

OVERVIEW

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel
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The Committee will: (A) receive an update from SEFSC on the status of catches versus quota for octocorals; (B) review recommendations from the following APs: Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp, Coral, and Habitat; (C) review the Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern measures in Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3; (D) receive an update on ecosystem activities.

A. Status of landings for octocorals (Attachment 1)

The Council will receive an update from SEFSC on the status of landings for octocorals.

B. Advisory Panel Reports (Attachments 2-4)

The Committee will receive a review of recommendations resulting from a number of Advisory Panel meetings. Mike Merrifield (Deepwater Shrimp AP member) will present recommendations from the April 20th joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting pertaining to Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern. Steve Blair (Coral AP Chair) will present recommendations from the Coral Advisory Panel meeting held on May 9th-10th. Council staff will review recommendations from the May 15th Habitat AP webinar.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff as necessary.

C. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Attachments 5&6)

Council staff will review the measures currently included in the CE-BA 3 decision document (**Attachment 6**) addressing Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee will select preferred alternatives for Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 3 and approve these actions for public hearings.

D. Ecosystem Activities

Roger Pugliese will provide updates on the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association, South Atlantic Alliance, Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership, South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative, SEAMAP, and Council Ecosystem Tools.