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AGENDA

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September 15-19, 2008

Monday, September 15

ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Joint Golden Crab and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting/William Whipple & Jake Flowers (TAB 1)
(See separate Joint Golden Crab and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel Agenda)

Concurrent Session

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

1:00 P.M. to 1:10 P.M.

Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call

1:10 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Allocation Committee Report (from July 8-9, 2008 meeting)/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 10)

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

Council Session recessed until Thursday

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Joint Executive/Finance Committee/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 2)

1. Review status of the CY 2008 Activities Schedule and budget - **ACTION**
2. Status of the FY 2009 budget
3. Discuss the benefits of establishing a Council Data Collection Improvement Committee

Monday, September 15

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

SOPPs Committee/George Geiger (TAB 3)

1. Status of Secretarial review of Council SOPPs
2. Develop changes to SOPPs as necessary - **ACTION**

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

**Advisory Panel Selection Committee/David Cupka
(CLOSED SESSION)(TAB 4)**

1. Review applications and develop recommendations for appointment - **ACTION**

Tuesday, September 16

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

**Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat
Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 5)**

1. Discuss recommendations from the Joint Golden Crab and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels
2. Review Fishery Ecosystem Plan and approve for second round of public hearings - **ACTION**
3. Review Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment and approve for second round of public hearings - **ACTION**
4. Discuss habitat issues (as appropriate)

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

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

Shrimp Committee/David Cupka (TAB 6)

1. Review Amendment 7 public hearing comments and advisory panel comments
2. Modify Amendment 7 as necessary - **ACTION**
3. Develop recommendation for submitting Amendment 7 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Spiny Lobster Committee/Tony Iarocci (TAB 7)

1. Review the public hearing comments, advisory panel comments and actions by the CFMC and GMFMC on the Generic Import Amendment (GIA)
2. Develop recommendation for submitting the GIA for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
3. Status of Florida's changes to the lobster regulations
4. Plan timeline for ACL amendment

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 8)

1. Report on Oculina activities
2. Review Amendment 16 public hearing comments and SDEIS comments
3. Modify Amendment 16 as necessary and develop recommendation for submitting Amendment 16 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 17

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 8)

4. Review the Interim rule addressing red snapper and Amendment 16 species (gag, vermilion snapper, black grouper and red grouper) - **ACTION**
5. Develop recommendation for submitting the Interim Rule for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 8)

6. Review draft options paper for Amendment 17, modify as appropriate and provide further direction to staff - **ACTION**
7. Discuss and develop comments on the ACL Proposed Rule - **ACTION**

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

SEDAR Committee/George Geiger (TAB 9)

1. Discuss SEDAR 16 review process (king mackerel)
2. Develop recommendations for SEDAR Steering Committee - **ACTION**

Thursday, September 18

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Allocation Committee/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 10)

1. Discuss future outlook component of allocation equation and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

LAPP Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 11)

1. Review and discuss the Wreckfish ITQ Program - **ACTION**
2. Develop recommendations for appointments to the Golden Tilefish Workgroup - **ACTION**
3. Develop Workgroup meeting timeline - **ACTION**

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

Dolphin Wahoo Committee (all Council members)/George Geiger (TAB 12)

1. Review of the Dolphin Wahoo FMP
2. Presentation on changes in recreational harvest/Don Hammond
3. Review and discuss recent recreational and commercial catch levels

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Thursday, September 18

1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

1:30 - 2:00

Recall to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of June 2008 Minutes/George Geiger

Election of Chairman
Election of Vice Chairman
Presentations

2:00 - 2:30

Shrimp Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 6)
➤ Public Comment on Shrimp Amendment 7 (**2:00 P.M.**)
➤ Approve Amendment 7 for submission to the Secretary - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

2:30 - 3:00

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 7)
➤ Public Comment on the Spiny Lobster Generic Import Amendment (**2:30 P.M.**)
➤ Approve Generic Import Amendment for submission to the Secretary - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:00 - 6:00

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 8)
➤ Public Comment on Snapper Grouper Amendment 16 (**3:00 P.M.**)
➤ Public Comment on Interim Rule for red snapper and other snapper grouper complex species (**following public comment on Amendment 16**)
➤ Approve Amendment 16 for submission to the Secretary - **ACTION**
➤ Approve Interim Rule for submission to the Secretary - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 19

8:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

8:00 - 8:15

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello
(**Closed Session**)

Friday, September 19

8:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 8:15 - 8:45 Presentation on the Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species FMP/Jackie Wilson (Attachment 1)
- 8:45 - 9:15 Presentation on Forage Fish/Ken Stump (Attachment 2)
- 9:15 - 9:30 Joint Executive and Finance Committee Report/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 2)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 SOPPs Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 3)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 4)
➤ Appoint advisory panel members - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 5)
➤ Approve the Fishery Ecosystem Plan for 2nd round of public hearings - **ACTION**
➤ Approve the Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment for 2nd round of public hearings - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30 SEDAR Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 9)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45 Allocation Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 10)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:00 LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 11)
➤ Appoint Golden Tilefish Workgroup - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 12)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 19

11:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 11:15 - 11:30 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 3)
1. Quotas by fishing year: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, Wreckfish, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Red Porgy, Vermilion Snapper, Greater Amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and Dolphin quotas (soft quota ratios)
 2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 14
 3. Status of Red Drum transfer
 4. Protected species issues
- 11:30 - 11:45 Review Experimental Fishing Permit applications as necessary/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 4)
- 11:45 - 12:00 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 5)
1. Status of Data Collection & Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
 2. Progress on vermilion snapper/Spanish mackerel aging and 2007 headboat data entry
 3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations (Note: the data provided should track the relevant fishing years and show quota or allocation and current catches:
 1. Atlantic King Mackerel; 2. Atlantic Spanish mackerel;
 3. Black Sea Bass; 4. Golden Tilefish; 5. Snowy Grouper;
 6. Red Porgy; 7. Vermilion Snapper; 8. Gag; 9. Red Snapper; 10. Mutton Snapper; 11. Yellowtail Snapper; 12. Greater Amberjack; and 13. Dolphin & Wahoo)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Agency and Liaison Reports
- 12:30 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 6)
- ADJOURN**

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