



SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

SAFMC Draft Follow Up Agreement by: 12/12/19. Done. 12/11/19.

Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 12/12/19. Done 12/12/19.

Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 1/7/20. Done. 1/7/20

SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 12/10/19.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 1/6/20. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

Distribute to Council members & others:

Approved Version by 1/7/20. Done 1/7/20.



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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

Lead Staff: Myra Brouwer

Abbreviated Framework Amendment 3 – Blueline tilefish - Roger

Details to be added if the decision is to move forward

1. IPT:

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Mike Errigo (Data), Myra Brouwer, and Chip Collier (Coral issues), Cameron Rhodes
✓ NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Adam Bailey (Regs Writer); Tony Lamberte (economist); and Jeff Pulver (Data Analyst);
✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Nikolai Klibansky and Scott Crosson
✓ NOAA GC Team: Shepard Grimes
✓ NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

At the September 2019 meeting the SAFMC directed staff to develop an abbreviated framework to just be an ACL definition action

Major Steps:

- a) ✓ SEDAR Stock ID Workshop – recommended 1 unit stock from the Gulf through the Mid-Atlantic; Assessment defined to cover the SAFMC-MAFMC management units, from the SAFMC-GMFMC boundary to the northern extent of the species.
- b) ✓ Staff provide SEDAR working paper: Summary: Habitat and Developing Spatial Species Information for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region
- c) ✓ SEDAR 50 Assessment – dissemination to Council in September 2017
- d) ✓ SSC review – October 2017.
- e) ✓ Results to Council – December 2017.
- f) ✓ Blueline Tilefish ABC Webinar - February 23, 2018
- g) ✓ MAFMC SSC - Blueline Tilefish ABC N. of Hatteras March 14, 2018
- h) SAFMC SSC Review Workgroup Recommendations
- i) ✓ The SSC was going to review blueline tilefish at the January 25, 2019 webinar which was rescheduled and took place February 25, 2019. Based on the review the SSC decided not to use the revision assessment to update the ABC recommendation they made after SEDAR 50.
- j) ✓ At their April 2019 meeting, the SSC reaffirmed their previous ABC recommendations from SEDAR 50 and the blueline tilefish ABC Workgroup. Therefore, the SSC recommended that progress could commence on Amendment 38 at the June 2019 Council meeting to consider options to implement a new ABC for blueline tilefish in the South Atlantic. The revised ABC and ACL would be based on recommendations for the southern area developed as part of SEDAR 50 in combination with the approved Workgroup recommendations for the area north of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina.

- k) ✓ At the June Committee meeting, Council staff presented background on catch level recommendations for blueline tilefish and options to implement these catch levels. Recommendations are based on results of the SEDAR 50 assessment and the acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the area between Cape Hatteras and the North Carolina/Virginia border.

Proposed Timing 2019-20:

- a) ✓ Councils (South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic) agree on how to allocate ABC by Council jurisdiction. NOTE: The assessment TORS specified providing management information by Council jurisdiction. SAFMC discussion and guidance to staff at June 2019 meeting.
- b) ✓ The Council in June 2019 approved a motion to begin development of Abbreviated Framework Amendment 3 to establish a new South Atlantic Blueline Tilefish ACL.
- c) ✓ Decision document prepared for September 2019 SAFMC meeting clarifying Council action to establish a new South Atlantic Blueline Tilefish ACL by way of Abbreviated Framework 3.
- d) ✓ The Committee/Council approved a motion to revise the ACL and recreational ACT for Blueline Tilefish to reflect the actions in the decision document and maintain as an Abbreviated Framework and return to the December Council meeting.
- e) ✓ The IPT/Staff conduct analyses and complete Draft Abbreviated Framework Amendment 3 for December Council meeting.
- f) ✓ Public Hearing at December 2019 Council Meeting.
- g) ✓ Committee/Council approve for formal review December 2019
- h) Document preparation for formal review:
- i) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- j) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- k) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review ____/20.
- l) Proposed Rule published ____/20.
- m) Send to Council & AP. Date sent _____.
- n) Comments due by ____/20.
- o) Final Rule published ____/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.
- p) Send to Council & AP. Date sent _____.
- q) Post to web site. Date posted _____.
- r) Regulations effective ____/20.

Amendment 42 – (Sea turtle release gear and SG Framework revisions) - Christina

Staff lead: Christina Wiegand

- 1. IPT:
 - a) SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, John Hadley, Cameron Rhodes

- b) NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead), Kelli O'Donnell (SERO Lead on Gulf Amendment), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Adam Bailey (Reg Writer), Pat O'Pay (Protected Resources), Mike Travis (Economist), Rick DeVictor, Jeff Pulver (LAPP Branch)
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Joanne McNeill (biologist), Larry Perruso (economist)
 - d) NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes
 - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
2. Proposed Timing
- a) ✓ Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2018
 - b) ✓ Committee/Council review approve for scoping – April 2018
 - c) ✓ FRN for scoping due: March 26. Done: 3/22/18
 - d) ✓ Scoping webinars – April 23rd & 24th, 2018
 - e) ✓ Council reviews scoping comments and approves actions & alternatives – June 2018
 - f) ✓ Council review draft document and provides guidance and approve for public hearings December 18.
 - g) ✓ FRN for public hearings due: with Council meeting FRN
 - h) ✓ Public Hearings March 2019 Council meeting.
 - i) ✓ Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, and approve for formal review March 2019
3. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 3/15/2019.
 - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 4/18/2019.
 - c) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by April 2019. Done 4/24/19.
 - d) ✓ NOA published 06/13/19.
 - e) ✓ Send to Council & AP. Date done 06/13/19.
 - f) ✓ Comments due by 08/12/19.
 - g) ✓ Proposed Rule published 09/17/19.
 - h) ✓ Comments due by 10/17/19.
 - i) Final Rule published 12/9/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 12/9/19.
 - j) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
 - k) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - l) Regulations effective 1/8/20.

Amendment 45 – ABC Control Rule (Also DW Amend 14, GC Amend 11, Sargassum Amend 4, Coral Amend 11) - TBD

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

Amendment 48 – Wreckfish ITQ Program Modification and FMP Objectives - Brian

(starts in June 2020)

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team:
 - b) NMFS SERO Team:
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team:
 - d) NOAA GC Team:
 - e) NOAA OLE:

2. Proposed Draft Timing:
 - a) Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – June 2020
 - b) Scoping Hearings – August 2020. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items.
 - c) FR notice due to Kim by July 2020. FRN submitted _____.
 - d) Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives –September 2020
 - e) Public Hearings – January 2021.
 - f) FR notice due to Kim by December 2020. FRN submitted _____.
 - g) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2021
 - h) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – June 2021

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) IPT leads review completed by //21.
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by //21.
 - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review //21.
 - d) Proposed Rule published //.
 - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done //.
 - f) Comments due by //. Date done //.
 - g) Final Rule published //. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on //.
 - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done //.
 - i) Post to web site. Date done //.
 - j) Regulations effective //.

Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational - Myra

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier
 - b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Jeff Pulver, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), Christina Package-Ward, Tony Lamberte, David Dale, Joelle Godwin (regs writer), Jenny Lee (PR)
 - c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
 - d) ✓ NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

2. Timing:
 - a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
 - b) ✓ Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
 - c) ✓ Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings. FR notice by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
 - d) ✓ Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
 - e) ✓ Actions/Alternatives with preliminary effects analysis -- June 2017. Date done 6/13/17.
 - f) ✓ Provide guidance on actions & alternatives – September and December 2017
 - g) ✓ Council provides guidance and approves for public hearings – March 2018. Date done 3/9/18.
 - h) ✓ Council reviews public hearing comments and revises actions – June 2018. NOTE: Council provided guidance to re-structure amendment at June meeting. Final action now scheduled for December 2018.
 - i) ✓ Council takes final action December 2018. Date done 12/7/18.

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 2/27/19.
 - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 3/22/19.
 - c) ✓ Document made 508 compliant 4/1/19.
 - d) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by early 2019. Done 4/17/19.
 - e) ✓ Proposed Rule published 10/25/19.
 - f) ✓ Comments due by 11/26/19.
 - g) Final Rule published ____/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.
 - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
 - i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - j) Regulations effective ____/19.

Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial - Myra

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
 - b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Frank Helies, Adam Bailey (regs writer), Mike Jepson, Mike Travis, Jennifer Lee, David Dale, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), Jeff Pulver (LAPP), Nick Farmer
 - c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
 - d) ✓ NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

2. Timing:
 - a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment – September 2016.
 - b) ✓ Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
 - c) ✓ Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice by December 19, 2016.
 - d) ✓ Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
 - e) ✓ Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis -- June 2017. Date done 6/13/17.
 - f) ✓ Provide guidance on actions & alternatives and updated analyses – September and December 2017
 - g) ✓ Council provides guidance and approves for public hearings – March 2018. Date done 3/9/18.
 - h) ✓ Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions – June 2018
 - i) ✓ Council takes final action – September 2018. Date done 10/4/2018.

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 11/8/18.
 - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 12/18/18.
 - c) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review. Done 1/24/19.
 - d) ✓ Proposed Rule published 10/17/19.
 - e) ✓ Comments due by 11/17/19.
 - f) Final Rule published ____/19. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.
 - g) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - h) Regulations effective ____/19.

2016-2020 Vision Blueprint – Evaluation Plan –Myra Brouwer

Council guidance from September 2019: Include Vision Blueprint objectives in next amendment to the Snapper Grouper FMP and continue addressing objectives adopted under the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint instead of drafting and adopting a revised timeline for 2021-2026. Goals from the Blueprint will be included as part of Amendment 48. There is no real evaluation plan, just the goals.

Regulatory Amendment 29 - Best Fishing Practices & Powerheads – Christina

Staff lead: Christina Wiegand

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (lead), Brian Chevront, Mike Errigo, Myra Brouwer, John Hadley, Chip Collier, Cameron Rhodes

- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead), David Records (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Joelle Godwin (Regs Writer), Pat O'Pay (Protected Resources), Alisha Gray-DiLeone (LAPP Branch), Rick DeVictor, Kurtis Gregg (EFH)
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried (biologist), Scott Crosson (economist)
 - d) NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
2. Proposed Timing
- a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2018
 - b) ✓Scoping draft paper presented to Council – June 2018
 - c) ✓Scoping – August 7-8, 2018.
 - d) ✓Council reviews scoping comments and approves actions and alternatives to be analyzed – September 2018
 - e) ✓Council review draft framework document and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – March 2019
 - f) ✓Public Hearings – April 30th and May 1st, 2019.
 - g) ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – September 2019
2. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓IPT leads review completed by August 7, 2019.
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2019. Done ____/19.
 - d) Proposed Rule published ____/19.
 - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - f) Comments due by ____/19. Date done _____.
 - g) Final Rule published ____/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.
 - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
 - i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - j) Regulations effective ____/20.

Regulatory Amendment 30 – Red grouper rebuilding – John Hadley

Staff lead: John Hadley

1. IPT:
- a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Hadley (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese, and Mike Errigo
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO Lead), Rick DeVictor, Joelle Godwin, Mike Jepson, Denise Johnson, Alisha Gray-DiLeone, Jessica Stephen, Jennifer Lee, David Dale, Nikhil Mehta,
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Larry Perruso
 - d) ✓NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes
 - e) ✓NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Timing
 - a) ✓ Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2018.
 - b) ✓ Council review draft amendment document, provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – June 2018.
 - c) ✓ Public Hearings – September 2018 at Council meeting.
 - d) ✓ SSC webinar – 2/25/2019.
 - e) ✓ Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – June 2019.

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 08/14/19.
 - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 08/30/19.
 - c) ✓ Document made 508 compliant 9/05/19
 - d) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 9/10/19.
 - e) Proposed Rule published 10/29/19.
 - f) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - g) Comments due by 11/29/19. Date done _____.
 - h) Final Rule published ____/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.
 - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
 - j) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - k) Regulations effective ___/20.

Regulatory Amendment 31 – Recreational AMs - Brian

Staff lead: Brian Chevront

1. IPT:
 - a) SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (lead), Myra Brouwer, John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Mike Errigo, Cameron Rhodes
 - b) NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (lead), Scott Sandorf, Denise Johnson, Christina Package-Ward, Mike Larkin, Pat Opay
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Nikolai Klibansky (biologist), David Carter (economist)
 - d) NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes
 - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Timing
 - a) ✓ Council Guidance to prepare amendment – December 2017
 - b) ✓ Council review options document and provide guidance – March 2018.
 - c) ✓ Council review draft actions/alternatives and provides guidance – June 2018.
 - d) ✓ Council review draft actions/alternatives, provides guidance, and approves for scoping – December 2018.
 - e) ✓ FRN due: December 18. Done 12/20/2018
 - f) ✓ January 2019 – Scoping
 - g) ✓ Council reviews scoping comments, draft actions, and provides guidance – March 2019

- h) ✓ Council reviews draft amendment and provides guidance, and approves for public hearings – December 2019
 - i) ✓ Council reviews draft amendment, provides guidance, and approves for public hearings – December 2020
 - j) FRN due /20. Done _____
 - k) Public Hearings – /21.
 - l) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – /21.
3. Document preparation for formal review:
- b) IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - c) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - d) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2021. Done ____/21.
 - e) Proposed Rule published ____/21.
 - f) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - g) Comments due by ____/21. Date done _____.
 - h) Final Rule published ____/21. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/21.
 - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
 - j) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - k) Regulations effective ____/21.

Regulatory Amendment 33 – Red snapper season modifications – Myra Brouwer

Staff lead: Myra Brouwer

IPT:

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese, Chip Collier, and Mike Errigo, Cameron Rhodes
- b) NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies, Rick DeVictor, Nikhil Mehta, Mike Larkin, Scott Sandorf
- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, Scott Crosson
- d) NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

Proposed Timing

- a) ✓ Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2019.
- b) ✓ Council review draft amendment document, provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – June 2019.
- c) ✓ Public Hearings – August 2019.
- d) ✓ Consider public comment and modify as appropriate – September 2019
- e) ✓ Consider for approval for formal review – December 2019

Document preparation for formal review:

- a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .

- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2020. Done ____/20.
- d) Proposed Rule published ____/20.
- e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- f) Comments due by ____/20. Date done _____.
- g) Final Rule published ____/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- j) Regulations effective September 2020. Date done _____.
- k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.

Regulatory Amendment 34 – SMZs off NC and SC – Myra Brouwer

Staff lead: Myra Brouwer

IPT:

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese, Chip Collier, and Mike Errigo, Cameron Rhodes
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead), Adam Bailey. David Dale, Alisha DiLeone, Mike Jepson, Denise Johnson, Jenny Lee
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig, Larry Perruso
- d) ✓NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes,
- e) ✓NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

Proposed Timing

- a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2019.
- b) ✓Council review options paper, provide guidance, and approve for scoping hearings – September 2019
- c) ✓FRN for SG Reg Amend 34 Scoping – 10/1/19
- d) ✓Spatial representations, area information and analyses provided for scoping document– 10/11/19 (Roger)
- e) ✓Scoping Hearings – October 2019 and at December 2019 Council meeting
- f) Committee/Council review scoping comments – March 2020
- g) Approve all actions and approve for public hearings – March 2020
- h) FRN for SG Reg Amend 34 Public Hearings - _____
- i) Public Hearings – Spring 2020
- j) Consider public comment and consider approval for formal review – June 2020

Document preparation for formal review:

- l) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- m) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- n) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2019. Done ____/19.
- o) Proposed Rule published ____/19.
- p) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- q) Comments due by ____/19. Date done _____.

- r) Final Rule published ____/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.
- s) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- t) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- u) Regulations effective September 2019. Date done _____.

System Management Plans

Lead Staff: Chip Collier & Roger Pugliese

The System Management Plans (SMP) are intended to increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources found within the Oculina Experimental Closed Area (OECA), Deepwater Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZs).

NOTE: At the September 2019 meeting, the Council stated that a SMP would not be developed for the proposed SMZs in NC and SC in SG Amendment 34 as the states already monitor and enforce regulations in artificial reefs.

SG Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier

1. An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed review in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:
 - a) On-Going Monitoring – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports for Council meetings as information becomes available.
 - b) Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
 - c) Oculina Evaluation Plan (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the Oculina Experimental Closed Area:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Outreach experts
 - Research scientists
 - Non-governmental Organizations
 - Commercial fishermen
 - Council staff
 - Recreational fishermen

A report, written by the team, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

2. 2014 5-Year Evaluation Plan

- a) ✓ Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting.
- b) ✓ Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
- c) ✓ Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team – November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
- d) ✓ SSC Review – April 2015
- e) ✓ Council sees final report – June 2015
- f) ✓ Council reviews final report – September -> December 2015 -> March 2016
- g) ✓ Document revised and posted to website. Date done – March 28, 2016
- h) Also included with the Council’s annual research needs list provided to NMFS.

3. Next Evaluation Plan (2019)

- a) Council reviews, modifies, and approves at December 2020 meeting.
- b) Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – September 2019 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 2019, when the entire area should be mapped.
- c) Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team –
- d) SSC Review –
- e) Council sees final report –
- f) Council reviews final report –
- g) Document revised and distributed – _____
- h) Also included with the Council’s annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- i) Next review: _____.

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) – Chip Collier

In 2009, the Council designated eight Deepwater MPAs in Snapper Grouper Amendment 14. The Deepwater SMP was developed to provide a framework to review the enforcement, outreach and education, research and monitoring, and administrative efforts in the Deepwater MPAs and track progress in each area. The final SMP contains the proposed management action items, metrics for tracking progress, and background details for the eight MPAs. The SMP was adopted in March 2016.

The evaluation report, written by the working group, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee in 2021. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

1. IPT
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Co-Lead), Chip Collier (SAFMC Co-lead and Coral issues), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Amber Von Harten (Outreach), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Andy Herndon and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
 - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Initial Timing 2014:
 - a) IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
 - b) Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
 - c) IPT revise document – July 2014
 - d) Public input during public hearings – August 2014
 - e) Council reviews public input and provide guidance – September 2014
 - f) IPT revise document – September/October 2014
 - g) SSC review – October 27 – 30, 2014
 - h) Council review and approve SMP – December 2014

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council approved the following revised timing

3. Revised Timing 2014/15: work will shift to early – mid 2015 based on workload
 - a) IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
 - b) ✓Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
 - c) IPT works on items in the outline – July through November 2014
 - d) Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
 - e) Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
 - f) Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – March 2015
 - g) IPT revise document as necessary – March 2015
 - h) Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2014
 - i) SSC review – May 5-7, 2015
 - j) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – June 2015

4. Final Timing 2015:
 - a) Contract work on items to develop an outline – 2014/15
 - b) ✓IPT meeting – 12/10/14
 - c) ✓IPT works on items in the outline – January 2015 through March 2015
 - d) ✓Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance – March 2015

- e) ✓ IPT revise document as necessary – March-May 2015
- f) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP input – April 13-14, 2015
- g) ✓ SSC input – April 28-30, 2015
- h) ✓ Council reviews/approves Draft SMP – June 2015. Council only reviewed draft.
- i) ✓ IPT revise document as necessary – June/July 2015
- j) ✓ Public input – July/August/September 2015
- k) ✓ Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance – September 2015
- l) ✓ IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- m) ✓ SSC review – October 2015
- n) ✓ IPT meeting held – November 2, 2015
- o) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP input – November 2015
- p) ✓ Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – March 2016
- q) ✓ Document revised and distributed – by March 31, 2016. Date done – May 31, 2016.
- r) Included in the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS.

5. Potential Timing for Review (2021):

- a) IPT meeting –
- b) IPT works on items in the outline –
- c) Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance –
- d) IPT revise document as necessary –
- e) Snapper Grouper AP input –
- f) SSC input –
- g) Council reviews/approves Draft SMP –
- h) IPT revise document as necessary –
- i) Public input –
- j) Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance –
- k) IPT revise document as necessary –
- l) SSC review –
- m) IPT meeting held –
- n) Snapper Grouper AP input –
- o) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP –
- p) Document revised and distributed – . Date done _____.
- q) Include with the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done _____.
- r) Next review _____.

Spawning SMZs - Chip Collier

Once Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 is completed, there will be a plan for monitoring SMZs. An outline with key actions and dates of how the Spawning SMZs will be monitored will go here

- 1. Research planning meetings for the Spawning SMZs:
 - a) ✓ Morehead City, NC on April 20, 2016, and

- b) ✓Marathon, FL on May 20, 2016.
 - c) ✓Charleston, SC on November 2, 2016.
The meetings discussed past sampling in the general area and potential methods to sample within the proposed Spawning SMZ. The meetings included SAFMC members, scientist, state partners, and fishermen.
2. Spawning SMZs System Management Plan Review
- a) ✓Council reviews outline and provides guidance – March 2018
 - b) ✓Council reviews and provides guidance – June 2019
 - c) ✓Workgroup revises document as necessary – August 2019
 - d) ✓Snapper Grouper AP input – September 2019
 - e) ✓Information and Education AP input - September 2019
 - f) ✓Law Enforcement AP input - September 2019
 - g) ✓Workgroup revises document as necessary – October 2019
 - h) Council reviews and provides input –
 - i) Document revised and distributed – . Date done _____.
 - j) Include in the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS.
 - k) Next review _____.

Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary - Staff

Staff lead:

3. IPT:
- a) SAFMC Team:
 - b) NMFS SERO Team:
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team:
 - d) NOAA GC:
 - e) NOAA OLE:
4. Proposed Timing
- a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – December 2019
 - b) Council review options and information provided by FWC and decides course of action – March 2020.

II. ECOSYSTEM

Lead Staff: Roger Pugliese

Fishery Ecosystem Plan II – Roger Pugliese

FEP II Implementation Plan

The Implementation Plan is structured to translate approved policy statements of the SAFMC into actionable items. The plan therefore encompasses chapters beginning with an introduction to the policy statement, a link to the complete policy statement, and a table which translates policies and policy components into potential action items. The actions within the plan are recommendations for activities that could support the Council's FEP II policies and objectives. The Implementation Plan is not intended to direct or instruct any external program, organization, or entity to undertake a specific action or to reprioritize their work or programs. The entities listed in the "Potential Partner" column are suggested partners for the actions. Each year the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, during their spring meeting, will discuss actions addressed in the previous year as summarized by Council staff.

FEP II Two Year Roadmap

This FEP II Two Year Roadmap draws from the Implementation Plan and presents three to five priority actions for each of the nine approved policy statements of the Council which would be initiated or completed over the next two years. The Roadmap provides "Potential Partners" and other potential regional collaborators, a focused list of priority actions they could cooperate with the Council on to advance policies supporting the move to EBFM in the South Atlantic Region.

FEP II Monitoring/Review:

1. Council Meeting Timeline (Through June 2020)
 - a) June 2020: Advisory Panel report highlighting actions initiated through FEP II Implementation Plan and Two-Year Roadmap.

Essential Fish Habitat

Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision

1. ✓The Habitat and Ecosystem AP initiated discussion during May 2019 meeting regarding the increase in extreme events, their impacts on fish habitat and fish species and new State efforts associated with climate variability and change.
2. ✓Members will review State activities during October 2019 meeting to consider the opportunity to build on those efforts providing useful guidance supporting habitat conservation as policy guidance or addendum to an existing policy statement.
3. ✓Update and Refine Appendix (Essential Fish Habitat and Ecosystem Based Fishery Management) as base for all future Amendments - April 2019

4. The Habitat and Ecosystem AP initiated discussion during October 2019 meeting on the need to update the Council EFH Policy Statement for Beach and Large Scale Coastal Engineering to address climate and environmental change.
5. The Habitat and Ecosystem AP will review the Council EFH Policy Statement for Beach and Large Scale Coastal Engineering to consider updates that would address climate and environmental change.

South Atlantic Council Response to NOAA Policies, Strategies and Research Affecting Essential Fish Habitat and South Atlantic Ecosystems (2019)

1. ✓ Online comment submitted to SC DHEC for CZM review of seismic testing permit application. (June 2019).
2. ✓ Prepared summary documents for legislatures etc. at the request of CCC covering Habitat and Ecosystem Conservation in the South Atlantic Region, Forage Fish in the South Atlantic Region and Climate Change in the South Atlantic Region.

CCC Habitat Workgroup Coordination and Activities

1. ✓ Chair Workgroup – Report to CCC May 2019 and Coordinate August EFH Consultation Workshop.
2. ✓ Develop Agenda and background materials for CCC Habitat Workgroup EFH Consultation Workshop.
3. ✓ Chair CCC Habitat Workgroup EFH Consultation Workshop in Portland, Oregon August 20-22, 2019.
4. ✓ Coordinate online development of report for CCC Habitat Workgroup EFH Consultation Workshop by late October 2019.
5. ✓ Provide CCC overview of report for August 2019 CCC Habitat Workgroup EFH Consultation Workshop, November 2019.
6. Coordinate CCC Habitat WG in setting next webinar meeting to address CCC recommendations on CCC actions recommended in EFH Workshop report.
7. Distribute EFH Consultation and Innovative Technologies Workshop report addressing regional implementation and coordination with regional partners in South Atlantic.

Ecopath with Ecosim Model of the South Atlantic Region: July 2019 - June 2020

A SAFMC **Ecopath Modeling Team** comprised of FWRI staff, Council staff, and other technical experts as needed is established. This team will coordinate with members of the original Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup as needed, to maintain and further refine the South Atlantic EwE Model. FWRI in cooperation with SAFMC will maintain the model and support the Ecospecies online species information system as the long-term repository for the processed inputs and outputs associated with the South Atlantic Ecopath with Ecosim model.

An **Ecopath Model Review Workgroup** comprised of selected members of the SSC will, provide an initial review of the model focusing on: the overall base model including the appropriateness of data and decisions made; providing input on what analyses/applications the model should/can be used for; and direction on the formulation

of more focused dynamic simulations or sub-models. Selection of a Chair and finalization of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Workgroups review was accomplished in December 2019 setting the stage for the review via webinar between January and March 2020.

A South Atlantic **Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup** will be maintained to continue to engage regional partners (e.g., SECOORA, NCSU, HBOI, etc.) and provide input on overall South Atlantic Ecopath/Ecosystem modeling activities including linking oceanographic models with the EwE, developing Ecospace and linking inshore and ocean models as supported in the foundational funding through SALCC to inform regional conservation blueprints (e.g., SALCC/SECAS).

Meetings Supporting Model Development and Model Review: July 2019- June 2020

- 1) ✓ Ecopath Model Development Meeting, July 24-25, 2019, FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL
Model Review Workgroup (SSC members Modeling team) and invited participants
 - a. Develop recommendations on collection of diet information for the EwE model for the South Atlantic Region. The group will review, refine and provide priority research need recommendations for fishery programs (e.g., SEAMAP MARMAP and State programs) supporting EwE refinement.
 - b. Prioritize mapping needs and spatial layers that would support development/refinement of Ecospace for the SA EwE model. Council Habitat Ecosystem Web Services will be drawn on as a baseline to develop priorities for spatial information needs for the development of Ecospace for the SA EwE.
- 2) ✓ SSC meeting week of October 15, Charleston, SC
Reviewed recommendations developed during the July model development meeting providing diet and spatial guidance.
- 3) ✓ Ecopath Model Review Workgroup conference call on December 6, 2019. Rob Ahrens was named Workgroup Chair the WG refined a draft TOR for the review of the South Atlantic Ecopath with Ecosim model and identified weeks in February and March 2020 for Webinars to complete the review
- 4) Three Webinars will be conducted between two in February to review Ecopath then Ecosim and one in March to complete the tasks identified in the TOR.
- 5) April 2020 SSC meeting. Presentation on South Atlantic EwE Review and report on Ecospace advancement and Ecospecies structure refinement to support EwE processed products if available. SSC discussion on analyses to conduct and potential analyses to initiate to address priority issues with this new capacity
- 6) June 2020 South Atlantic Council Meeting,
Presentation on outcome of review of South Atlantic Ecopath with Ecosim Model during Habitat and Ecosystem Committee and building on SSC discussion, potential analyses to initiate to address priority issues with this new capacity

Other Fishery Ecosystem Plan - Ecosystem-Based Management-related Meetings/Coordination (2020)

1. The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination have been scheduled:
 - a) SECOORA Board Webinar – Winter 2020
 - b) CCC Habitat Workgroup Webinar Winter 2020
 - c) South Atlantic Ecopath Model Review Group Webinars: January-March 2020
 - d) Southeast & Caribbean Disaster Recovery Partnership (SCDRP) Annual Winter Meeting, January 28-29, 2020 Jacksonville, FL.
 - e) SARP Member Spring Meeting February 11-13, 2020
 - f) NOAA Fisheries Atlantic Coast Science Coordination Workshop March 2020
 - g) SECOORA Regional Drone Workshop Beaufort N.C., March 31-April 2, 2020
 - h) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Spring Meeting April 21-23, 2020 Charleston, SC
 - i) CCC Meeting – CCC Habitat Workgroup Follow-up from EFH Workshop May 2020
 - j) SECOORA Board, Member, and Stakeholder Annual Meeting May 18-19, 2020
 - k) CCC Habitat Workgroup Meeting Fall 2020
 - l) Society for Conservation GIS July 2020 Monterey, CA
 - m) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 27-30, 2020
 - n) SARP Member Meeting Summer 2020
 - o) SALCC Steering Committee/SECAS Webinar Summer 2020
 - p) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting, October 20-22, 2020 St. Petersburg, FL.
 - q) SEAFWA 2020/ SECAS Meeting, Springfield, Missouri, October 25 - 28, 2020
 - r) ESRI Oceans conference November 2020

Bycatch Reporting/EA (SG Am 26, DW Am 3, CMP Am 21, and GC Am 7) – TBD

1. Items included during scoping:
 - a) Speckled hind and warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
 - b) Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
 - c) Potential expansion of HAPC areas
 - d) Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
 - e) Wreckfish fishery impacts to deep-water coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species
2. The Council revised the items to be included at the March 2012 meeting:
 - a) Speckled hind and warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
 - b) Potential expansion of Coral HAPC areas
 - c) Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting
3. The Council revised the items to be included at the June 2012 meeting:

- a) Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.

- 4. At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:
 - a) Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
 - b) Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
 - c) Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment
 - d) The only remaining item in CE-BA 3 is bycatch reporting; staff was directed to revise the document and bring to the Council in March 2013 for final review and approval.

At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and the Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

[Note: This presentation was postponed to December 2013 and then to March 2014.]

At the June 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed information presented on bycatch and suggested changing the name of CE-BA 3 to better reflect the remaining action in the amendment.

- 5. Initial Timing:
 - a) ✓ Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
 - b) ✓ Council refines list and approves for scoping – December 2011 meeting
 - c) ✓ Scope in January/February – see below for details
 - d) ✓ Council reviews scoping comments at March 2012 meeting and provides guidance to Staff/IPT
 - e) ✓ Individual Council Species Committees develop actions/alternatives
 - f) ✓ Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at June 2012 meeting
 - g) ✓ Public hearings – August 2012
 - h) ✓ Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review at September 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012. The Council provided further guidance at the December 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to March 2013 meeting
 - i) Changes implemented January 1, 2013; as early as possible in 2013.
- 6. IPT
 - a) ✓ Council Team – Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), John Hadley (Economic impacts), Christina Wiegand (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Mike Errigo (Data) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).

- ✓NMFS SERO Team – Frank Helies (NMFS Lead); Karla Gore, Nick Farmer, Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
- ✓NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
- ✓NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes

7. Advisory Panel Input:

- a) ✓Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
- b) ✓Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
- c) ✓Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
- d) ✓Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
- e) ✓Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
- f) ✓Dolphin/Wahoo AP – April 24, 2012 (8:30 am – noon) in Charleston, SC
- g) ✓Mackerel AP – April 24 (1:30 pm) – 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
- h) ✓Coral AP – May 9 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) – 10 (9:00 am – 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
- i) ✓Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012

8. Specific Steps:

- a) ✓ NOI published on 5/23/12. Given that MPAs removed, a new checklist will be sent out to determine if this amendment will be an EA or EIS.

(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the March 2012 Council meeting. The SAFMC conducted scoping during the Council’s MSA scoping in January/February 2012.)

- b) ✓Draft MSA scoping document.
- c) ✓Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.
- d) ✓MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. Scoping from 4-7 pm

January 24, 2012 Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	January 31, 2012 Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
January 26, 2012 BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	February 1, 2012 Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800

January 30, 2012 Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	February 2, 2012 Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888
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- e) ✓ Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- f) ✓ Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.
- g) ✓ Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- h) ✓ Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- i) ✓ Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- j) Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12
- k) Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12
- l) ✓ CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- m) ✓ Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2012 COUNCIL MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ACTIONS PERTAINING TO CORAL HAPCs AND SHELF-EDGE MPAs FROM CE-BA 3 TO CE-BA 4. SEE BELOW FOR PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR MPA DEVELOPMENT

- 9. The Council provided guidance on items to be further developed in CE-BA 3 during the June 2012 meeting:
 - a) Include modifications to data collection (for-hire and commercial) and bycatch reporting in CE-BA 3 and approved for public hearings
 - b) Develop Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 4 after a joint meeting of the Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, and representatives from the Habitat and Law Enforcement APs during the fall of 2012
 - c) Proceed with developing additional protections for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; the SSC is to provide guidance on ABC values for speckled hind and warsaw grouper during their October 2012 meeting
 - d) ✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
 - e) ✓ Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:
 - f) Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

August 9, 2012 Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	August 8, 2012 Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
August 7, 2012 Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	August 6, 2012 Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043

August 14, 2012 Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	August 16, 2012 Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585
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- g) ✓BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- h) ✓Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

NOTE: AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED THE CORAL HAPC ACTIONS TO CORAL AMENDMENT 7 8.

- ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- ✓IPT completes analyses
 - a. 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
 - 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
 - 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
 - 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
 - 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
 - 11/26/12 – 2nd briefing book ready at 9 am
- ✓Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012 meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.

10. AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.

- a) ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- b) ✓Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
- c) ✓Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
- d) ✓IPT completes analyses
- e) ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
- f) ✓submits written sections to Karla and Anna
- g) ✓– revised document sent to IPT
- h) ✓comments due back from IPT
- i) ✓2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
- j) South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.
- k) ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- l) ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.

- m) ✓ December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
- n) ✓ March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.
- o) At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils are working on a shared cost approach to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on species-specific observer requirements.

✓ At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received an update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:

- a) ✓ Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
- b) ✓ Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
- c) Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
- d) Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.
- e) ✓ Based on discussions at the September 2014 Council meeting, the SEFSC/SERO agreed to draft a comprehensive bycatch reporting system for the southeast. The SEFSC and SERO will provide an update on their efforts at each Council meeting. The Council's intent thus far is that this would be specified in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3.

Note: The SEFSC/SERO will give a detailed presentation on the status of bycatch reporting system for the southeast at each Council meeting.

11. At the March 2016 meeting, the Council will receive a presentation from NMFS and provide guidance on approach/timing.

All FMPs must be consistent with this rule within five years of finalizing the rule.

Councils should conduct a review of their existing SBRMs.

The review should provide information on whether or not the FMP needs to be amended.

After initial review, Council should review SBRMs at least every five years.

12. Draft Timing after June 2016 Council Meeting:

- a) Present current requirements for reporting of bycatch to the Council at June 2018 Council meeting. Date done _____.
- b) Council discuss SBRM at December 2018. Date done _____.
- c) At March 2019 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done _____.
- d) At June 2019 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review. Date done _____.
- e) Document preparation for formal review:
- f) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- g) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
- h) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2018. Done _____/18.
- i) Proposed Rule published _____/18.
- j) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- k) Comments due by _____/18. Date done _____.
- l) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
- m) Final Rule published _____/18.
- n) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- o) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- p) Regulations effective _____/18.
- q) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

III. CORAL

Lead Staff: TBD

A. Coral Amendment 10 – TBD

Consider Oculina Bank Extension boundary and expansion of CHAPCs.

Staff lead:

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (lead), Brian Chevront, John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH) , Cameron Rhodes
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO lead), Tony Lamberte (economist), Mike Jepson (anthropologist), Rick DeVictor, Joelle Godwin (regulations writer), Pat Opay (protected resources), Jeff Pulver (LAPP Branch)
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig (biologist), Christopher Liese (economist)
 - d) NOAA GC:
 - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
2. Proposed Timing
 - a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2018
 - b) ✓Council review options paper – June 2018.
 - c) ✓Council review options paper and approve for scoping – June 2018.
 - d) Council Review Scoping document – June 2020
 - e) Scoping – Fall 2020
 - f) Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – 2020
 - g) Approve for public hearings – December 2020
 - h) FRN for Public Hearings - _____
 - i) Public Hearings – 2021.
 - j) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – 2021
3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2021. Done ____/21.
 - d) NOA published ____/21; comments due by ____/21.
 - e) Proposed Rule published ____/21.
 - f) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - g) Comments due by ____/21. Date done _____.
 - h) Final Rule published ____/21. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/21.
 - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
 - j) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - k) Regulations effective ____/21.

1) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/21.

**Amendment 11 – ABC Control Rule (Also SG Amend 45, DW Amend 14,
Sargassum Amend 4, GC Amend 11) - TBD**

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the
Generic Amendments heading

IV. MACKEREL AND COBIA

Lead Staff: Christina Wiegand

CMP Framework Amendment 8 (Adjust Atl. King Mackerel Trip Limits)

1. IPT Team:
 - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Mike Errigo (Data), John Hadley (Economics) , Cameron Rhodes
 - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO Lead), Scott Sandorf, Mike Larkin, Denise Johnson,
 - c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Katie Siegfried, Juan Agar
 - d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e. ✓NOAA LE: Manny Antonaras

NMFS TO DETERMINED TO BE AN EA

2. Timing 2018/2019:
 - a. ✓IPT leads develop scoping document. For June 2019 Done 5/21/19.
 - b. ✓IPT is informed about expected timeline and no IPT meeting until after June 2019 meeting.
 - c. ✓SAFMC reviews public input, draft action/alternatives.
 - d. ✓SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings.
 - e. ✓Public Hearings – October 2019
 - f. ✓SAFMC takes final action – December 2019
3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. IPT leads review completed by December 2019.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____.
 - c. Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
 - d. NOA published _____. Comment period on NOA ends _____.
 - e. Proposed Rule published _____.
 - f. Send proposed rule to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - g. Proposed rule comments due by _____.
 - h. Final Rule published _____. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - i. Send final rule to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - j. Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - k. Regulations effective _____.

CMP Framework Amendment 9 (Spanish Mackerel Trip Limits) - Christina

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Christina (SAFMC lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data), Brian Chevront
 - b) NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO lead), Rick DeVictor, Mike Jepson (social scientist), David Records (economist), Scott Sandorf (reg

writer), Mike Larkin (data), Alisha DiLeone (data), Jenny Lee (PRD),
David Dale (HCD)

- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: TBD
- d) NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Draft Timing:

- a) ✓ Council reviews white paper – September 2019
- b) ✓ Council reviews actions/alternatives with preliminary effects analysis, provides guidance, and approve for public hearing – December 2019
- c) Public Hearings – January 2020. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items.
- d) FR notice due to Kim 28 days in advance. FRN submitted _____.
- e) Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments; approves all actions/alternatives, and approval for formal review – March 2020

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) IPT leads review completed by //20.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by //20.
- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review //20.
- d) Proposed Rule published //20.
- e) Send to Council & AP. Date done //20.
- f) Comments due by //20. Date done //20.
- g) Final Rule published //20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on //20.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done //20.
- i) Post to web site. Date done //20.
- j) Regulations effective //20.

V. SPINY LOBSTER

Lead Staff: Christina Wiegand

VI. SHRIMP

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

Shrimp Amendment 11 – Chip

Review transit provisions for shrimp trawlers

1. IPT
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data), Christina Weigand, Cameron Rhodes
 - b) NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead), Mike Travis (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Mike Barnette (PR), Joelle Godwin (Policy), Alisha DiLeone (Data)
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team:
 - d) NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Proposed Timing 2019-2020:
 - a) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews options paper – September 2019
 - b) ✓ South Atlantic Council approves actions and alternatives – December 2019
 - c) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews draft document and approves for public hearings – December 2019
 - d) FRN for Public Hearings to Kim 28 days in advance - ____
 - e) Public hearings – Winter 2020
 - f) Council takes final action – March 2020

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) IPT leads review completed by
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by
 - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review.
 - d) Document submitted to NMFS.
 - e) Proposed Rule published
 - f) Send to Council & AP.
 - g) Comments due by
 - h) Final Rule published
 - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP.
 - j) Post to web site.
 - k) Regulations effective
 - l) Fishery Bulletin published on ____ .

VII. GOLDEN CRAB

Lead Staff: Brian Chevront

Golden Crab Amendment 10 – Chip

Amendment did not go forward. The idea was to see if northern zone fishermen were interested in doing an EFP for additional fishing areas.

Amendment 11 – ABC Control Rule (Also SG Amend 45, DW Amend 14, Sargassum Amend 4, Coral Amend 11) - TBD

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment – John Carmichael (SG Am 39/DW Am 9/CMP Am 27)

Note: Initiated in CEBA 3, pursued as SAFMC-GMFMC for hire amendment during 2012-2015; became charter boats, SAFMC only in September 2015.

1. IPT
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), Mike Errigo (Data), Roger Pugliese (Habitat)
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski, Adam Bailey (Reg Writers), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Jenny Lee (PR), Kelly Moran-Kalamus (OLE), Carolyn Sramek (Permits)
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC – Vivian Matter, Ken Brennan
 - d) ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit Brunello

2. Timeline:
 - a) ✓Initiated in CEBA 3.
 - b) ✓October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
 - c) ✓December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
 - d) ✓March 2013: Generic for hire ‘headboat’ amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
 - e) ✓September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
 - f) ✓December 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
 - g) ✓March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
 - h) ✓May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
 - i) ✓December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)
 - j) ✓March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
 - k) ✓June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
 - l) ✓September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
 - m) ✓December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
 - n) ✓January/February 2016: Hearings
 - o) ✓March 2016: Review hearings, review document, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
 - p) ✓May 2016: SSC Review
 - q) ✓June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements
 - r) ✓June – August 2016: IPT incorporate Council edits and data elements
 - s) ✓September 2016: Council review

- t) ✓December 2016: SAFMC final approval
- u) ✓GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done 2/2/2017

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text 2/27/17
- b) ✓Document submitted for final review: 3/4/2017.
- c) ✓NOA published 3/14/18
- d) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 3/14/18.
- e) ✓Comments due by 5/13/18. Date done 5/13/18.
- f) ✓Proposed Rule published 4/4/18.
- g) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 4/4/18
- h) ✓Comments due by 5/4/18. Date done 5/4/18.
- i) Final Rule published /19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /19.
- j) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done /19.
- k) Post to web site. Date done /19.
- l) Regulations effective _____/19.
- m) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/19.

IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO

Lead Staff: John Hadley

Amendment 10 (Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures) – John Hadley

In March 2017, the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available. At the December 2018 meeting, the Council directed staff to start working again on Amendment 10. Work has been ongoing between Council meetings since that time.

1. IPT Team

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront, John Hadley (SAFMC Lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), Chip Collier (Coral issues), Cameron Rhodes
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Joelle Godwin (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor (South Atlantic Branch Chief), Rick Pearson (HMS), Frank Helies (Fishery Biologist), Kevin McIntosh (Permits Division Chief)
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer (Biologist), Scott Crosson (Economist)
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-21:

- a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
- b) ✓Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- c) ✓March 2017- Council suspends work an Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available
- d) ✓December 2018 – Council directs staff to begin working on Amendment 10
- e) Public Hearings – Fall 2020 FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
- f) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment –
- g) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review –

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review ____/21.
- d) Proposed Rule published ____/21.
- e) Send to Council, AP Date ____/21.
- f) Comments due by ____/21.

- g) Final Rule published _____/21. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/21.
- h) Send to Council, AP Date _____/21.
- i) Post to web site: _____/21.
- j) Regulations effective _____/21.
- k) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/21.

Amendment 11 – ABC Control Rule (Also SG Amend 45, GC Amend 11, Sargassum Amend 4, Coral Amend 11) - TBD

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

Amendment 12 - Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species – John Hadley

1. IPT Team
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Hadley (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Mike Errigo, Chip Collier, Roger Pugliese, Cameron Rhodes
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead/NEPA), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Rick DeVictor (South Atlantic Branch Chief)
 - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Nikolai Klibansky (Biologist), Scott Crosson (Economist)
 - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes
 - e) ✓NOAA OLE Team: Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2019-20:
 - a) ✓Council reviewed white paper and approved for Scoping – March 2019
 - b) ✓Scoping in May 2019. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
 - c) ✓Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel during their May 2019 meeting provide guidance on Bullet and Frigate mackerel.
 - d) ✓June 2019- Council directs staff to start work on amendment.
 - e) Public Hearings – Spring 2020? FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
 - f) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment –
 - g) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review –

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .

- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review ____/20.
- d) Proposed Rule published ____/20.
- e) Send to Council, AP Date ____/20.
- f) Comments due by ____/20.
- g) Final Rule published ____/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.
- h) Send to Council, AP Date ____/20.
- i) Post to web site: ____/20.
- j) Regulations effective ____/20.
- k) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.

X. Generic Amendments

ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment

Lead staff: TBD

(SG Amend 45, DW Amend 11, Sargassum Amend 4, Golden Crab Amend 11, Coral Amend 11)

1. IPT

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Mike Errigo (Data Analyst), John Hadley (economist), Christina Wiegand (social scientist), Myra Brower, Brian Chevront, Cameron Rhodes
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead, Fishery Biologist), Adam Bailey (regulations writer) Tony Lamberte (economist), Mike Larkin (data analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Michael Jepson (social scientist), Rick DeVictor (South Atlantic Branch Chief), Jack McGovern, Pat O'Pay (protected resources), Manny Antonaras (OLE)
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC – Erik Williams (fishery biologist), Scott Crosson (economist)
- d) ✓NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes

2. Timeline:

- a) ✓Began as a series of actions in separate amendments during 2016
- b) ✓SSC review of possible actions during April and October 2017.
- c) ✓Recommended as a comprehensive amendment during COW webinar meeting discussion, November 6, 2017
- d) ✓IPT initiated November 2017
- e) ✓March 2018: Review Purpose and Need, Actions and Alternatives
- f) ✓Spring 2018 – AP Reviews
- g) ✓May 2018: SSC Review
- a) ✓SAFMC reviews action/alternatives. June, 2018
- b) ✓October 2018: SSC reviews document, examples, analyses
- c) ✓January 2019 – Scoping
- d) ✓ March 2019 – Council review (SSC & Scoping Comments)
- e) ✓April 2019 – SSC & AP Reviews
- f) ✓October 2019 – SSC reviews NMFS carry-over and phase-in National Standard Guidance
- g) April 2020 – SSC reviews carry-over, phase-in actions, data limited ABC actions.
- h) SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings.
- i) FRN to Kim 28 days in advance - _____
- j) Public hearings
- k) SAFMC reviews public comments and makes final edits
- l) SAFMC takes final action – .

3. Document preparation for formal review:
 - a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____
 - c) Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
 - d) NOA published _____. Comment period on NOA ends _____.
 - e) Proposed Rule published _____
 - f) Send proposed rule to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - g) Proposed rule comments due by _____.
 - h) Final Rule published _____. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - i) Send final rule to Council & AP. Date done _____.
 - j) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - k) Regulations effective _____

XI. POSTPONED AMENDMENTS (Purgatory)

Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment – TBD

CURRENTLY INACTIVE. WORK MAY RESUME IN THE FUTURE AS A SEPARATE SOUTH ATLANTIC AMENDMENT

Note: Initiated as Action 2 in CEBA-3. See CEBA-3 for actions, timing of early efforts.

Note: Joint amendment with GMFMC (?), SAFMC administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 29, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment **XX**, and Snapper Grouper Amendment **XX**

1. IPT Team New IPT (TBD)

- a) SAFMC Team:
- b) NMFS SERO Team:
- c) NMFS SEFSC:
- d) NOAA GC:
- e) NOA OLE:

2. Timeline:

- ✓ Initiated in CEBA-3
- ✓ Stand-alone amendment in December 2012.
- ✓ February 2013: GMFMC agrees to joint action
- ✓ June 2013 SAFMC: review SEFSC pilot study.
- ✓ September 2013: SAFMC directs to defer work until pilot study complete; request updates at each SAFMC meeting
- ✓ March 2014: SAFMC discusses electronic option, notes visioning support
- ✓ June 2014: SAFMC reviews options paper, directs development of electronic form with ACCSP. Team formed:
 - SAFMC: Gregg Waugh
 - SEFSC: Steve Turner, Dave Gloeckner
 - SERO: Andy Strelcheck, Monica Smit-Brunello
 - ACCSP: Mike Cahall
- ✓ October 2014: GARFO system demonstrated to S-G AP; supported voluntary electronic reporting
- ✓ December 2014: Implementation plan reported, 2015 implementation target.
- ✓ March 2016: Pilot study complete, final report in prep
- ✓ June 2016: Pilot study findings reported to SAFMC
- ✓ September 2016: Cost report and details on remaining steps for voluntary report submission provided to SAFMC
- December 2016: SAFMC Final Approval
- January 2017: Gulf Council consideration for final approval

3. FINAL TIMING - TBD

- a) SAFMC final approval: _____
- b) GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done _____.
- c) Document for final review: Done _____.
- d) Proposed rule
- e) Published: _____

- f) To Council, AP: _____
- g) Comments due to by: _____
- h) Final Rule
- i) Published: _____
- j) Fishery Bulletin Notice: _____
- k) Sent to Council, AP: _____
- l) Regulations Effective Date: _____

Amendment 44 - Long term management of yellowtail snapper – John Hadley

In March 2017, the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 44 until revised MRIP data are available. At the June 2017 meeting, the South Atlantic Council approved sending a letter to the Gulf Council to get input on development of a joint amendment to combine ACLs for yellowtail snapper. The Gulf Council discussed the letter at their October 2017 meeting. At their December 2017 meeting, the South Atlantic Council decided to delay further discussion on yellowtail snapper until March 2018. During the March 2018 meeting, the Council agreed to wait until revised MRIP data are available before revisiting long-term management options for yellowtail snapper. Since then, the Council has agreed to wait until the results of the next stock assessment is available before addressing management changes for yellowtail snapper.

1. IPT Team:

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront, John Hadley (SAFMC Co-lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), Chip Collier (Coral issues) , Cameron Rhodes
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Ken Blackburn (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern, Mary Vara (Biologist), Kelli O'Donnell (Biologist), Cynthia Meyer (Biologist)
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer & Scott Crosson
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-18:

- a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
- b) ✓Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
- c) ✓IPT/Staff initial analyses – complete by January 2017
- d) ✓Public Hearings – January/February 2017. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2017. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- e) ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2017 -- the Council approved a motion to suspend work on Amendment 44 until revised MRIP data are available.

- f) ✓ At the June 2017 meeting the Council directed staff to send a letter to the Gulf Council to get input on the development of a joint amendment to combine ACLs for yellowtail snapper. Done 7/14/17.
 - g) ✓ At March 2018 meeting the Council directed staff to begin development of a framework amendment (Regulatory Amendment 32) to address short-term management measures for yellowtail snapper (ACL and AMs).
3. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
 - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review _____.
 - d) Proposed Rule published ____/18.
 - e) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - f) Comments due by ____/18.
 - g) Final Rule published ____/18. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.
 - h) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - i) Post to web site
 - j) Regulations effective ____/18.
 - k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.

Amendment 46 - Recreational Reporting/Permitting - TBD

(starts in December 2017)

- 1. IPT:
 - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer, Cameron Rhodes
 - b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor, Frank Helies (SERO Lead) (Fishery Biologist), David Records (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Kevin McIntosh (Permits)
 - c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, David Carter, Ken Brennan, Scott Crosson, Rob Andrews
 - d) ✓ NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e) ✓ NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing:
 - a) ✓ Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016, December 2017.
 - b) ✓ Council review draft options paper –December 2017, March 2018.
 - c) ✓ Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016, June 2017

- d) ✓ Scoping Hearings – August 2018. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice due to Kim by July 2018. FRN submitted _____.
- e) ✓ Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March/June/September 2018
- f) See note above about refocusing Amendment 43 at the June 2017 meeting. Amendment 46 was refocused to recreational permitting and reporting in March 2018.
- g) Public Hearings – TBD. FR notice by _____.
- h) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – TBD
- i) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – TBD

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) IPT leads review completed by //18.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by //18.
- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review //18.
- d) Proposed Rule published ____/19.
- e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- f) Comments due by ____/19. Date done _____.
- g) Final Rule published ____/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- j) Regulations effective ____/19.
- k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.

Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 5 (SG1 and LT trip limit) – Christina (SAFMC administrative lead)

2. IPT

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data), Cameron Rhodes
- b) GMFMC Team: Natasha Mendez-Ferrer (GMFMC Lead)
- c) NMFS SERO Team: Kelli O'Donnell (NMFS Co-Lead), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Co-Lead/NEPA), Joelle Godwin (Regulations Writer), Dave Records (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Rick DeVictor (South Atlantic Branch Chief), Alisha DiLeone (Data Analyst), Pat O'Pay (Protected Resources)
- d) NMFS SEFSC Team: Akbar Marvasti (Economist)
- e) NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

4. Proposed Timing 2019-2020:

- a) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews options paper – June 2019
- b) South Atlantic Council approves actions and alternatives –

- c) South Atlantic Council reviews draft document and approves for public hearings –
 - d) Gulf Council reviews draft document and approves for public hearings –
 - e) Public hearings -
 - f) Gulf Council final action –
 - g) South Atlantic Council final action –
5. Document preparation for formal review:
- m) IPT leads review completed by
 - n) Council chair reviews document & codified text by
 - o) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review.
 - p) Document submitted to NMFS.
 - q) Proposed Rule published
 - r) Send to Council & AP.
 - s) Comments due by
 - t) Final Rule published
 - u) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP.
 - v) Post to web site.
 - w) Regulations effective
 - x) Fishery Bulletin published on _____ .

XII. CITIZEN SCIENCE

Proposed Draft Timing of Activities

- a. ✓ Oct 3, 2019: Projects Advisory Committee meeting via webinar
 - i. FRN for Projects Advisory Committee webinar – sent 8/30/2019
- b. ✓ Oct 25, 2019: Operations Committee meeting via webinar
 - i. FRN for Operations Committee Meeting – sent 9/17/19
- c. ✓ December 2019 – Citizen Science Committee meeting
 - i. Program activities update
 - ii. Review and consideration of Updated Citizen Science Research Priorities
 - iii. Discussion of Program Evaluation
 - iv. Presentation on Jennifer Shirk’s Research Project
 - v. Project activities update
 1. SAFMC Scamp Release
 2. FISHstory
 3. Projects under development

SAFMC Citizen Science Pilot Project – Scamp Discards

Work began on the pilot project that will work with fishermen and scientists to develop a sampling design and protocol for development of a mobile phone app to collect data on discards of scamp grouper in the for-hire, private recreational, headboat, and commercial fishery. Tasks completed to date include:

- February 2018 – project management planning meetings with project partners (ACCSP, Harbor Light Software, Citizen Science Association)
- March 2018 – Action Teams began work on creating a Project Development Plan, Volunteer Training Plan, Communication Plan and Data Management Plan for the project
- March 2018 (ongoing) – Project Design Team began meeting to discuss sampling design, data elements, and design/layout of the mobile application.
- April through July 2018 – Project Design Team continues to meet to develop the layout of the mobile application and develop evaluation metrics and indicators of success for the project.
- July 2018 through present – Staff continue weekly development calls with Harbor Light Software on app development and alpha testing the mobile app.
- October 2018 - Review of Release app by the Snapper Grouper AP.
- December 2018 – Review of the Release app by the Citizen Science Committee
- March/April 2019 – Beta testing of SAFMC Release evaluation app
- May/June – Development of website, training materials, promotional materials, potential participant list, SAFMC Release app launched
- June 2019 – present: recruiting fishermen to participate in project; data collection and QA/QC underway; refining evaluation metrics; pursuing additional grant opportunities to expand and promote app

- Project promotion has included July 2019 ICAST, Oct 2019 – GADNR Coastfest & SCDNR Open House, Nov 2019 – NC Industry Summit

FISHstory Project - This project, funded through the NOAA FIS grant competition, will document historical catch and length estimates using historic photos from 1940s – 70s from the headboat fleet in Daytona Beach, FL. The project will use an online crowdsourcing platform (Zooniverse) to build a project that will allow citizens to be trained to identify species in the images. Once species are verified, one key species will be selected for length analysis to document lengths. The project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2019. Tasks completed to date include:

- Scanner purchased, contract established with DSF, Inc. and remaining historic photos are being scanned, compiled, and archived; photo scanning completed in August 2019
- FISHstory project coordinator hired; start date: July 1, 2019
- Project Design Team formed and has held 3 meetings (July, Aug, Sept 2019)
- Zooniverse project, training materials, and validation review process are under development
- Recruiting species identification experts for the project validation team

XIII. SAFMC SEDAR ACTIVITIES

A. Current SAFMC Assessment Projects

SAFMC SEDAR Assessments & Tasks Timing

SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	PLANNING (TORS/SCHED)		ASSESSMENT		Council Actions	
			SSC Review	SAFMC Approvals	start	end	SSC Review	SAFMC Review
58	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	Apr-18	Jun-18	Apr-19	Dec-19	NA	NA
59	Greater Amberjack	Standard	Oct-17	Dec-17	Feb-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	Jun-20
60	Red Porgy	Standard	Oct-17	Dec-17	Mar-19	Mar-20	Apr-20	Jun-20
64	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	Apr-18	Jun-18	Jun-19	Feb-20	Apr-20	Jun-20
U	King Mackerel	Update	Apr-18	Jun-18	NA	NA	TBD	TBD
66	Golden Tilefish	Standard	Oct-18	Dec-18	Apr-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Dec-20
S	Snowy Grouper	Update	Oct-18	Dec-18	Mar-20	Sep-20	Oct-20	Dec-20
68	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Res Track	Apr-19	Jun-19	Mar-20	Mar-21	Apr-21	NA
	Red Snapper	Operational	Apr-20	Jun-20				
	Scamp	Operational						
	Gag	Standard	Oct 19	Dec 19				
	Spanish Mackerel	Standard	Oct 19					

B. SEDAR Steering Committee Meetings

1. ✓2019 Spring In-Person Meeting: May 16-17 2019 (following CCC)
2. ✓2019 Fall Meeting: September 30, 2019. Webinar.

C. Complete SEDAR Projects List

I. SEDAR Assessment Projects

Start Year	SEDAR R #	SPECIES & JURISDICTION	Assessment Track	Terminal Year of Data	Available to Cooperator
2002	1	SAFMC red porgy	Benchmark	2001	2003
	2	SAFMC vermilion snapper & black sea bass	Benchmark	2001	2003
2003	3	SAFMC & GMFMC yellowtail snapper; ASMFC Atlantic menhaden & croaker (Review)	Benchmark	2001	2003
	4	SAFMC tilefish & snowy grouper	Benchmark	2002	2003
	5	SAFMC & GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2002	2004
	6	SAFMC & GMFMC goliath grouper & hogfish	Review	2001	2004
2004	7	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2003	2005
	8A	CFMC yellowtail snapper & spiny lobster	Benchmark	2003	2005
2005	8B	FL FWC spiny lobster	Review	2003	2005
	9	GMFMC vermilion snapper, greater amberjack & gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2004	2006
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2003	April 2005
	11	HMS large coastal sharks	Benchmark	2004	June 2006

2006	10	SAFMC & GMFMC gag grouper	Benchmark	2004	2006
	12	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2005	2006
	U	SAFMC red porgy	Update	2004	April 2006
2007	13	HMS small coastal sharks	Benchmark	2005	September 2007
	14	CFMC yellowfin grouper, mutton snapper & queen conch	Benchmark	2005	2007
	15	SAFMC greater amberjack & red snapper; FL FWC mutton snapper Review	Benchmark	2006	2007
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Update	2006	June 2007
2008	16	SAFMC & GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2006	March 2009
	17	SAFMC Spanish mackerel & vermilion snapper	Benchmark	2007	November 2008
2009	18	ASMFC Atlantic red drum	Benchmark	2007	October 2008
	19	SAFMC & GMFMC black grouper, SAFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2008	April 2010
	U	GMFMC gag, red grouper GMFMC red snapper	Update	2008	August 2009 December 2009
2010	20	ASMFC menhaden & croaker	Review	2008	March 2010
	21	HMS sandbar, dusky & blacknose sharks	Benchmark	2009	September 2011
	22	GMFMC yellowedge grouper & tilefish	Benchmark	2009	July/August 2011
	23	FL FWC Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2009	March 2011
	24	SAFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2009	October 2010
	U	FL FWC spiny lobster	Update	2009/2010	December 2010
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2008	February 2011
2011	25	SAFMC black sea bass and golden tilefish	Standard	2010	October 2011
	26	CFMC silk snapper, parrotfish, and queen snapper	Benchmark	2010	December 2011
	27	GSMFC menhaden	Review	2010	December 2011
	27A	FL FWC Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2010	August 2012
	29	HMS GOM blacktip shark	Standard	2010	May 2012
	U	GMFMC vermilion snapper and gray triggerfish	Update	2010	December 2011
2012	28	GMFMC and SAFMC cobia and Spanish mackerel	Benchmark	2011	SA: December 12 Gulf: April 2013
	30	CFMC blue tang and queen triggerfish	Benchmark	2011	April 2013
	31	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2011	June 2013
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper and red porgy	Update	2011	October 2012
	U	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Update		2012
	U	FL FWC mutton snapper	Update	2011	August 2014
2013	32	SAFMC blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2011	September/ November 2013
	32A	GSMFC menhaden	Review		
	33	GMFMC gag and greater amberjack	Benchmark	2012	April 2014
	34	HMS bonnethead and Atlantic sharpnose sharks	Standard	2011	October 2013
	36	SAFMC snowy grouper	Standard	2012	October 2013
	37	FL FWC hogfish	Review	2012	August 2014
	38	SAFMC and GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2012	August 2014
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2012	March 2013
2014	35	CFMC red hind	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
	39	HMS smoothhound sharks, Gulf and Atlantic	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
	41	SAFMC red snapper and gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016
	42	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2013	August 2015

	U	GMFMC red snapper	Update	2013	December 2014
	U	SAFMC gag grouper	Update	2012	April 2014
2015	43	GMFMC gray triggerfish	Standard	2013	July 2015
	44	ASMFC red drum	Review	2013	October 2015
	45	GMFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2014	March 2016
	46	CFMC data limited stocks	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
	47	FL FWC goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	June 2016
2016	49	GMFMC Data-limited species: red drum, lane snapper, wenchman, yellowmouth grouper, speckled hind, snowy grouper, Almaco jack, lesser amberjack	Benchmark	2014	December 2016
	50	SAFMC/MAFMC/Atlantic blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2015	October 2017
	53	SAFMC red grouper	Standard	2015	February 2017
	U	SAFMC tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016
	U	HMS dusky shark	Update	2015	July 2016
	U	GMFMC gag grouper	Update	2015	January 2017
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2015	March 2017
2017	48	FL FWC Southeastern US black grouper	Benchmark	2015	Halted @ DW
	51	GMFMC gray snapper	Benchmark	2015	April 2018
	52	GMFMC red snapper	Standard	2016	March 2018
	54	HMS sandbar shark	Standard	2015	January 2018
	55	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018
	56	SAFMC black sea bass	Standard	2016	April 2018
	57	CFMC spiny lobster	Benchmark	2016	March 2019
	U	FL FWC Gulf of Mexico Hogfish	Update	2016	May 2018
2018	58	Atlantic cobia	Benchmark	2017	October 2019
	59	SAFMC greater amberjack	Standard	2017	May 2019
	60	SAFMC red porgy	Standard	2017	June 2019
	61	GMFMC red grouper	Standard	2017	June 2019
	62	GMFMC gray triggerfish	Standard	2017	August 2019
	63	GSMFC menhaden	Review	2016	December 2018
	64	FL FWC Southeastern US yellowtail snapper	Benchmark	2017	November 2019
	U	HMS Gulf of Mexico blacktip shark	Update	2016	July 2018
	R	SAFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		varies	October 2018
	R	GMFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		varies	TBD

XIV. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Lead Staff: Mike Errigo

A. Appointments and Financial Disclosures

1. Financial Disclosures
 - a) Notify SSC & SEP members to submit annual disclosure: January 7, 2020
Done:
 - b) Submit financial disclosures for existing members to NMFS/SERO:
February 1, 2020 Done:
 - c) Submit financial disclosures for new applicants to NMFS/SERO: May 1,
2020 Done:
2. Annual Appointments – June Council Meeting
 - a) Advertise applications being accepted: March 29, 2020. Done:
 - 1) Newsletter, website, email to SSC/Council, AFS list servers, etc.
3. Notify members whose terms expire of need to reapply: March 29, 2020.
Done:
 - a) Application Materials Due: April 27, 2020
 - 1) Cover letter, CV, Financial Disclosure for new applicants
 - 2) Financial Disclosures for new Applicants submitted to NMFS: May
1, 2020 (min. of 6 weeks before the Council mails appointments)
Done:
 - 3) Review Appointments by Council: June 8-12, 2020 Done.
 - 4) Letters to applicants: June 22, 2019 Done

B. SSC – April 28-30, 2020

1. April 28 (1:30 p.m.) – April 30, 2020 (3:00 p.m.)
 - a) Location: (Charleston, SC)
 - b) Hotel Cutoff:
 - c) Meeting Request: December 15, 2019. Done:
 - d) TO Request: January 10, 2020. Done:
 - e) SSC, SERO & SEFSC Date Notification: January 24, 2020 Done:
 - f) Travel Memo: February 26, 2020. Include all invited presenters. Done:
 - g) Federal Register Notice due March 17, 2020. Sent:
 - h) SEFSC/SERO memos including BB deadline, presentations, DRAFT
agenda: March 9, 2020. Done:
 - i) Briefing materials due: April 7, 2020. Done:
 - j) BB to Chip for Review: April 10, 2020. Done:
 - k) BB Distribution & Posting: April 14, 2020. Done:
2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: January 23, 2020. Done:
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: January 30, 2020.
Done:
 - c) Final: August 24, 2019. Done:
 - d) Agenda Items (In Priority Order):

- a. ABC Control Rule
- b. SEDAR Activities
- c. Assessment reviews
 - i. Red Porgy
 - ii. Greater Amberjack
 - iii. King Mackerel
- d. DW Amendment 10
- e. SEFSC Research update

XV. 2020 ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

A. Snapper Grouper AP- Myra

Spring 2020 – April 15-17, 2020

Location: Crowne Plaza

Federal Register notice sent:

Briefing materials posted by:

A. Mackerel/Cobia AP – Christina

TBD

Location:

Federal Register notice sent

Briefing materials posted by. Done

B. Dolphin Wahoo AP – John Hadley

Fall 2020

Location:

Federal Register notice sent: .

Briefing materials posted by: . Done.

C. Law Enforcement AP– Myra

✓TBD

Location: TBD

Federal Register notice sent

Briefing materials posted by. Done .

D. I&E AP – Cameron

April 14-15, 2020

Location: Crowne Plaza, North Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent :

Briefing materials posted by:

E. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

April 21-23, 2020

Location: Crowne Plaza, North Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent

Briefing materials posted by :

October 20-22, 2020

Location: St. Petersburg, FL

Federal Register notice sent .

Briefing materials posted by .

I. Shrimp

January/February 2020

Location:

Federal Register notice sent

Briefing materials posted by

J. Spiny Lobster AP - Christina

TBD

Location:

Federal Register notice sent

Briefing materials posted by. Done

K. System Management Plan Workgroup - Chip

TBD Fall 2020

Location:

Federal Register notice sent:

Briefing materials posted by: . Done:

XVI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

The Council generally holds scoping meetings and public hearings during the last week in January and the first week in February. A second round is generally scheduled in August.

Public Hearings and Scoping – Winter 2020

CMP Framework 9 Spanish Mackerel Trip Limits – Public Hearing sessions begin at 6 pm

Webinar only – no listening stations

January 22 and 23, 2020

1. Federal Register Notice by 12/22/19.
 - a) Notice sent to NOAA – //20.
 - b) Publish notice – //20.
- 2) Document preparation
 - a) Summary documents posted by 1/8/2020. Done //20
 - b) Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 1/8/20.
 - i. Comments due by 5 pm on 2/7/20 using online public comment form.
 - ii. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar.

Shrimp 11 Transit Provisions – Public Hearing sessions begin at 6 pm

Webinar only – no listening stations

January/February, 2020

1. Federal Register Notice by //20.
 - a) Notice sent to NOAA – //20.
 - b) Publish notice – //20.
2. Document preparation
 - a) Summary documents posted by //2020. Done //20
 - b) Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on //20.
 - i. Comments due by 5 pm on //20 using online public comment form.
 - ii. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar.

XVII. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1st full week in March; (2) 2nd full week in June; (3) 3rd week in September; and (4) 1st full week in December.]

2020 Meeting Locations

- 1. March 2-6, 2020 – Jekyll Island, GA**
Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

- 2. June 8-12, 2020 – Key West, FL**
Key West Marriott Beachside
3841 N Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, FL 33040

- 3. September 14-18, 2020 – Charleston, SC**
Town & Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

- 4. December 7-11, 2020 – Wrightsville Beach, NC**
Blockade Runner Beach Resort
275 Waynick Boulevard
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

2021 Meeting Locations

- 1. March 1-5, 2021 – Jekyll Island, GA**
Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

- 2. June 14-18, 2019 – Ponte Vedra Beach, FL**
Seagrass Marriott
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

- 3. September 13-17, 2019 – Charleston, SC**
Town & Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

- 4. December 6-10, 2019 – Beaufort, NC**
The Beaufort Hotel
2440 Lennoxville Road
Beaufort, NC 28516

Committee Meeting Schedule

The following committees will meet in the months indicated on a regular basis; special meetings can be scheduled as needed:

- (1) SEDAR – June & December & as needed
- (2) SSC Selection – June
- (3) AP Selection – June & December
- (4) Law Enforcement – June & December (if needed)
- (5) Habitat and Ecosystem – June & December
- (6) I&E – December
- (7) Executive Finance – every meeting
- (8) Personnel – December
- (9) Protected Resources – as needed; status update will be given at full Council when committee does not meet.
- (10) HMS – as needed
- (11) Citizen Science – as needed
- (12) SOPPs – as needed
- (13) Dolphin Wahoo- every meeting unless directed otherwise

XVIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR RUN-THRU CONFERENCE CALLS – 2019/2020

Committee chair/vice-chair run-throughs are scheduled for the Wednesday following the Friday that the briefing book is published. In November, this frequently falls on the day before Thanksgiving. When that happens, the committee chair run-through will be scheduled for the Monday after Thanksgiving. All Council members who will be chairing a committee at the upcoming meeting are requested to attend. **All run-throughs are scheduled to begin at 2 PM. Please call in using 1-800-444-2801, and when asked, use code 9768992.**

February 19, 2020	February 18, 2021
May 27, 2020	June 2, 2021
September 2, 2020	September 1, 2021
November 30, 2020*	November 29, 2021*

* The Wednesday following the BB posting is the day before Thanksgiving, therefore the run through will be the Monday after Thanksgiving.

XIX. COMMITTEE AGENDA SENT TO CHAIR FOR REVIEW

The following committees are scheduled to meet at the March 2020 Council meeting. Agendas are to be sent to the chair of the committee NLT **January 31, 2020** for their review.

Tab	Committee	Staff	Date Sent
	Committee of the Whole	Cheuvront	
	SEDAR	Collier	
	SOPPs	Carmichael	
	Habitat/Ecosystem	Pugliese	1/27/20
	Snapper Grouper	Brouwer	
	Dolphin Wahoo	Hadley	
	Executive/Finance	Carmichael	
	Mackerel Cobia	Wiegand	

XX. ACTIVE AMENDMENTS DOCUMENT UPDATED

Staff responsible for each Fishery Management Plan will ensure that after each Council meeting, the Active Amendments document found on the Office Share drive will have it updated. For the March 2019 Council meeting, the Active Amendments Document needs to be updated no later than March 22, 2019.

<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Staff</u>
12/9/2019	Carmichael
12/9/2019	Collier
	Hadley
12/11/2019	Chevront
12/16/2019	Pugliese
12/5/19	Brouwer
	Wiegand

XXI. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND DECEMBER 2019 MEETING

Items from the committee reports (Timing & Task motion) from the last Council meeting are inserted here.

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Complete the evaluation of the Spawning SMZs System Management Plan by December 2018.
2. Direct staff to bring white paper on DW species regional allocations to June 2019 meeting – postponed to ??
3. PREPARE INFORMATION DOCUMENT (WHITE PAPER) ON REMOVING ALMACO JACK FROM THE JACKS COMPLEX AND BRING FOR COUNCIL CONSIDERATION AT THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING. POSTPONED UNTIL THE COUNCIL SAYS THEY WANT TO RECONSIDER THIS AGENDA ITEM
4. ✓SEND LETTERS TO THANK PARTICIPANTS WHO DELIVERED PRESENTATIONS DURING THE SSC/MRIP WORKSHOP.
5. ✓PROVIDE SUMMARY OF OUTREACH EFFORTS TO DATE ON DESCENDING DEVICES AT THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING.
6. ✓PREPARE ABBREVIATED FRAMEWORK 3 (ACL ADJUSTMENT FOR BLUELINE TILEFISH) FOR REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION FOR FORMAL APPROVAL AT THE DECEMBER 2019 COUNCIL MEETING.
7. INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE FMP BASED ON MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WRECKFISH ITQ REVIEW.
8. ✓CONDUCT SCOPING WEBINARS WITH LISTENING STATIONS FOR REGULATORY AMENDMENT 34 (3 IN NORTH CAROLINA AND ONE IN SOUTH CAROLINA) BEFORE THE DECEMBER 2019 COUNCIL MEETING.
9. CONTINUE WORKING ON REGULATORY AMENDMENT 34
10. ✓PREPARE REGULATORY AMENDMENT 33 (MODIFICATIONS TO RED SNAPPER SEASONS) FOR CONSIDERATION FOR FORMAL REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER 2019 MEETING.
11. SUBMIT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 29 FOR FORMAL REVIEW
12. PREPARE REGULATORY AMENDMENT 33 FOR SUBMISSION
13. PREPARE ABBREVIATED FRAMEWORK 3 FOR SUBMISSION
14. BEGIN WORK ON INFORMATION DOCUMENT (EC SPECIES, ETC) TO INCLUDE IN MEETING MATERIALS FOR MARCH 2020

B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Roger

1. Staff coordinate with Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel to help identify shelf and deepwater sentinel sites to monitor oceanographic change in the region.
2. Staff engage appropriate organizations and agencies (e.g., SECOORA etc.) to brief the Council in December or March on the potential impact of the Bahamian oil spill associated with Hurricane Dorian, on habitats and species under Council jurisdiction.

3. Staff facilitate Panel member review of state activities addressing climate change, and extreme weather events supporting development of an addendum to the existing Council Climate Policy statement highlighting complementary actions which enhance EFH conservation.
4. Staff facilitate Laurent Cherubin, HBOI/FAU COIERT presentation at the December Committee meeting on “Applying Innovative Technologies to Characterize Fish Habitat and Spawning Events - Understanding Soundscapes.”

C. Golden Crab – Brian

D. Mackerel/Cobia – Christina

1. Prepare CMP Framework Amendment 8 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.
2. Conduct public hearings for CMP Framework Amendment 9 via webinar prior to the March 2020 Council meeting.
3. Continue work on CMP Framework Amendment 9 and prepare a final draft for the approval at the March 2020 Council meeting.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – John H.

1. Contact the Dolphinfish Research Program to see if the program would be willing to present information gathered through tag returns (further guidance provided to schedule presentation for March or June 2020).
2. Work with the Mid-Atlantic Council on funding for and identifying a new member for the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel from the Mid-Atlantic Region.
3. Request that NMFS provide information on feasibility of the additional bullet and frigate actions in Amendment 12 (beyond designation as ecosystem component species) and present this to the Council at the March 2020 council meeting.
4. ✓ Continue work on Amendment 10 for review at the December 2019 meeting.
5. ✓ Continue work on revising the dolphin wahoo FMP goals and objectives for review at the December 2019 meeting.
6. ✓ Continue work on amendment 12 for review at the December 2019 meeting.
7. Continue work on Amendment 10 for review at the June 2020 meeting.
8. Continue work on Amendment 12 for review at the March 2020 meeting.
9. Forward the specified requests regarding catch level recommendations for dolphin and wahoo to the SSC for discussion at their April 2020 meeting.

F. Shrimp – Chip

1. Work on developing alternatives for a rock shrimp allowable fishing area(s).
2. ✓ Conduct scoping for shrimp vessel transit provisions in fall 2019.
3. Revise options paper for rock shrimp boundary and Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern and bring back to the Committee in June 2020.
4. Contact golden crab fishermen who hold permits for the northern zone and discuss possibility of developing an exempted fishing permit.

5. ✓ Hold Shrimp and Coral advisory panel webinar meetings to discuss Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary modifications prior to the December 2019 Council meeting.
6. Hold public hearings for Shrimp Amendment 11 in January/February 2020.
7. Have Shrimp/Deepwater Shrimp and Law Enforcement Advisory Panels review Shrimp Amendment 11 in January/February 2020.

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

H. SEDAR – Chip

1. ✓ Coordinate with the GMFMC to enable a joint SSC review of the king mackerel update in 2020.
2. ✓ Include discussion of the proposed SSC MRIP workshop on the agenda for the April 2019 SSC meeting.
3. ✓ Conduct SEDAR committee review via email of the black sea bass and red grouper assessments scopes of work prior to submission to SEFSC.
4. ✓ Forward the research plan to SERO and SEFSC.
5. ✓ Provide the committee the SSC's final MRIP workshop TORs.
6. ✓ Send notice of Dec meeting approvals to SEDAR Coordinators.

I. AP Selection – Kim

1. Work with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council staff to publicize open seats and solicit applicants for the Council's advisory panels as appropriate. Note: This was completed for the Mackerel Cobia AP and the new Cobia Sub-panel in September 2016 but will be ongoing as seats become available for the Mackerel Cobia and Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panels. NOTE: The Cobia Sub-panel was disbanded by the Council during its June 2019 meeting after ASMFC assumed management of Atlantic cobia. Letters and certificates of appreciation were distributed to members.
2. Include a description of the NGO representatives when advertising open positions on species-specific advisory panels. Ongoing.
3. Have staff continue to provide summary tables in the meeting Agenda/Overview and include the Wufoo Summary table as part of the briefing book materials. Include attendance records for reapplicants. Ongoing.
4. Staff will review the status of the Mid-Atlantic/VA liaison on the Mackerel Advisory Panel and consider appointees every three years.
5. Advertise seats on advisory panels for consideration by the AP Selection Committee during its December 2019 Meeting – News Release distributed - __10/15/19__
 - a. Note the following AP structure changes when advertising/considering seats:
 - Habitat AP - seats are no longer sector-specific and an agency seat added for the geologist/research seat formerly advertised. (June 2019 Council meeting)
 - Dolphin Wahoo AP – add a new seat for a voting member from the Mid-Atlantic Region. Contact MAFMC for AP member for appointment at December 2019 Council meeting. Done - __MAFMC Contacted 11/15/19 by Gregg. Waiting on Response__
 - Mackerel Cobia AP – Two new AP seats – appointments completed at December meeting

- Follow Up:
 - Email confirmation letters to December 2019 appointees – Completed
 - Email applicants not chosen – Completed _____
 - Update Membership Directory – Completed _____
 - Provide PDF of updates to Cameron for posting on website - _____
- 6. Staff will advertise open seats on the Council’s advisory panels as appropriate for consideration by the AP Selection Committee at the June 2020 meeting.

J. Data Collection – Chip Collier

None

K. Citizen Science – Julia Byrd

L. Protected Resources – Christina

1. Work with SERO PRD to provide information relative to the Dolphin Wahoo BiOp, as necessary, and follow the progress of BiOp development.

M. Spiny Lobster – Christina

1. ✓ Direct staff to bring back options for discussion in June 2019 for vessels with SG1 permit and a tailing permit for spiny lobster to retain commercial quantities of spiny lobster (20, 30, 40 lobsters) in waters excluding Florida.
2. Begin work on an amendment that will address spiny lobster trip limits for commercial vessels holding a snapper grouper unlimited permit and a spiny lobster tailing permit. – Postponed until ?

N. HMS – John H.

None

O. Committee of the Whole

ABC Control Rule – TBD

1. ✓ Request that the SSC review the actions and alternatives and risk categorizations in April 2019.
2. ✓ Direct the IPT to prepare language of actions and alternatives for potential Council approval in June (September, based on priorities discussion) 2019 (Further actions deferred)

P. Executive/Finance – John Carmichael/Kelly

1. Provide Legislative Updates to all Council members - ongoing.
2. Continue to work with the SEFSC and ACCSP to have the data available through ACCSP and compliance with PARR - ongoing.
3. Revise the Priorities based on guidance received – ongoing.
4. Continue working with the CCC on MSA issues – ongoing.

5. If comments on Reauthorization are requested, staff is to develop a draft response and circulate to all Council members before finalization.
6. Revise the Priorities based on guidance received – ongoing.
7. Structure the Council agenda to have meetings begin at 8:30 am and end at 5:00 pm – ongoing.
8. ✓ Send a letter to the Chris Oliver concerning the ASMFC’s out of compliance determination for menhaden by close of business on Thursday, December 5, 2019.
9. Direct staff to include the active amendments document in future briefing books as a way to help remind them of the progress being made on each amendment, even if the Council is not setting priorities at the meeting.
10. Work with the Council chair to send the comment letters to NMFS on the 3 documents by close of business on Friday, December 13, 2019.
11. Council staff will develop a proposal for the South Atlantic/Gulf Council work group to look at flexible management options and bring back to the Committee at the March 2020 Council meeting.
12. Council staff will develop details about an Annual South Atlantic Council Award and bring back to the Committee at the March 2020 Council meeting.
13. PRIORITIES APPROVED FOR MARCH 2020 MEETING:

	Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
	Ecosystem Component Species
	Allocations Discussion
CMP Framework 9	Spanish Mackerel AMs
	ACLs and Allocations for unassessed species
SG RA34	SC/NC SMZs
DW 12	Bullet & Frigate ecosystem
Shrimp 11	Shrimp Transit Provisions

Q. SOPPs

1. Work with NOAA GC to clarify identified issues in the Handbook.
2. Staff will provide draft edits to the SAFMC Handbook with options that allow leeway for travel reimbursements as recommended by the Committee for consideration at the March 2020 meeting.

R. Full Council – Gregg

1. Update the Priorities and Follow up after each Council meeting – ongoing.
2. Email Council members when the late documents are posted – ongoing.
3. For future briefing books, if we know ahead of time that a new document will be produced, don’t include a draft document in the first Briefing Book – ongoing.
4. ✓ Send letter to NMFS supporting the non-compliance determination of Virginia with the interstate fishery management plan for Atlantic menhaden.

XXII. March 2 - 6, 2020 – Jekyll Island, GA – Draft

Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA

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- 1) FIRST MEMO 1/6/20 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF).
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF 2/3/20 @ 5 pm local time.
- 3) FRN to HQ -1/31/2020 (NOTE: 30 days in advance required).
- 4) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF – 2/7/20 @ 5 pm local time.
- 5) BRIEFING BOOK INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 2/11/20 AT NOON.
- 6) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/11/20 BY NOON
- 7) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 2/13/20 AT 5 PM.
- 8) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 2/14/20 BY NOON.
- 9) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 2/14/20
- 10) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH – 2 pm 2/19/20.
- 11) NMFS RUN THROUGH – 10 am 2/27/20.
- 12) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 3/13/20.

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

John – memo to Roy [Note: see committees & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]; memo by 1/14/20.

Done _____.

John – memo to Clay [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 1/14/20.

Done _____

Specific needs:

Monday, March 2, 2020 1:30 – 5:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole/Jessica McCawley (TAB 1)

1. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
 - a. Overview – Jessica McCawley(?)
 - b. FWC Presentation – (?)
 - c. Committee Action: Discussion/Action/Provide direction to staff as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 3, 2020 8:30 – 12 noon COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole/Jessica McCawley (TAB 1)

2. Analysis of the need for conservation and management of select species
 - a. Staff Overview/Presentation – Myra Brouwer (?)

- b. Committee Action: Discussion/Action/Provide direction to staff as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
- 3. Allocation background
 - a. Staff Overview/Presentation – Brian Chevront/Myra Brouwer/Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Discussion/Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

1:30 – 5:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee of the Whole/Jessica McCawley (TAB 1)

- 4. Allocations and ACLs for Unassessed Species
 - a. Staff Overview/Presentation – Brian Chevront/Myra Brouwer/Mike Errigo
 - b. Committee Action: Discussion/Action/Provide direction to staff as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 8:30 – 12 noon COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Steve Poland (TAB 2) – 8:30 – 11:00

- 1. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel November 2019 Meeting Report - Dr. Wilson Laney
 - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Steve Poland – **ACTION**

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Steve Poland (TAB 3) – 11:00 – 12:00 pm

- 1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments Under Formal Review
 - a. CMP Framework Amendment 8 (king mackerel)
- 3. CMP Framework 9 – Spanish Mackerel Trip Limits Northern Zone
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider recommending for final approval – Steve Poland

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

1:30 – 4:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Shrimp Committee/David Whitaker (TAB 4) – 1:30 – 2:30

- 1. Shrimp Amendment 11 - Transit provisions
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Recommendations from joint webinar of the Shrimp and LE APs
 - c. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider recommending for final approval – David Whitaker

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5) 2:30 – 4:00

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Amendment 12 (Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review provide guidance on amendment content and timing– Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4:00 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Approval for Formal Review:

- (1) Shrimp 11 (Shrimp Transit Provisions)
- (2) CMP Framework 9 (Spanish mackerel trip limits)

Approval for Scoping:

Approval for Public Hearings:

Other Items of Interest:

- (1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 12 (Bullet Mackerel and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)

Thursday, March 5, 2020 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 6) 8:30 – 9:30 (CLOSED)

1. Handbook Discussion

Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7) 9:30 – 12 noon (PARTIALLY CLOSED)

1. Sexual Harassment Policy Training
2. Council Priorities Work Schedule:
 - Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - a. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. Gulf-South Atlantic recreational flexibility workgroup
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
4. Issues to Comment On (policies, rules, etc. from NMFS)
 - b. Overview – John Carmichael
 - c. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8) 1:30 – 3:00 pm

1. Status of Commercial versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. VB Reg 26 & 27
 - b. Am 42

- c. Reg 30
- d. Reg 29
- e. AF 3
- f. Reg 33
- 1. SG Reg 34 (NC/SC SMZs)
 - a. Overview – Council Staff
 - b. Committee Action: Review and approve for public hearings, as needed - Jessica McCawley

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9) 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 pm

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**) if needed]

- 3:00 - 3:05 Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair
Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley
Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley
- 3:05 – 3:35 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
 - 1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 9, Attachment 1**) – John Carmichael
 - 2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 9, Attachment 2**) – BeBe Harrison
 - 3. SMP Report – Chip Collier
 - 4. Citizen Science Update – Julia Byrd
- 3:35 – 5:00 HMS Presentation on Shark Depredation – Karyl Brewster-Geisz (Branch Chief, HMS)/Randy Blankenship (Chief, HMS)

Friday, March 6, 2020

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9) 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

- 8:30 - 9:00 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
 - 1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
 - 2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
 - 3. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 9, Attachment 5**) – Jenny Lee
- 9:00 – 9:15 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
 - 1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 9, Attachment 6**)
- 9:15 – 9:30 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Steve Poland (**TAB 3**)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 Shrimp/David Whitaker (**TAB 4**)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 Habitat Committee Report/Steve Poland (**TAB 2**)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:15 – 10:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:30 – 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 – 11:00 Committee of the Whole (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:25 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:25 - 11:35 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:35 – 11:50 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 9, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**
- 11:50 – 11:55 Other Business – **ACTION**
- 11:55 – 12:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 9, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**
- 12:00 Noon ADJOURN

XXIII. June 8-12, 2020 – Key West , FL – Rough Draft

Key West Marriott Beachside
3841 N Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, FL 33040

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- 1) FIRST MEMO /20 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF /20 @ 5 pm local time.
- 3) FRN to HQ – 5/8/2020
- 4) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF – 5/15/20 @ 5 pm local time.
- 5) BRIEFING BOOK INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 5/19/20 AT NOON.
- 6) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 5/21/20 BY NOON
- 7) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 5/21/20 AT 5 PM
- 8) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 5/22/20 BY NOON
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- 10) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH – 2 pm 5/27/20.
- 11) NMFS RUN THROUGH – 10 am 6/4/20.
- 12) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 6/19/20

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

John – memo to Roy [Note: see committees & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]; memo by 4/22/20.

Done _____.

John – memo to Clay [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 4/22/20.

Done _____

Monday, June 8, 2020 1:30 – 5:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Steve Poland (TAB 1)

1. Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel May 2020 Meeting Report - Dr. Wilson Laney
 - a. Committee Action: Action as needed – Steve Poland – ACTION
2. South Atlantic Ecopath with Ecosim Model
 - a. Presentations
 - i. The South Atlantic Ecopath with Ecosim Model and SSC Review
 - ii. Ecospace development
 - b. Committee Action: Action as needed including priorities for future evaluation – Steve Poland – ACTION
3. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Regional Partner Coordination
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese

- b. Presentation- 2019 Deepwater Ecosystem Mapping and Characterization – Alan Leonardi, Director NOAA OER and Peter Etnoyer, NOAA NCCOS
 - c. Presentation - Applying Innovative Technologies to Characterize Fish Habitat and Spawning Events - Understanding Soundscapes, Laurent Cherubin, HBOI/FAU COIERT
 - d. SECOORA
 - i Partners ability to quantify impact from Bahamian oil spill and extreme events
 - ii SECOORA RCOOS Plan
 - e. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Steve Poland – **ACTION**
4. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystem
- a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Steve Poland – **ACTION**

Joint Coral and Shrimp Committee/Steve Poland & Mel Bell (TAB 2) – time?

- 2. Coral Amendment 10 – Oculina Extension
 - c. Overview – Roger Pugliese (?)
 - d. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and give direction to staff – Steve Poland/Mel Bell

Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:30 – 5:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (TAB 3) 8:30 – 9:30 am (CLOSED)

SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4) 9:30 – 10:30 am

- 1. Assessment Activities Update
- 2. SEDAR Steering Committee Report
- 3. TORs approvals

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5) 10:30 – 12 noon

- 1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. VB Reg 26 & 27
 - b. Am 42
 - c. Reg 30
 - d. Reg 29
 - e. AF 3
 - f. Reg 33
- 3. SSC Report

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5) 1:30 – 5 pm

- 4. SG AP Report
- 5. SG Reg 34 (NC/SC SMZs)

- c. Overview – Council Staff
- d. Committee Action: Review public hearing comments, make final edits, and recommend for final approval, as appropriate - Jessica McCawley
- 6. Wreckfish ITQ Modernization
- 7. Unassessed Species ACL and Allocation

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 8:30 – 4:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5) 8:30 – 11:00 am

- 8. Greater Amberjack, Red Porgy, Yellowtail Snapper SEDAR Assessment Results

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Steve Poland (TAB 6) 11:00 – 12:00 noon

- 1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
- 3. SSC Report
- 4. Mackerel Cobia AP Report
- 5. King Mackerel SEDAR Assessment Results

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 7) 1:30 – 4:00

- 1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
- 2. Presentation on Dolphin Tagging Program – Wes Merton
- 3. Amendment 12 (Bullet and Frigate Mackerel as Ecosystem Component Species)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review provide guidance on amendment content and timing– Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Approval for Formal Review:

- (3) Shrimp 11 (Shrimp Transit Provisions)

Approval for Scoping:

Approval for Public Hearings:

Other Items of Interest:

- (2) ????

Thursday, June 11, 2020 8:30 – 5:00 pm COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 7) 8:30 – 12 noon

- 4. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8) 1:30 – 3:00 pm

1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
 - d. Overview – John Carmichael
 - e. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. Council Priorities Work Schedule:
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. Issues to Comment On (policies, rules, etc. from NMFS)
 - f. Overview – John Carmichael
 - g. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9) 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**) if needed]

- 3:00 - 3:10 Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair
Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley
Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley
- 3:10 –4:00 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 9, Attachment 1**) – John Carmichael
 2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 9, Attachment 2**) – BeBe Harrison
 3. SMP Report (**TAB 9, Attachment 3**) – Chip Collier
 4. Citizen Science Update (**TAB 9, Attachment 4**) – Julia Byrd
- 4:00 – 4:30 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
 2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
 3. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 9, Attachment 5**) – Jenny Lee
- 4:30 – 4:45 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 9, Attachment 6**)
 2. Status of MRIP Conversions (**TAB 9, Attachment 7**)
- 4:45 – 5:00 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

Friday, June 12, 2019 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9)

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

8:30 – 8:45 Habitat Committee Report/Steve Poland (TAB 1)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00 Joint Coral and Shrimp /Steve Poland & Mel Bell (TAB 2)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:30 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 3)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 9:30 – 9:45 SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 9:45 – 10:15 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:15 – 10:30 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Steve Poland (TAB 6)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:30 – 11:00 BREAK (Hotel Check-out)
- 11:00 - 11:25 Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 7)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:25 - 11:35 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:35 – 11:50 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 9, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**
- 11:50 – 11:55 Other Business – **ACTION**
- 11:55 – 12:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 9, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**
- 12:00 Noon ADJOURN