

SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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The Law Enforcement Committee of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council convened in the Roosevelt Ballroom of the Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, December 6, 2011, and was called to order at 11:50 o'clock a.m. by Chairman David Cupka.

MR. CUPKA: I'd like to call the Executive Finance Committee Meeting to order. The first order of business is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none, then our agenda is approved. The next order of business is approval of the September 2011 Executive Finance Committee Minutes. Are here any additions, deletions or corrections? Seeing none, then those minutes are approved. Next is a status report on our Calendar Year 2011 council expenditures and activities. I'm going to ask Bob to go over those for us.

MR. MAHOOD: Mr. Chairman, if you look behind Attachment 1 you will see the budget status sheet. I'm not going to go over every piece of it. As you can see, we're looking pretty good. I think at the last meeting I told everybody that we basically now are under a five-year grant. We kind of budgeted at the five-year grant level although we get our funding individually each year.

We're pretty much level-funded in 2011. Based on that and based on the uncertainty of the outlook for FY 2012 and beyond, we have been fairly frugal on our expenditures. As you can see on the bottom line on the far right-hand column, we're projecting about \$480,000 to carry over into the next year. We're not sure exactly what kind of cuts we'll take next year, and I'll get into that a little bit when I talk about the 2012 budget, Mr. Chairman. If anybody has any questions, I'll be glad to answer them.

MR. CUPKA: Thank you, Bob. Questions for Bob on the 2011 budget status? Seeing none, then, Bob, why don't we go ahead into the 2012 budget.

MR. MAHOOD: Okay, Mr. Chairman, there are actually three attachments that deal with the proposed 2012 budget. That's Attachment 2A, 2B, and 2C; 2A being the actual proposed budget and 2B and 2C being the draft activities schedules that are used to develop that budget. Consequently, we don't have a 2012 budget yet. All we have is some idea of where we might be, so at this point in time we cannot approve a budget since we're not sure what it's going to be.

Basically, what we know today, the conference committee has met and it looks like the councils were level-funded on our council line item, which is good news. It looks like NMFS overall, as near as people can figure, took about a 5.6 percent cut, something like that. Phil, if you know anything I don't know, please join in.

This is just information that has been put together and made available to the Executive Directors. We should know more specifically. We have a conference call; the Council Coordinating Committee and the NMFS leadership have a conference call later this month and hopefully we'll get some indication at that point what our budget might be. If not by then, we have a CCC meeting at the end of January and hopefully no later than that we'll have some idea of what our budget will be, and then we will put that together and bring it back to the council in March.

One of the things, even though the councils' line item was level-funded, we now get about 44 percent of our budget out of other NMFS line items. In other words, NMFS shares funds from

such things as the LAPPs or catch shares line, which we get about 3 percent of our budget out of that. NEPA, we get about 3 percent of our budget out of the NMFS line item on NEPA.

The regulatory streamlining process, we get about 2 percent of our budget out of that NMFS line item. SEDAR, we get 17 percent of our budget out of the line item in the NMFS budget that deals with data collection and stock assessments. Fortunately, I think we're going to be in pretty good shape there because there is specific language in the conference budget that speaks to increasing data collection and doing more stock assessments.

We get about 2 percent of funding out of the line item that provides our SSC stipends, and then the other big one is under the ACL implementation line item within the NMFS budget. We get 17 percent of our council budget out of that, so that's a big one. How these other numbers will be affected we won't know until the powers to be within the National Marine Fisheries Service sort all that out. That's what I know, Mr. Chairman. If anybody else knows more, I'd be glad to hear about it. If not, I can start answering questions.

MR. CUPKA: Any questions for Bob? Well, hopefully, we'll get a little better feel after we go to the next CCC meeting and see where we are on that. As Bob said, we could be impacted. Depending on what NMFS decides on how to deal with the cuts they may get may affect some of the funds that we've gotten historically, but we don't know that yet. Questions or comments?

MR. BOYLES: Bob, I've got a hard copy that Julie handed of the proposed budget; is that an updated one versus the one that is on Tab 2?

MR. MAHOOD: Yes, I think it has an additional column that shows 2011. We neglected to have that on the one inside and Chairman Cupka pointed that out to us, so Mike was able to infuse that so that you could see a comparison. That's the Ms. Shipman budgeting system. She always liked to know what we had the last year. It should be the same except for the one column.

MR. CUPKA: Other questions or comments? Seeing none, then that takes us down to other business. Is there any other business to come before the committee? Seeing none, then we are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 o'clock noon, December 6, 2011.)

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