

OVERVIEW

Executive Finance Committee Meeting

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes
8121 Amalfi Place
Myrtle Beach, SC

September 15, 2016

A. Status of CY 2016 Expenditure (Attachments 1)

Mike Collins, Administrative Officer, will give the committee an overview of CY 2016 expenditures thru most of August.

Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance as necessary.

B. Council Follow-Up and 2016 Priorities (Attachments 2a & 2b)

Dr. Brian Chevront, Deputy Executive Director for Management, will give the committee an overview of the Council Follow-Up and the 2016 Priorities as approved at the June 2016 meeting along with some suggested edits. 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, a draft agenda is included for the upcoming Council meetings. This allows Council members to see what is on the agenda and make any suggestions to the Chair and staff. The Committee should discuss the priorities, make any necessary additions/modifications, and approve the revised priorities.

Committee Action: discuss, modify as necessary, and approve the revised 2016 Priorities.

C. Standards and Procedures for Public Comments (Attachment 3)

Gregg Waugh, Executive Director, will give the committee an overview of draft standards and procedures for public comments. Decisions from the June 2016 review have been incorporated.

Committee Action: discuss, provide guidance, and approve.

D. Standards and Procedures for participating in Council webinar meetings (Attachment 4)

Gregg Waugh, Executive Director, will give the committee an overview of draft standards and procedures for webinar meetings.

Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance.

E. Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Follow-Up

Michelle Duval (Council Chair), Charlie Phillips (Council Vice Chair), and Gregg Waugh (Council Executive Director) give the committee an overview of results from the May 25-26, 2016 CCC meeting during the June 2016 Executive Finance Committee meeting. Dr. Jack McGovern attended the CCC meeting representing Dr. Roy Crabtree, NMFS Southeast Regional Administrator. Letters were drafted, sent for review/input by Council members, and sent to NMFS addressing the following items (Note: copies were

sent to all Council members; copies are available by contacting Mike Collins or Gregg Waugh.):

1. June 29, 2016 to Mr. Samuel D. Rauch, III – Best Scientific Information Available.
2. July 1, 2016 to Heather Sagar – Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Road Map.
3. July 1, 2016 to Eileen Sobeck – NOAA Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap.
4. July 25, 2016 to David Gloeckner & Michael Judd – SE Region Logbook; OMB Authorization.
5. July 22, 2016 to Dr. Ned Cyr – MSA Report to Congress: Section 404 Fisheries Research.
6. July 29, 2016 to Mr. Alan Risenhoover – Draft Guidance for Conducting Reviews of Catch Share Programs.

New Operational Guidelines and the Regional Operation Agreements (ROA) (Attachments 5a & 5b) – Chuck Tracy/Alan Risenhoover gave presentations at the May 2016 CCC meeting. Chuck gave an overview and then Alan talked about the details of timing. Within 1 year of the effective date of 9/30/15, each Council must review its ROA to ensure it addresses the guiding principles; then review each 3-5 years thereafter. The Operational Guidelines for the MSA Process (**Attachment 5b**) are included for background. The draft SAFMC/SERO/SEFSC/NOAA GCSE Regional Operations agreement is included (**Attachment 5a**) for review and approval. At the CCC meeting, there was considerable discussion about NOAA GC signing the ROA; the PFMC is the only Council with NOAA GC as a signatory. There is more flexibility in the guidelines now such that each Council should discuss with their NOAA GC to have them sign. A team comprised of Dr. Jack McGovern (SERO), Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (SEFSC), Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GCSE), and Gregg Waugh (SAFMC) revised and updated the Regional Operations Agreement and added a line for NOAA GC to sign.

Committee Action: discuss, provide guidance, and approve.