

# OVERVIEW

## Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting

Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel  
1707 Hillsborough Street  
Raleigh, NC

The Committee will: (A) receive an update from SEFSC on the status of catches versus quota for octocorals; (B) receive an update on the status of CE-BA 2; (C) receive an update on invasive lionfish research from Dr. James Morris, NOS, and also a presentation on U.S. FWS programs addressing invasive species from Jeffrey Herod; (D) review the Coral Advisory Panel report; (E) review the Habitat Advisory Panel report; (F) review items for consideration in CE-BA 3 and approve CE-BA 3 for public scoping.

### **Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2**

The Committee will receive an update on the status of CE-BA 2 since approval and submission of the document in June. The Proposed Rule to implement CE-BA 2 published in the Federal Register on November 8<sup>th</sup> with a comment period extending through November 25<sup>th</sup>. The Committee will receive a review of comments submitted during this period. (**Attachments 1&2**)

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff as necessary.

### **Invasive Species Research and Programs**

Dr. James Morris, with NOAA National Ocean Service, will update the Committee on his work with invasive lionfish and relevant issues pertaining to this species since his last presentation to the Committee in December, 2009.

Jeffrey Herod, Aquatic Invasive Species Coordinator with U.S. FWS, will provide a presentation to the Committee on his work with coastal and marine invasive species and the agency's work, generally, addressing invasive species.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Action as may be necessary.

### **Coral Advisory Panel Report**

Anna Martin will brief the Committee on the Coral Advisory Panel Meeting and provide an overview of the AP report. The Coral AP met on October 25-26<sup>th</sup> in North Charleston, SC. (**Attachment 3**)

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff.

**Habitat Advisory Panel and Ecosystem Coordination Report**

Roger Pugliese will provide a summary of the Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting and Eco-Regional Partner Coordination Meeting and review recommendations from the AP with the Committee. The Habitat AP met on November 15-16<sup>th</sup> in Charleston, SC.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff.

**Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3**

The Committee will review a list of measures for consideration in CE-BA 3. The intent is to develop a comprehensive list of measures and approve for public scoping. Scoping meetings will be held during the last week in January and first week in February 2012. (**Attachment 4**)

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff on addition of other items for consideration in CE-BA 3 at this time and approve for public scoping.