

SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment Public Hearing

**New Bern, North Carolina
May 15, 2008**

Summary Minutes

Benjamin M “Mac” Currin: I'm Mac Currin I'm council member from North Carolina. Glad to have you here. We have four issues about which you may choose to comment. If you would, identify the issue first yourself and any organization you may represent. And then identify the issue about which you would like to comment and if you choose to comment on more than one or two please pause for a second so Julie can switch the tape. We've got to collate these so that they can all go to the council members about that particular issue.

Ms. McGroarty: Okay. My name's Jennifer McGroarty. I'm commenting on the Deep Sea Coral Reef Protections. And I'm representing the public. Deep water corals are the habitat for many commercially important fishes. Each species functions as a rivet in the biosphere. To lose one species we are disassembling the framework. I am here to encourage local communities to have both short term and long term incentives for protecting the reefs, to support marine protected areas, and to create a network of protected areas that support multiple ecosystems and breeding grounds. However, for the network to be successful all stakeholders must included in its design and management. For this to work short term and long term incentives need to come from stakeholders. They need to include protection of watershed and near shore communities. We need to treat reefs as a separate and independent ecosystem. And we must account for the local culture, historical uses, and political realities.

Please put negative incentives aside. Let's work together and please vote for the highest good of all. Thank you.

Benjamin M “Mac” Currin: Thank you, Jennifer. Is that it?

Ms. Drevenak: And I don't know if this is - I know Roger had it split up into two different FEP things.

Benjamin M “Mac” Currin: Yeah. The FEP is the source document, which is all the background stuff. The comprehensive amendment is addressing the deep water coral areas.

Ms. Drevenak: Okay. So first I'll do the FEP, the source document.

Benjamin M “Mac” Currin: Okay.

Ms. Drevenak: And my name is Sera Harold Drevenak with the Marine Fish Conservation Network. We commend the council and the staff for finalizing the FEP. The work and the hours that went into the plan are obvious. And inherent in ecosystem based management is an understanding of that

ecosystem and now we have that in the FEP. Though our knowledge of the marine ecosystem will never equal our knowledge of the terrestrial ecosystem, I think that we now have all of the necessary tools to move forward with ecosystem based management. And having said that we urge the council to view the FEP source document as the huge first step towards sustainable fisheries and ecosystem based management and not the end game of ecosystem based management.

And specifically there are two basic components to that ecosystem based management that we strongly believe that the council should consider and move forward with. One being trophic interactions and food webs and forage fish and the other time and area management, which we believe has a lot of potential especially in the South Atlantic with the limited data. We urge the council to pursue these goals with haste and we look forward to working with the fishery management community to realize these goals.

And that's it for the source document.

Ms. Drevenak: And this is for the FEP Comprehensive Amendment. My name is Sera Harold Drevenak with the Marine Fish Conservation Network. We believe that the HAPC designations are a triumph of ecosystem based management, conservation, sustainable fisheries, and I think too of the process that we're all engaged in. The councils brought NGOs, fishermen, managers, and technicians to the table and produced a result that we can all be very proud of and we commend the council and the staff for all of their hard work. And that's it for the FEP Comprehensive Amendment.

Ms. Baumann: Hi there. My name is Buffy Baumann. I'm the Fisheries Advocate with Oceana. I am commenting today on the Comprehensive Ecosystem Amendment and I want to thank you both as a council member and the staff for the opportunity to comment. We will be submitting written comments as well for the record, but while I'm here I just wanted to applaud the council's vision and the efforts along this ten year long, long road towards ecosystem based management. We strongly support the Coral HAPC Proposal and feel that there are some good alternatives on the table to balance protecting this deep water coral habitat along with preserving traditional fishing areas.

To that end we're really glad to see that less than 1% as it turns out of the Royal Red VMS data are occurring east of the westward boundary of the proposed HAPC. And we urge the council to adopt the preferred alternatives in June as we continue to move forward with the public participation process that will represent strongest protections for the deep water corals. And I think that's it. Thank you very much.

Benjamin M “Mac” Currin: Now, is your name Becky?

Ms. Baumann: It's Buffy. B-U-F-F-Y.

Benjamin M “Mac” Currin: Buffy. I'm sorry. Thank you.

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Staff Member

Julie O’ Dell



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