

**FINAL**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Ft. Lauderdale, FL**  
**June 14, 2018**

The Committee approved minutes from the March 2018 meeting and the agenda.

**Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization**

A number of hearings have been held and that portion of the reauthorization process is complete; testimony from Council-related folks is available from the U.S. Regional Fishery Management Councils Website (<http://www.fisherycouncils.org>). Should the South Atlantic Council be asked to provide input, we will use the regional perspectives and consensus positions in the CCC Working Paper as the basis of our comments. The SAFMC has commented to Chris Oliver, Senator Graham, and Senator Scott. The CCC was asked to send the working paper to the Secretary of Commerce and this was done. The regional perspectives and examples are an excellent way to describe how requirements could affect Councils differentially. New topics will be added as they are identified; the CCC report included suggested wording for 4 new topics. The working paper will be updated as needed and will be used to inform individuals new to the Council process. Individual Councils are responsible for their regional perspective and should provide updates to the lead Council in any year. The lead Council will be responsible for updating the Working Paper. Lead Councils by year are NPFMC (2018), SAFMC (2019), WPFMC (2020), MAFMC (2021), and GMFMC (2022).

**Final CY 2017 Expenditures and Draft CY 2018 Budget**

Mike Collins and Gregg Waugh presented the draft CY 2018 Budget with expenditures through late May. The expectation is that funding will be level in 2018 and the Draft CY 2018 Budget is projected at the same level as expenditures in CY 2017. At the CCC meeting, the Councils received an additional \$1M with \$107,500 coming to the SAFMC.

The Committee discussed the draft budgets and asked staff to make the changes to staff comp, FICA, and retirement amounts based on the 2% cap on merit/cash awards; bring back at the September meeting. The Council will continue to operate under the draft budgets. Assuming we have final funding notification prior to September, the Council will approve the budgets at that meeting.

The Committee indicated that the Chair, Executive Director, and Administrative Officer have flexibility to allow participation at AP meetings by new Council members.

**Council Follow-up and Priorities**

Dr. Brian Chevront reviewed the priorities approved at the March 2018 Council meeting and presented the additional items identified at this meeting. The Committee discussed priorities and provided the guidance to staff for scoping/public hearings prior to September and for items to be included on the September agenda.

**MOTION #1: Top Priorities for Scoping/PH in August 2018**

1. Spiny lobster 13 – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
2. King mackerel CMP Framework 6 – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
3. SG Reg 30 red grouper rebuilding – CLARIFIED THAT PH AT SEPTEMBER MEETING
4. Reg 32 yellowtail AMs
5. Reg 29 best practices & powerheads
6. Abbrev. Framework 2 – VS & BSB – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
7. SG Amend 47 – for hire (webinars only in August)/additional scoping in Sept/Oct – CLARIFIED WEBINARS IN AUGUST

And bring to the Council in Sept 2018 for additional work

1. Visioning (Commercial) Reg Amend 27
2. Spiny lobster 13 – PH & Final Action
3. CMP Framework 6 – PH & Final Action
4. Reg 32 Yellowtail AMs
5. Visioning (Recreational) Reg Amend 26
6. Reg 30 red grouper rebuilding
7. Abbrev. Framework 2 VS & BSB – PH & Final Action
8. Reg 29 best practices & powerheads
9. SG AMENDMENT 47

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MODIFIED LIST APPROVED BY COUNCIL

INTENT: WEBINARS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER AND DECEMBER MEETINGS TO GET VISIONING INPUT

**Regulatory Reform**

Brian Chevront reviewed the final recommendations on regulatory reform and regulations that should be reviewed for removal and potential modification. The Committee provided guidance by selecting the regulations for removal, further consideration for modification, or not for further consideration of removal or modification.

**Report from May 22-24, 2018 CCC Meeting**

Charlie Phillips (Chair), Mark Brown (Vice-Chair), and Gregg Waugh (Executive Director) gave an overview of major items from the CCC meeting including aquaculture.

**MOTION #2: THE SAFMC WILL START AN AQUACULTURE FMP.**

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**Other Business**

The Committee discussed the need for Committee Chairs to review all agendas prior to them being finalized for the briefing book.

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**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 #3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S): APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

- 1) Directed staff to modify the draft 2018 agendas for the September meeting and include the recommendations from the Personnel Committee; address the major recommendations for the Committee's consideration.
- 2) Directed staff to work on the following items for Scoping/Public Hearings prior to the September 2018 meeting:
  - a. Spiny lobster 13 – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - b. King mackerel CMP Framework 6 – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - c. SG Reg 30 red grouper rebuilding – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - d. Reg 32 yellowtail AMs
  - e. Reg 29 best practices & powerheads
  - f. Abbrev. Framework 2 – VS & BSB – PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - g. SG Amend 47 – for hire (webinars only in August)/additional scoping in Sept/Oct
- 3) Directed staff to work on the following items to be included on the September 2018 agenda:
  - a. Visioning (Commercial) Reg Amend 27
  - b. Spiny lobster 13 – PH & Final Action
  - c. CMP Framework 6 – PH & Final Action
  - d. Reg 32 Yellowtail AMs
  - e. Visioning (Recreational) Reg Amend 26
  - f. Reg 30 red grouper rebuilding
  - g. Abbrev. Framework 2 VS & BSB – PH & Final Action
  - h. Reg 29 best practices & powerheads
  - i. Snapper Grouper Amendment 47
- 4) Structure the Council agenda to have meetings begin at 8:30 am and end at 5:00 pm.
- 5) Send letter to NMFS with recommended regulations to be removed.
- 6) Directed staff to develop a specific process and date for Committee Chairs to review agendas for committees prior to finalizing the briefing book.
- 7) Directed staff to prepare comment letters as indicated in the CCC report.
- 8) Directed staff to prepare a draft approach for looking at tiers based on workload for list of items to be addressed at each Council meeting.