ecosystems of the United States. NOAA Memorandum. Silver Spring, MD.

https://deepseacoraldata.noaa.gov/library/2015-state-of-dsc-report-folder/Ch4_Rooper_Effects%20Fish%20Gear.pdf

Hourigan T.F., John Reed, S. Pomponi, S. Ross, A. David, and S. Harter. 2017. State of deep-sea coral and sponge ecosystems of the Southeast United States. Chapter 13, In: Hourigan TF, Etnoyer PJ and Cairns SD (eds.) The State of Deep-Sea Coral and Sponge Ecosystems of the United States. NOAA Memorandum. Silver Spring, MD.
https://deapseacoraldata.noaa.gov/library/2015-state-of-dsc-report-folder/Southeast%20Regional%20Chapter_7-19-2017.pdf

Staff: Chip Collier

OVERVIEW

Coral Advisory Panel

The AP will approve of minutes from May 2014 meeting and agenda.

1. Update on amendments recently submitted (*Attachment 1*)

Description: Council staff will update the AP on the status of amendments undergoing formal review and amendments being developed

Requested AP Action: None

2. Joint Coral (Amendment 10), Golden Crab (Amendment 10), and Shrimp (Amendment 11) (*Attachment 2*)

Description: Council staff will brief the AP on draft options paper. The Council requested staff begin development of an amendment to address requests from Golden Crab Advisory Panel for additional access areas in the Northern Zone and from Deep-water Shrimp fishermen to revise the eastern edge of the Oculina Bank expanded in Coral Amendment 8. During the March 2018 Council meeting, the Council provided the following guidance:

- Add an option to require VMS on Golden Crab Vessels.
- Review transit provision language for shrimp trawlers.

Requested AP Action: Review options listed in the paper and consider if additional items should be included.

3. Update on Coral Disease in Florida (*Attachment 3*)

Description: In 2017, there was a significant loss of coral due to coral disease. In some areas as much as 35% of the reef-building corals were lost. An update on the severity of the disease will be provided by Dr. Josh Voss, assistant professor at Florida Atlantic University's Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.

Requested AP Action: Provide input as appropriate.

4. Update on Southeast Florida Coral Reef Ecosystem Conservation Area (*Attachment 4 and 4a*)

Description: The Florida Legislature created a new coral conservation area was created off Broward, Martin, Miami-Dade, and Palm Beach Counties, which become effective July 1, 2018. Dr. Ken Banks, Section Manager for the Broward County Environmental Protection & Growth Management Department of the Natural Resources, Planning & Management Division, will provide an update on the area and the objectives of the area.

Requested AP Action: Provide input as appropriate.

5. Update on Deep-Sea Coral Research (*Attachment 5*)

Description: Dr. Daniel Wagner, Research Coordinator for the Southeast Deep Coral Initiative, will provide an update on Southeast Deep-Sea Coral Initiative that started in July 2016 and continue through 2019. Dr. Wagner has been coordinating research in the Southeast region while funds are available to conduct research on deepsea coral reef ecosystems.

Requested AP Action: Provide input as appropriate.

6. Regulations recommended for removal (*Attachment 6*)

Description: On February 24, 2017 the President issued Executive Order 13777 as part of efforts to lower regulatory burdens on the American people by implementing and enforcing regulatory reform. The NMFS requested that each of the fishery management councils identify a process to review/evaluate existing regulations by the end of December 2017. Each Council is to conduct the review/evaluation and provide recommendations on rules to be removed by the end of June 2018. The Council is reaching out to all of its APs to get their recommendations. Attachment 5 contains the initial attempts by Council staff to identify regulations that could be considered for removal.

Requested AP Action: Provide input on regulations that may be unnecessary or outdated.

7. Elections

Other Business