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December 9-10, 2010

{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

1:30 - 1:45

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of September 2010 Minutes/David Cupka

Presentation

1:45

Public comment will be accepted on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 10 followed by public comment regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment. Persons with like or similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.

Thursday, December 9

3:00 - 3:30

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 1)
➤ Approve Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS for public hearing - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:30 - 4:00

Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 3)
➤ Approve Mackerel Amendment 18/EA for public hearing - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Thursday, December 9

- 4:00 - 4:15 Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 4)
➤ Approve CE-BA 2 for public hearing - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30 Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)
➤ Approve issues in Golden Crab Amendment 5 (Catch Shares) for scoping
- 4:30 - 4:45 SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 6)
➤ Approve sea bass assessment documents - **ACTION**
➤ Appoint SEDAR participants - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:45 - 5:15 Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (**Closed Session**)

Friday, December 10

- 8:30 - 8:45 Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 7)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00 SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 8)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 10:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 9)
➤ Approve Comprehensive ACL Amendment for public hearings - **ACTION**
➤ Approve actions in Amendment 18A - **ACTION**
➤ Approve Regulatory Amendment 10 (Red Snapper) for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
➤ Approve Regulatory Amendment 9 (Trip Limits) for public hearings - **ACTION**
➤ Approve issues in Amendment 24 for scoping - **ACTION**
➤ Approve issues in Amendment 21 for scoping - **ACTION**
➤ Approve issues in Amendment 22 for scoping - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, December 10

10:30 - 10:45

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

1. Status of Commercial quotas by fishing year for: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and dolphin (soft quota ratios), vermilion snapper, black sea bass, red porgy and gag
2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendments 17A & 17B
3. Protected Species Issues
4. Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

10:45 - 11:15

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)

1. Update on the additional funding that the SEFSC received this year for hiring additional stock assessment scientists and increasing the south Atlantic fishery independent data collection program
2. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
3. Progress report on headboat data entry
4. Status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate: Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel; cobia; snowy grouper; gag; black sea bass; golden tilefish; red porgy; greater amberjack; dolphin and wahoo; vermilion, red, mutton and yellowtail snapper

11:15 - 11:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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