



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Dr. Michelle Duval, Chair | Charlie Phillips, Vice Chair  
Gregg T. Waugh, Executive Director

## **AGENDA** **Executive Finance Committee**

Sawgrass Marriott  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

**Thursday, June 15, 2017 – 1:30 to 3:30 P.M. (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda – Dr. Michelle Duval

Approval of March 2017 Committee minutes – Dr. Michelle Duval

1. Report from Council Coordinating Committee (*Attachment 1a – 1c; Attachment 1b available at meeting*)
  - a. Overview of Discussion Document – Gregg/Brian/Mike/Michelle/Charlie
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance as needed
2. CY 2017 Budget (*Attachments 2a – 2c*)
  - a. Overview of Discussion Document – Mike Collins/Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Review, modify as needed, and approve budget
3. Council Follow-up and Priorities (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)
  - a. Overview of Discussion Document – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
4. Standards and Procedures (*Attachment 4*) – Gregg Waugh/Dr. Michelle Duval
  - a. Webinar Meetings
  - b. EFP Review Procedure
  - c. Document Timing for Briefing Book
  - d. Public Comments at AP Meetings
  - e. SSC Liaison & Role of Council Members at SSC Meetings
5. System Management Plan (SMP) Advisory Panel (*Attachment 5*)
  - a. Overview of Discussion Document – Chip
  - b. Committee Guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
6. MRIP 5-Year Strategic Plan (*Attachments 6a and 6b*)
  - a. Overview of Discussion Document – Gregg Waugh/John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval

Other Business – Dr. Michelle Duval

Adjourn – Dr. Michelle Duval

**Committee Members**

Michelle Duval, Chair

Charlie Phillips, Vice Chair

Chris Conklin

Ben Hartig

Doug Haymans

Jessica McCawley

**Attachments**

**Attachment 1a:** CCC Meeting Agenda

**Attachment 1b:** Report from CCC Meeting (**available at meeting**)

**Attachment 1c:** Final Report from the CCC Staff Operations Meeting

**Attachment 2a:** Draft CY 2017 Budget

**Attachment 2b:** Draft Council 2017 Activity Schedule

**Attachment 2c:** Draft SEDAR 2017 Activity Schedule

**Attachment 3a:** Council Follow-Up

**Attachment 3b:** Council Priorities

**Attachment 4:** Standards and Procedures

**Attachment 5:** System Management Plan AP

**Attachment 6:** MRIP 5-Year Strategic Plan

**Staff:** Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins

# OVERVIEW

## Executive Finance Committee

The Committee will approve of minutes from the March 2017 meeting and agenda.

1. **Report from Council Coordinating Committee – (Attachments 1a – 1c)**

**Description:** The Council Coordination Committee (CCC) met May 15-18, 2017 and the agenda is included (**Attachment 1a**). Here is the link to the briefing materials:

<http://www.fisherycouncils.org/ccc-meetings/may-2017>. We will have a CCC report (**Attachment 1b**) for presentation to the Council; however, the CCC report will not be available until or just prior to our Council meeting. The concurrent report of the deputy directors meeting is included (**Attachment 1c**). Given that the CCC meeting occurs the week prior to the Council meeting briefing book deadline, Dr. Duval has authorized distribution of the CCC Report prior to or during our Council meeting. The CCC Report will also be posted to our website prior to the public comment period on Wednesday during the June Council meeting.

**Status of Actions:** Items important to the Council that we have been working on include (a) MSA Reauthorization; (b) MRIP data and implications for catch estimation, ACL tracking, and recreational management; (c) and fishery independent data funding outlook; (d) habitat initiatives; and (e) national monuments & sanctuaries. We will also receive updates from NMFS on regulatory review, management & budget, National Standard 1 guidelines, enforcement, science update, conflict of interest policy guidance, NOAA GC overview of recent legal actions, and an Update on FY 2017 priorities. In addition, each Council will give a short presentation on items of importance in their area and we will receive a Legislative Update. The CCC is expected to take a position on a number of items and these will be presented to the Council in June.

**Required Committee Action:** discuss, provide guidance, and take action as necessary.

2. **CY 2017 Budget – (Attachments 2a-c)**

**Description:** Mike Collins, Administrative Officer, will give the committee overviews of:

A. Draft SEDAR 2017 Activity Schedule (**Attachment 2c**)

B. Draft Council 2017 Activity Schedule (**Attachment 2b**)

C. Draft CY 2017 Budget (based on the activity schedules) (**Attachment 2a**)

Gregg Waugh, Executive Director, will discuss the draft budget and guidance received from the CCC meeting. We should have sufficient detail on our funding level for the June Council meeting for the Committee/Council to approve the budget.

**Status of Budget:** We did not have sufficient information to approve the budget at the March 2017 meeting and the Council provided direction to use the draft budget (as presented in March 2017) as a guide until sufficient information on our funding level for 2017 is available.

**Required Committee Action:** discuss, provide guidance, and approve the CY 2017 Budget.

3. **Council Follow-up and Priorities – (Attachments 3a and 3b)**

**Description:** Dr. Brian Chevront, Deputy Director for Management, will give the committee an overview of the Council Follow-Up (**Attachment 3a**) and the Council Priorities (**Attachment 3b**) as approved at the March 2017 meeting. The Follow-Up

contains the detailed steps for each active amendment and amendments under formal review. This allows any Council member to see where each amendment is in the process. The Follow-Up is updated after each Council meeting after review and input from the SERO and Council staff. In addition, draft agendas are included for the next two upcoming Council meetings. This allows Council members to see what is on the agenda and make any suggestions to the Chair and staff.

**Status of Follow-up & Priorities:** The Committee/Council reviewed this material at the March 2017 meeting and made changes to the Council Priorities.

**Required Committee Action:** discuss, modify/provide guidance, and approve the revised priorities.

4. **Standards and Procedures – (Attachment 4)**

**Description:** Gregg Waugh, Executive Director, will give the committee an overview of draft standards and procedures for:

- A. Webinar meetings
- B. Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP) review procedure
- C. Document timing for briefing book
- D. Public comments at AP meetings
- E. SSC liaison and role of Council members at SSC meetings

**Status of Items:** The Committee reviewed material for webinar meetings at the March 2017 meeting and provided guidance. Additional input will be obtained in June 2017. The Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) Committee will meet during the September 2017 meeting to determine how to incorporate this guidance into our Handbook and SOPPs.

**Required Committee Action:** discuss, modify, and provide guidance.

5. **System Management Plan (SMP) AP – (Attachment 5)**

**Description:** Dr. Chip Collier will review the SMP AP information. Action items in the Council’s System Management Plans for the Deepwater Marine Protected Areas and for proposed Spawning Special Management Zones call for the development of an advisory panel to assist the Council in the evaluation of protected areas and determine if management changes are needed to meet the goal for the protected area. An Options Paper for a System Management Plan Advisory Panel (**Attachment 5**) will be reviewed.

**Status of SMP AP:** The AP Selection Committee reviewed this material at their December 2016 meeting and provided some guidance while indicating that the Executive Finance Committee would need to also review.

**Required Committee Action:** discuss, modify, and provide guidance.

6. **MRIP 5-Year Strategic Plan – (Attachment 6)**

**Description:** Gregg Waugh, Executive Director, and John Carmichael, Deputy Director for Science & Statistics, will give the committee an overview of the plan and review a draft comment letter.

**Status of Strategic Plan:** The following is directly from the MRIP website: “Today (April 4, 2017), MRIP released its draft five-year Strategic Plan and is requesting input on the Plan from our partners and stakeholders. Developed by a Working Group with broad federal and regional representation, the Plan lays out a clear, well-defined strategy for continuing to

improve our survey methods while providing a sound basis for implementing new and expanded surveys through a system of regional partnerships.

The Plan emphasizes enhancing collaboration with partners, meeting customer needs, ensuring sound science and quality products, and improving communications with partners and stakeholders. It identifies specific strategies, tactics, outcomes, metrics, and timelines for achieving these goals. The document also articulates MRIP's mission, vision, and values, and provides a detailed history and major milestones of the Program.

We are seeking public feedback as part of MRIP's ongoing commitment to improving our surveys through collaboration among federal, regional, and state agencies, and the saltwater recreational fishing community. Incorporating comments from scientists, managers, fishermen, and others is a critical step in ensuring that the Strategic Plan guides MRIP in a direction that will ensure the sustainability of recreational fishing today, and for generations to come.

We welcome all input, and are particularly interested in whether the goals, strategies, and tactics we've outlined are likely to meet partner and stakeholder needs, as well as achieve the mission and vision stated in the Plan.

The document and details on providing feedback can be found on the homepage of the MRIP website, [countryfish.noaa.gov](http://countryfish.noaa.gov). Comments are due by June 30, 2017.”

**Required Committee Action:** discuss, modify, provide guidance, and approve letter.

## **Other Business**