

# OVERVIEW

## Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting

Sea Palms Resort and Conference Center  
5445 Frederica Road  
St. Simons Island, GA

The Committee will: (A) receive a review of comments from the public hearings held January 24<sup>th</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup>; (B) review CE-BA 2 and changes since the December 2010 meeting; (C) provide guidance to staff on actions and alternatives in CE-BA 2 and initially approve the document; and (D) receive updates on coral and ecosystem-based activities.

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

CE-BA 2 was taken out for public hearings during January 24<sup>th</sup> through February 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Written comments were accepted through February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The Committee will receive an overview of public hearing comments on proposed measures in CE-BA 2. Changes to the actions and alternatives in CE-BA 2 were made by the Interagency Planning Team (IPT) according to Council guidance from the December, 2010 meeting. The Committee will review updates to the revised February version of the document and initially approve CE-BA 2. This means that the Committee will select preferred alternatives on all actions based on public hearing input. At the June meeting, the Committee/Council will review the complete document before approving CE-BA 2 for formal review.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review actions and alternatives in CE-BA 2, modify document as necessary, select preferred alternatives for actions that do not yet have them, provide guidance to staff, and initially approve document.

### **Ecosystem Coordination Updates**

Anna Martin will provide an update to the Committee on the status of the Council's Coral Reef Conservation Cooperative Agreement FY 2011 Proposal submission to NOAA's Coral Reef Conservation Program.

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.

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