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AGENDA

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March 7, 2008

- 8:00 - 8:15** **Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call**
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of December 2007 Minutes/George Geiger
- 8:15 - 8:45** **Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 4)**
- **Public Comment on Amendment 15B (8:15 A.M.)**
 - **Approve Amendment 15B for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - ACTION**
 - **Approve Amendment 16 for public hearing - ACTION**
 - **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00** **LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 2)**
- **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:15** **Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 6)**
- **Approve Fishery Ecosystem Plan for public hearing - ACTION**
 - **Approve the FEP Comprehensive Amendment for public hearing - ACTION**
 - **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**

- 9:15 - 9:30** **Joint Executive and Finance Committee Report/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 3)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 9:30 - 9:45** **Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 7)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 9:45 - 10:00** **Shrimp Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 10:00 - 10:15** **Allocation Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 9)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 10:15 - 10:30** **SOPPs Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 10)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 10:30 - 10:45** **SSC Selection Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 11)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION
- 10:45 - 11:00** **Report on the CCC meeting/George Geiger and Duane Harris (Attachment 1)**
- 11:00 - 11:15** **Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachments 2a and 2b)**
1. Quotas: 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 15A & 14
3. Status of Red Drum transfer
- 11:15 - 11:30** **Review Experimental Fishing Permit applications as necessary/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 3)**
- 11:30 - 11:45** **NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 4)**
1. Status of data collection programs to address the red porgy, black sea bass, vermilion snapper and king mackerel (aging and fecundity) assessments.
2. Status of Stock Assessment Improvement Plan
3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations: Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Red Porgy, Vermilion Snapper, Greater Amberjack and Dolphin

11:45 - 12:15 Agency and Liaison Reports

12:15 - 12:30 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)

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