



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### **Coral Advisory Panel**

Hilton Garden Inn  
5265 International Boulevard  
North Charleston, SC 29418  
October 25-26, 2011

**Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. – Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 to noon**

1. Approval of Agenda – Steve Blair
2. Approval of September 2009 Coral AP Minutes – Steve Blair
3. Update on Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 – Anna Martin  
(*Attachments 1a & 1b, and Attachment 2*)
4. South Atlantic Coral Research Updates
  - a. Overview of NOAA's DSC South Atlantic Research 2009-2011 – Andy David
  - b. Jacksonville *Lophelia* site research – Sandra Brooke
  - c. Snowy Wreck MPA observations – Steve Ross
  - d. Overview of NOAA's DSC Research and Technology Program Data Management Plan – Andy Shepard (*Attachments 3a-3d*)
  - e. Discussion and Recommendations – Steve Blair
5. Items for consideration in Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3
  - a. Overview – Anna Martin
  - b. Discussion and Recommendations – Steve Blair
6. Update on Council's Coral Reef Conservation Program Grant Projects
  - a. Mapping and Characterization of Habitats on the Continental Slope off the SE (SEADESC) Project – Steve Ross
  - b. Optimization of Surveillance and Enforcement in Remote Marine Protected Areas in the SA (SERMA) Project – Sandra Brooke
  - c. South Atlantic MPAs and Deepwater Coral HAPCs: Characterization of Benthic Habitat and Fauna
  - d. Synthesis of Information on Octocoral Fishery

7. NOAA Fisheries Habitat Conservation Division Update – Jocelyn Karazsia
8. SAFMC Invasive Species Policy Update (*Attachments 5a & 5b*)
  - a. Overview – Anna Martin
  - b. Discussion and Recommendations – Steve Blair
9. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 (*Attachment 4*)
  - a. Overview (includes proposed closure areas for the spiny lobster fishery for protecting elkhorn and staghorn coral) – Kari MacLauchlin
  - b. Discussion and Recommendations – Steve Blair
10. US Coral Reef Task Force Meeting Update – Dave Gilliam and other members of the local planning committee
11. Overview of Marine and Estuarine Goal Setting Criteria for S. Florida (MARES) Program – Steve Blair
12. Review of *Oculina* research activities – John Reed (*Attachment 6*)
13. Other Business
14. Adjourn

**Attachments:**

- 1a. CE-BA 2 Final Document and Appendices
- 1b. CE-BA 2 Notice of Availability for public comment
2. Gorgonian Landings by Region 1994-2011
- 3a. NOAA DSC RTP Data Management Guide
- 3b. NOAA DSC RTP Sample Log
- 3c. NOAA DSC RTP Sample Video Log
- 3d. 2010 Report submitted to NOAA DSC RTP
4. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 Summary
- 5a. SAFMC Estuarine Non-native and invasive species policy
- 5b. SAFMC Marine Non-native and invasive species policy
6. Evaluation Plan for *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area

**Coral Advisory Panel Members:**

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| Steve Blair, Chair       | Greg McFall      | Henry Feddern    |
| Dave Gilliam, Vice-Chair | Ken Nedimyer     | Roland Ferry     |
| Clark Alexander          | Kimberly Puglise | Jocelyn Karazsia |
| Kenneth Banks            | John Reed        | Andy Shepard     |
| Sandra Brooke            | Steve Ross       | Margot Stiles    |
| John Cramer              | Kate Semon       | Bob Van Dolah    |