

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Jekyll Island, GA
March 9, 2017**

The Executive Finance Committee received a report from the February 28 – March 1, 2017 Council Coordinating Committee (CCC) meeting and the separate Administrative Officers meeting. The Committee discussed the items and provided guidance to staff.

The Committee received a final report on the CY 2016 Expenditures and an overview of the Draft CY 2017 Budget. The Council funding amounts for 2017 are still unknown, so approval of the 2017 budget was deferred to the June 2017 meeting. The Committee gave direction to staff to work within the outline of the draft budget until that time.

The Committee received a report on the Council Follow-Up and Priorities. Council staff outlined issues with the large number of amendments and resulting negative impacts on Council/Staff/IPT/NMFS/NOAA GC's ability to effectively and efficiently move documents through the development, review, and implementation process. Council staff presented recommendations to address this issue by putting a number of amendments on hold pending revisions to MRIP data and by choosing four amendments to work on for the June 2017 meeting. The Committee agreed with the need to reduce the number of items being addressed at each meeting and agreed to prioritize the four amendments during the full Council session.

The Committee reviewed the Standards and Procedures for Participating in Council Webinar Meetings and Meetings Via Webinar and provided direction to staff to explore procedures for mixed in-person and remote participation for Council meetings, SSC meetings, and AP meetings.

Under Other Business, the Committee reviewed a draft letter to NOAA concerning MRIP landings and directed staff to make revisions and send the letter to NOAA prior to the next Council meeting. The Committee provided guidance to staff on modifications to Council meeting materials to make them more effective for use during the meetings, and Chris Conklin volunteered to be the Council's representative on the Bottlenose Take Reduction Team.

No Motions were approved by the committee.

Timing & Tasks Motions

**MOTION #1: SUSPEND WORK ON DW AMENDMENT 10 AND SG 44; WE WILL RESUME WORK WHEN THE REVISED MRIP DATA ARE AVAILABLE.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL WITH 1 OPPOSED**

MOTION #2: DIRECT STAFF TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING 4 AMENDMENTS FOR THE JUNE 2017 MEETING:

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

- 1. VISIONING AMENDMENT – COMMERCIAL**
- 2. VISIONING AMENDMENT – RECREATIONAL**
- 3. RED SNAPPER AMENDMENT (FOCUSING ON BEST PRACTICES ITEMS)**
- 4. SPINY LOBSTER**

NOTE: GOLDEN TILEFISH – BEGIN WORK ON AFTER THE JUNE MEETING AFTER SPINY LOBSTER IS COMPLETED

MOTION #3: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

- A. FOLLOW-UP ON ITEMS FROM THE CCC AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S MEETINGS, INCLUDING HELPING COUNCIL MEMBERS ESTABLISH A SEPARATE EMAIL ACCOUNT FOR COUNCIL-RELATED EMAILS.**
- B. REVISE THE CY 2017 BUDGET BASED ON FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE JUNE MEETING.**
- C. IMPLEMENT THE REVISED SCHEDULE AND PRIORITIES AS IDENTIFIED DURING THE FULL COUNCIL SESSION.**
- D. REVISE THE DRAFT MRIP LANDINGS LETTER, PROVIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS 1 WEEK TO REVIEW, AND SEND PRIOR TO THE JUNE MEETING.**
- E. MODIFY COUNCIL MEETING MATERIALS AS DIRECTED.**
- F. NOTIFY THE TAKE REDUCTION TEAM THAT CHRIS CONKLIN IS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE.**