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September 18-19, 2008

Thursday, September 18

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)*

Thursday, September 18

3:00 - 6:00

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

- **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 - 8:15

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

Friday, September 19

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**

Friday, September 19

- 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**
- 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)

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*****Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment, the times and sequence specified on this agenda are subject to change*****