

OVERVIEW

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting

Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel
3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd.
Key West, FL

The Committee will: (A) receive an update from SEFSC on the status of catches versus quota for octocorals; (B) review updates to CE-BA 2 since the March 2011 meeting; (C) approve CE-BA 2 for formal Secretarial review; (D) review and approve proposed rule for CE-BA 2; and (E) receive updates on coral and ecosystem-based activities.

Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2

Changes to the actions and alternatives in CE-BA 2 have been made according to Council guidance during the March 2011 meeting. The document was submitted for NEPA review in April, and Council will receive an update on findings to-date. The Committee will review updates to CE-BA 2 and review for final approval and submission for formal Secretarial review. The Council will also review the proposed rule for CE-BA 2. (*Attachments 1A - 4*)

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Review actions and alternatives in CE-BA 2, modify document as necessary, and approve final document for Secretarial review. Review and approve proposed rule for CE-BA 2.

Ecosystem Coordination Updates

Anna Martin will provide an update to the Committee on the NOAA Deep Sea Coral Expedition 'Extreme Corals 2011'.

Roger Pugliese will provide updates on the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative, Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership, South Atlantic Alliance, SECOORA, SEAMAP, EFH Research and 5 Year Review and Council Ecosystem Tools. (*Attachments 5 - 16*)

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Action as may be necessary.