FINAL SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING Charleston, SC September 10th, 2012

The Ecosystem-Based Management Committee met on Monday, September 10th, 2012 in Charleston, SC. The Committee received an update from the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) on the status of landings for octocorals, and also from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on the status of landings for octocorals in state and federal waters off Florida. The Committee received a status report on Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (CE-BA 3) including an update on the status of items that were deferred from development through CE-BA 3 at the June 2012 Council meeting. The Committee was introduced to a list of measures to consider developing through CE-BA 4 in 2013, at which time the Committee discussed the CE-BA approach in general as an appropriate vehicle in developing management measures. The Committee deferred further discussion on development of future CE-BA amendments until Full Council session.

The Committee did not make any motions.

<u>Timing and Task</u> MOTION #1: ADOPT THE TIMING AND TASK ITEMS APPROVED BY COUNCIL

- 1. Council staff will convene the joint meeting of the Deepwater Shrimp, Coral, Habitat, and Law Enforcement Advisory Panels on October 18th, 2012 in Cape Canaveral, FL.
- 2. The Coral HAPC actions will be developed through Coral Amendment 7.