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AGENDA

COUNCIL SESSION

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December 4 - December 5, 2008

Thursday, December 4

4:00 - 4:15

**Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of September 2008 Minutes/Duane Harris**

4:15 - 5:30

**Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin
(TAB 11)**

- **Public comment on an Interim Rule for red snapper (if the Council considers an Interim Rule request - 4:15 P.M.)**
- **Decision on submitting a Red Snapper Interim Rule request to the Secretary of Commerce**
- **Act on Committee recommendations relative to vermilion snapper actions in Amendment 16 as appropriate - ACTION**
- **Approve Amendment 17 for public hearings - ACTION**
- **Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**

5:30 - 6:00

Presentation by FishSmart about the interactive process with stakeholders in the Atlantic king mackerel fishery/Tom Ihde (Presentation material is under the SSC - TAB 1, Attachments 27 & 28)

Friday, December 5

- 8:00 - 8:15** **SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 6)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 8:15 - 8:30** **AP Selection Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 5)**
➤ Appoint new AP members and take other actions as appropriate - ACTION
- 8:30 - 8:45** **Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 10)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 8:45 - 9:00** **Joint Executive Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris & David Cupka (TAB 7)**
➤ Approve the CY 2009 Timelines, Activities Schedule and Budget - ACTION
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 9:00 - 9:15** **Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 6)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 9:15 - 9:30** **LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 3)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 9:30 - 9:45** **Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 9)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 9:45 - 10:00** **SEDAR Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 12)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 10:00 - 10:30** NOAA Fisheries EFH presentation/Chris Rilling (Attachment 1)
- 10:30 - 10:45** Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - ACTION

Friday, December 5

10:45 - 11:00

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 3)

- 1. Quotas**
 - ❖ Atlantic king mackerel
 - ❖ Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone)
 - ❖ Atlantic Spanish mackerel
 - ❖ Snowy Grouper
 - ❖ Golden Tilefish
 - ❖ Wreckfish
 - ❖ Greater amberjack
 - ❖ South Atlantic Octocorals
 - ❖ Dolphin (soft quota ratios)
- 2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C quota**
- 3. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 14 (MPAs)**
- 4. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16 and the Interim Rule**
- 5. Protected Species Issues**
- 6. VMS Compliance report (LE)**

11:00 - 11:15

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 4)

- 1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans**
- 2. Progress reports on vermilion snapper and Spanish mackerel aging and 2007 headboat data entry**
- 3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations:**
 - ❖ Atlantic King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel
 - ❖ Black Sea Bass
 - ❖ Golden Tilefish
 - ❖ Snowy Grouper
 - ❖ Red Porgy
 - ❖ Greater Amberjack
 - ❖ Dolphin

11:15 - 11:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00

**Other Business
Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)**

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