



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Executive Finance Committee

Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA

Thursday, March 5, 2020 – 9:30 am – 10:30 am (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes

1. Council Priorities (**Attachments 1a – 1c**)
 - a. Overview – Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Review and update priorities
2. Gulf and South Atlantic Joint Recreational Flexibility Workgroup (**Attachment 2**)
3. Council Policies and Practices Revisions (**Attachments 3a and 3b**)
 - a. Award of Excellence
 - b. Committee Structure
 - c. Handbook updates

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Jessica McCawley, Chair

Mel Bell, Vice-Chair

Carolyn Belcher

Chester Brewer

Steve Poland

Attachments

Attachment 1a: Council Priorities Worksheet

Attachment 1b: Active Amendments Overview

Attachment 1c: SAFMC Followup Workplan

Attachment 2: GMFMC Letter on Section 102 of the Fishery Management Measures of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018

Attachment 3a: Council Awards Proposal

Attachment 3b: Committee Consolidation Proposal

Staff: John Carmichael & Kelly Klasnick

OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval – December 2019

1. Council Priorities (Attachment 1)

Brian Chevront will give the committee an update on the Council's FMP priorities (**Attachments 1a and 1b**). The Council approved these priorities and the overall meeting plan for 2020 in September 2019, and at each meeting is asked to review progress and update the plan as necessary. The Council Follow-up provides a detailed listing of all Council activities and active amendments (**Attachment 1c**).

Committee Action: Review priorities and update as necessary

2. Gulf and South Atlantic Joint Workgroup on Recreational Flexibility (Attachment 2)

During the CCC meeting in November 2019, representatives of the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils suggested convening a joint working group to respond to the Modern Fish Act. The SAFMC identified representatives to the working group in December 2019 and submitted a letter to the GMFMC in January 2020 conveying the names and expressing the Council's support for the working group. The GMFMC discussed the working group in January 2020.

South Atlantic Representatives: Jessica McCawley, Mel Bell, Spud Woodward, Chester Brewer, Chis Conklin, Steve Poland, and Tim Griner.

Committee Action: Review the GMFMC recommendations and provide further guidance for working group representatives

3. Council Practices and Policies

Award of Excellence: The Committee discussed creating an SAFMC Award of Excellence during the October 2019 webinar meeting. The award will recognize those who have made noteworthy contributions to the Council's management programs. Further guidance was provided in December 2019, at which time the Committee directed staff to develop a proposal to address the award nomination and selection process (**Attachment 3a**).

Council Committee Structure: During a recent Council-Staff leadership retreat, it was noted that the SAFMC has many committees, some that seldom meet and other with overlapping responsibilities. A proposal is detailed in **Attachment 3b** to revise and consolidate SAFMC committees.

Handbook Revisions: Some topics discussed during this Council meeting, and planned for discussion at future meetings, will need to be addressed in the SAFMC Handbook. Because the Council previously expressed a desire to address handbook revisions and approval all at once, and information pertinent to some handbook revisions is not yet available, formal approval of a revised handbook will be considered at a later meeting. At this time, there is a plan to address specific policy items over the next few meetings, as detailed in the list below.

Policy Consideration Schedule:

March 2020: Travel Reimbursement

June 2020: Sexual Harassment Training

September 2020: Federal Parental Leave **Committee**

Action:

Consider initiating the Award of Excellence

Consider revising the Council committee structure

Consider additional handbook topics for future evaluation and discussion

Other Business

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