

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Charleston, SC
September 28, 2017**

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

Report from Executive Finance Webinar Committee Meeting

Michelle Duval and Gregg Waugh presented an overview of the report from the Executive Finance Committee meeting (MSA Reauthorization, Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum, and External Organization Participation at Council meetings). The Committee discussed these items and developed position and direction to staff. The Committee reiterated the Council's appreciation for the services provided by the Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum and agreed to explore fee for service projects in the future once the Council's funding becomes more secure. The Committee expressed support for continued funding from NMFS and other organizations so that the Forum can continue to provide the neutral setting for idea sharing.

The Committee approved the following motion:

**MOTION#1: APPROVE THE CCC DOCUMENT AS MODIFIED.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Council Follow-up and Priorities

Dr. Brian Chevront reviewed the priorities approved at the June 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 46
- Red Grouper Abbreviated Framework
- CMP 31 Cobia Management Transfer

Additionally, the Council is expecting to take final action on:

- Red Grouper Abbreviated Framework (ACL Revision)

In December, the Council is also expecting to discuss:

- For-Hire Permit Moratorium Options Paper
- Wreckfish ITQ Review

Staff will be working on other items as time permits:

- Yellowtail Snapper – consider how to evaluate combining ACLs
- ABC Control Rule Amendment

System Management Plan (SMP) Advisory Panel

Dr. Chip Collier reviewed the structure of the System Management Plan Advisory Panel. The Committee discussed options for gaining this input and approved the following motion:

MOTION #2: SELECT REGIONAL WORKGROUP AS THE FORMAT FOR ADVISORY GROUP FOR SYSTEM MANAGEMENT PLANS AND CHANGE OTHER TO NGO SEAT. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE (1 OPPOSED) APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Council Meeting Materials

Michelle Duval and Cameron Rhodes viewed the changes made thus far. Additional suggestions included:

- (1) Materials distributed – make sure the materials distributed late or at the meeting are also included in the late meeting materials folder for each committee.
- (2) Tab #, Attachment # – use on most documents and would like this done on all documents.
- (3) Link on agenda – requested staff to explore putting a link for attachments on the agenda.
- (4) Projection screen – requested staff to explore options for additional screen projection for members at the table. Ms. Leann Bosarge offered that the Gulf Council uses a triangular screen that helps.

CY 2017 Budget

Mike Collins and Gregg Waugh presented a status of the CY 2017 Budget. Mike Collins stated that the Council is in year 3 of a 5-year grant and the amount of money available to carry over from one year to the next is gradually decreasing such that in 2019 there will be none available to carry over. The Committee discussed ways to begin adjusting Council operations and provided the following guidance:

- (1) Consider limiting attendance at AP and SSC meetings to the committee chair and a local Council member.
- (2) Directed staff to prepare a plan with alternatives for addressing the budget issue and present this to the Committee at each meeting.
- (3) Conduct scoping and public hearings via webinar via listening stations with a Council member present as needed.
- (4) Directed staff to explore all available options for addressing the budget issue.

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

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

- 1) Continue to work on MSA issues at the CCC level.
- 2) Revise the Priorities based on guidance received.
- 3) Explore options for meetings of the System Management Plan AP
- 4) Explore/implement the suggestions for improvements to Council meeting materials.
- 5) Develop options for addressing the budget issue.