

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida
June 15, 2017

The Committee approved minutes from the March 2017 meeting and the agenda.

Report from Council Coordinating Committee (CCC)

Council staff presented an overview of the reports from the CCC meeting. The Committee discussed a number of items and agreed to discuss the remaining items at a Webinar Executive Finance Committee meeting in late July. The Committee approved the following motion:

MOTION#1: HAVE THE SAFMC WORK THRU THE CCC TO REQUEST NOAA GC, OR OTHER BODY AS APPROPRIATE, ADDRESS AN INCREASE IN SEVERITY OF PENALTIES FOR NON-REPORTING BY THOSE ENTITIES REQUIRED TO REPORT BOTH NATIONALLY AND IN THE SOUTHEAST
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
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CY 2017 Budget

Mike Collins and Gregg Waugh presented an overview of the draft CY 2017 Budget and approved the following motion:

MOTION #2: APPROVE THE FY2017 BUDGET
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Council Follow-up and Priorities

Dr. Brian Chevront reviewed the priorities approved at the March Council meeting and presented some suggested changes to staff tasking. The Committee discussed priorities and provided the following guidance to staff for the top 4 priorities:

- Commercial Visioning
- Recreational Visioning
- Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (as revised during this meeting)
- CMP Amendment (Evaluate transferring Atlantic cobia management to ASMFC)

Staff will be working on other items as time permits:

- REMAINING ITEMS IN OLD SG AMENDMENT 43 (DECEMBER MEETING; GOAL TO HAVE IN PLACE BY 6/1/19)
- Wreckfish ITQ Review
- For-Hire Permit Moratorium Amendment
- Yellowtail Snapper – consider how to evaluate combining ACLs

Consideration of Sargassum OY was moved to 2018 for scheduling at that time.

Standards and Procedures

Gregg Waugh reviewed the topics/alternatives and the Committee provided guidance for:

(1) webinar meetings – designated the Chair, Vice-Chair, and Executive Director to evaluate requests for an exemption for Council members to participate and vote during an in-person meeting if they are participating via webinar. Indicated that they want AP members to be present at a meeting to vote. SSC and SEP members operate by consensus, so voting is not an issue.

(2) exempted fishing permits – provided guidance and approved the following motion:

MOTION #3: REQUIRE A COMPLETE PROPOSAL BEFORE THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS AN EFP AND SCHEDULE A PRESENTATION TO A COMMITTEE PRIOR TO THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AT A COUNCIL MEETING.

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(3) briefing book document deadlines – provided guidance to continue with the current deadlines and provided some input on how to post late materials and access briefing book materials.

(4) public comments at Advisory Panel meetings – discussed and approved the following by consensus: Allow public comments at the start of an AP meeting and prior to recessing each day if the meeting runs more than one day.

(5) SSC Liaison & role of Council members at SSC meetings – discussed and tasked staff to talk with SSC leadership and provide some assistance at SSC meetings to address questions from Council members.

System Management Plan (SMP) Advisory Panel

Deferred to September Council meeting.

MRIP 5-Year Strategic Plan

Council staff indicated comments are due June 30th and requested comments be provided to Gregg Waugh by June 23rd. A draft letter will be prepared and sent to Council members for their review and input based on previous MRIP comments.

Other Business

No items.

Note: Council staff drafts the timing and task motion based on Committee action. If points require clarification, they will be added to the draft motion. The Committee should review this wording carefully to be sure it accurately reflects their intent prior to making the motion.

Timing and Task(s)

MOTION #4. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

- 1) Schedule a 1-day Webinar Executive Finance Committee meeting during the last week in July 2017.
- 2) Request the CCC consider how to accomplish increased penalties for non-reporting.
- 3) Revise the Priorities based on guidance received.
- 4) Prepare the Standards and Procedures for SOPPs Committee review in September.
- 5) Implement the new EFP guidance; share with NMFS.
- 6) Prepare and send comment letter on Policy Directive and Procedures for Financial Disclosures & Recusal Determinations.
- 7) Prepare and send comment letter on MRIP 5-Year Strategic Plan.
- 8) Look at GMFMC BB setup and see if there are any efficiencies, formats that will improve the SAFMC BB access