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December 7-11, 2015

{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 7

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

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

1. Recap of October 2015 Council member Visioning Workshop
2. Final review and approval Vision Blueprint - **ACTION**
3. Review of the Evaluation Plan for the Vision Blueprint - **ACTION**
4. Review/develop approaches for applying the Blueprint - **ACTION**

10:15 A.M. to 11:45 A.M.

Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2) (Closed Session)

1. Executive Director Interviews and hiring decision - **ACTION**
(All Council members will participate in this committee meeting)

11:45 A.M. to 1:15 P.M.

Lunch

1:15 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Personnel Committee cont./Jessica McCawley (TAB 2) (Closed Session)

1. Executive Director Interviews and hiring decision - **ACTION**
(All Council members will participate in this committee meeting)

Tuesday, December 8

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 3)

1. SEDAR activities update
2. Review SEDAR Steering Committee report and provide guidance for SAFMC representatives - **ACTION**
3. Presentation on NOAA Fisheries Assessment Prioritization/Dr. Rick Methot, NMFS Headquarters
4. Discuss and provide guidance for application to SAFMC stocks and SEDAR - **ACTION**

Tuesday, December 8

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 4)

1. Habitat Advisory Panel meeting report - **ACTION**
2. Overview of the redrafted EFH Policy on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation
 - Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Overview of FEP II Development, EFH Updates and Regional Ecosystem Coordination
 - Lenfest Fisheries Ecosystem Task Force Activities/Dr. Phil Levin, NMFS SWFSC
 - Committee Discussion and action at appropriate - **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 5)

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO - **ACTION**
2. Status of actions under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Amendment 33 (fillets)
 - Amendment 34 (comprehensive accountability measures)
 - Amendment 35 (species removal and golden tilefish endorsements)
3. SSC Report/Dr. Luiz Barbieri
4. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report/Jim Attack
5. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (removal of black sea bass pot closure)
 - Discuss and modify document as appropriate and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 9

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

6. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (hogfish)
 - Discuss and modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
7. Blueline Tilefish Stock ID: Initial Results/Dr. Tanya Darden
 - Discuss and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
8. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 25 (blueline tilefish, yellowtail snapper and black sea bass)
 - Discuss, modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
9. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (mutton snapper)
 - Discuss, modify document as appropriate and approve for scoping - **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 9

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Lunch

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

10. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (spawning SMZs)
 - Overview of spawning SMZ SMP
 - Review Amendment 36, modify if necessary, select remaining preferred alternatives, and approve all actions - **ACTION**
11. Overview of System Management Plan for Amendment 14 MPAs
 - Review document, modify as appropriate and approve - **ACTION**
12. Overview, approach and timing for addressing red snapper
 - Discuss and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
13. Follow-up on approaches to monitor recreational harvest of deepwater species
 - Discuss and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

Public comment will first be accepted on items before the Council for final action: *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (removal of the black sea bass pot closure), Snapper Grouper Amendment 25 (blueline tilefish, yellowtail snapper and black sea bass), the System Management Plan for MPAs and Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1.* Public comment will then be accepted regarding any of the other items on the Council agenda. The Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Thursday, December 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 8:30 A.M.

**SSC Selection Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 6)
(Closed Session)**

1. Review applications for the vacant North Carolina seat and appoint an individual to the seat - **ACTION**
2. Consider designating Social and Economic Scientist specific seats on the SSC - **ACTION**

8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Information and Education Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 7)

1. Information and Education Advisory Panel report - **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

1. Status of recreational and commercial catches vs. ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Overview of CMP Amendment 26 decision document
 - Modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives and approve Amendment 26 for public hearings - **ACTION**

Thursday, December 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 9)

1. Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study
 - SEFSC Presentation on the status of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project/SEFSC
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Overview of Implementation Plan for commercial logbook electronic reporting
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff on timing - **ACTION**
3. Overview of the South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment Decision Document
 - Discuss and modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives for all actions, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
4. Update on the Citizen Science Workshop agenda
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB10)

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Dolphin and Wahoo/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments Under Review/NMFS SERO
 - DW Amendment 7/SG Amendment 33 (fillet issue)
3. Overview of Dolphin Wahoo Regulatory Amendment 1
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Development of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10
 - Review White paper of possible actions
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11)

1. Status of spiny lobster catch vs. 2015/16 ACL/NMFS SERO
2. Review spiny lobster Landings for 2014/15
 - Notification from NMFS on Spiny Lobster Landings
 - Spiny Lobster Landings 1991/92 through 2014/15
 - Upcoming Joint Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel Meeting
 - Discuss and take action as necessary and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 12)

1. South Atlantic Protected Resource-related updates/SERO PRD
2. Review of the compliance policy for turtle excluder devices in the Southeast shrimp fishery/NMFS SERO - **ACTION**
3. Status of the ESA/MSA Integration Agreement - **ACTION**
4. Update on USFWS protected resources issues

Thursday, December 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 13)

1. Status of CY 2015 budget expenditures
2. Council Activities and Accomplishments During 2015
3. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
4. Discuss standards and procedures for participating in Council webinar meetings - **ACTION**
5. Briefing on participating with the other 7 RFMCs in supporting a representative to keep the Councils informed - **ACTION**
6. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, December 11

8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)

8:00 - 8:15

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of September 2015 Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval

Announce the new Executive Director of the SAFMC

8:15 - 9:15

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

- Approve/Disapprove Regulatory Amendment 16 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 25 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove all actions in Amendment 36 - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 37 for public hearing
- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 41 for public scoping - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:30

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 26 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:30 - 9:45

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

- Approve/Disapprove Vision Blueprint - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Evaluation Plan Vision Blueprint - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:45 - 10:00

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 4)

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

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10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.

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10:00 -10:15

Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 12)

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

10:15 - 10:45

SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 3)

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

10:45 - 11:00

Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 13)

- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:00 - 11:15

Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 10)

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

11:15 - 11:30

Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 9)

- Approve/Disapprove South Atlantic For-Hire Reporting Amendment for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:30 - 11:45

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11)

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

11:45 - 12:00

SSC Selection Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 6)

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

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 1:45

Information and Education Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 7)

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

1:45 - 2:00

SERO Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

2:00 - 2:15

Review Experimental Fishing Permit requests as appropriate (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

2:15 - 2:45

SEFSC Report/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)

Friday, December 11

2:45 - 3:30

Agency and Liaison Reports and additional information (Attachment 4)

3:30

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)

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