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## AGENDA

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December 1-5, 2014

{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.}

#### Monday, December 1

#### WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Council Member Visioning Workshop/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)**

1. Recap of October Visioning Workshop
2. Overview of draft Snapper Grouper Goals/Objectives, Committee discussion and guidance to staff - **ACTION**
3. Discuss next steps and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Presentation on the Biscayne National Park Fishery Management Plan/Brian Carlstrom, Superintendent (Attachment 1)**

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

**Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 2)**

1. Status of Coral Amendment 8/SERO Staff
2. Update on the rock shrimp VMS and bycatch analyses
3. Committee discussion and guidance to staff - **ACTION**
4. Briefing on the proposal/nomination for an Oculina National Marine Sanctuary/Dr. George Sedberry - **ACTION**

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

**SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 3)**

1. Overview of SSC policies
2. Committee provide guidance to staff on policy revisions - **ACTION**

**Monday, December 1**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

**Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)**

1. Report on ongoing formal consultations and other Protected Resources updates/SERO Staff
2. Overview of the Nassau Grouper Proposed Rule, Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**
3. Overview of Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan requirements, Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**
4. Update on American Eel Status Review
5. Overview of Atlantic Sturgeon Stock Assessment

**Tuesday, December 2**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.**

**Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (Closed Session)  
(TAB 5)**

1. Executive Director Performance Review
2. Briefing on proposed changes to the staff's health insurance

**9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

**Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 6) (Closed Session)**

1. Review of advertised open seats
2. Review advisory panel applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**

**11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**SEDAR Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)**

1. SEDAR activities update and Committee discussion - **ACTION**
2. Develop guidance for the Council's SEDAR Steering Committee members - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)**

1. Status of Amendments under Formal Review - NMFS SERO
  - Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
  - Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSSTs)
  - Amendment 29 (ORCS)
  - Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
  - Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy)
2. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report/Jim Atack
3. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report/Dr. Marcel Reichert, SSC VC
4. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
  - Presentation on analysis requested by Council/Dr. Mike Errigo
  - Presentation on NMFS analyses/Dr. Nick Farmer, SERO
  - Presentation on risk of entanglement changes for pot gear since 2006 Biological Opinion/TBD, SERO PR
  - Modify document, choose preferred alternatives and recommend approval for public hearings - **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 3

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)**

5. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag and Wreckfish)
  - Overview of public comments and amendment
  - Review document, modify as appropriate and recommend approval for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
6. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)
  - Presentation on NCDMF catch card program/Doug Mumford, NCDMF
  - Discuss amendment and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)**

7. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - Presentation on observations of spawning activity/Dr. Will Heyman
  - Review amendment, modify as needed and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
8. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing species and golden tilefish endorsements issue)
  - Review amendment, modify as appropriate and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig**

Thursday, December 4

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

**Joint Dolphin Wahoo and Snapper Grouper Committees/Anna Beckwith and Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Dolphin and Wahoo/NMFS SERO
  - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
2. Overview of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets from The Bahamas)
  - Review the Decision Document, modify the amendment as appropriate, recommend approval for formal Secretarial review and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Overview of the Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment
  - Review the Decision Document, modify the amendment as appropriate, approve for formal Secretarial review and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**

**10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 10)**

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia/NMFS SERO

**Thursday, December 4**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Mackerel Committee cont./Ben Hartig (TAB 10)**
2. Status of amendments under formal review/NMFS SERO
    - Amendment 20B (boundaries and transit provisions)
    - South Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013 (Spanish mackerel transfer-at-sea king mackerel trip limits in the east coast FL subzone)
    - CMP Framework Amendment 1 (Spanish Mackerel ACLs)
    - CMP Framework Amendment 2 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel trip limits)
  3. Report from the Gulf Council meeting
  4. Overview of SEDAR 38 (king mackerel stock assessment)
    - SSC Report/Marcel Reichert, SSC Vice-Chair
    - Discuss and take action as necessary, specifically on changes to the ACLs in developing or future amendments
  5. Overview of discussion paper for Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish mackerel ACL shift/allocation)
    - Provide direction to staff on content and timing - **ACTION**
- 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. Lunch**
- 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Executive Finance Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 11)**
1. Status of our CY 2014 budget expenditures
  2. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
  3. Update on the Joint South Florida Committee Issues - **ACTION**
  4. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Golden Crab Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)**
1. Status of Commercial Catch versus ACL for golden crab/NMFS SERO
  2. Overview of the Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment
    - Review the amendment, modify as appropriate, recommend approval for formal Secretarial review and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate
- 3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 13)**
1. Status of work on Bycatch Reporting in the Southeast/NMFS SEFSC/SERO
    - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
  2. Presentation on the Electronic Technology Implementation Plan (Data Collection and Monitoring)/NMFS SERO
    - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
  3. Overview and Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
    - Committee discussion and guidance to staff on timing
  6. SEFSC Presentation on the status of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project/Brett Pierce, SEFSC
    - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
  7. Overview of Gulf Council action, status, and next steps for the Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
    - Final Report from the Technical Committee
    - Discuss the amendment and provide guidance to staff

**Thursday, December 4**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Public comment will be accepted on the following items scheduled for final Council action at this meeting: (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag and Wreckfish), (2) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets from The Bahamas) and (3) Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment.** Following comment on these specific items, public comment will be accepted regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The Chairman, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

**Friday, December 5**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)**

**8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.**

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of September 2014 Minutes/Ben Hartig

8:45 - 9:15

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

- Approve/Disapprove Regulatory Amendment 22 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 for hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:30

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 10)

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

9:30 - 9:45

SSC Selection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 3)

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

9:45 - 10:00

Council Member Visioning Workshop Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)

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

10:00 -10:15

Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 2)

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

**Friday, December 5**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)**

- 10:15 - 10:30      Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45      Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of AP members and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:00      SEDAR Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15      Joint Dolphin Wahoo and Snapper Grouper Committees Report/Anna Beckwith and Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)
- Approve/Disapprove Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30      Executive Finance Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 11)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
  - Take action on the South Florida Management issues as appropriate - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:45      Golden Crab Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)
- Approve/Disapprove the Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 12:00      Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 13)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 12:15      Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)
- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
  - Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 3) - **ACTION**

**Friday, December 5 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

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| 12:15 - 12:30 | NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith<br>(Attachment 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Update on bycatch data collection activities</li><li>• Update on headboat data entry</li></ul> |
| 12:30 - 1:15  | Agency and Liaison Reports  |
| 1:15 - 1:30   | Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)   |

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