

OVERVIEW

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting

Charleston Marriot Hotel
170 Lockwood Blvd.
Charleston, SC

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) review items for consideration in CE-BA 3; and (D) receive updates on coral and ecosystem-based activities.

Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendments

CE-BA 2

The Committee will receive an update on the status of CE-BA 2 since approval and submission of the document in June. The Gulf Council was provided an overview of CE-BA 2 actions that modify the CMP FMP, and the Committee will receive an update on their discussion.

(Attachments 1&2)

CE-BA 3

The Committee will review items for consideration in CE-BA 3, including:

1. Protective measures for speckled hind and warsaw grouper in the mid-shelf fishery
2. Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
3. Potential expansion of HAPC areas
4. Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
5. Wreckfish fishery impacts to deepwater coral habitat
6. Impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species

The intent is to develop a comprehensive list of measures and approve for scoping at the December 2011 meeting. Scoping meetings will be held during the last week in January and first week in February 2012.

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

Ecosystem Coordination Updates

Anna Martin will provide an update to the Committee on the Surveillance and Enforcement of Remote Marine Areas (SERMA) Workshop held in Orlando in July, and also on the Council's Coral Reef Conservation Program projects beginning in October, 2011.

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.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Action as may be necessary.