

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
JOINT ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT AND HABITAT AND
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE MEETING
Stuart, FL
June 10, 2013**

The joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee met on Monday, June 10th, 2013 in Stuart, FL. The Committee received several reports from Advisory Panel (AP) meetings that were held in May 2013. Council staff reviewed reports of the May 7-8th, 2013 Coral AP and Habitat AP meetings. Mike Merrifield, Chair of the Deepwater Shrimp AP, presented the report from the May 9th, 2013 Deepwater Shrimp AP meeting. Staff presented spatial information on habitat mapping and fishery activity for the Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (CHAPC) alternatives in Coral Amendment 8. The Committee reviewed the Coral Amendment 8 Decision Document which considers modifications to Oculina Bank HAPC, transit through Oculina Bank HAPC, and modifications to Stetson-Miami Terrace and Cape Lookout CHAPCs.

The joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee developed the following motions in discussion of the Coral Amendment 8 Decision Document:

MOTION #1: ADD DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP RECOMMENDATION (FOR A NORTHERN EXTENSION INCLUDING BOTH THE EASTERN AND SOUTHWESTERN BOUNDARY MODIFICATIONS FROM THE AP) AS SUB-ALTERNATIVE 2C (UNDER ACTION 1)

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Note: See Figures 6&7 in Decision Document

MOTION #2: MOVE SUB-ALTERNATIVE 2A TO CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Sub-Alternative 2a. Modify the northern boundary of the Oculina Bank HAPC: from the current northern boundary of the Oculina HAPC (28° 30'N) to 29° 43.5'W. The west and east boundaries would follow the 60 meter and 100 meter depth contour lines, respectively, as represented in the simplified polygon.

MOTION #3: SELECT 2B AS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR ACTION 1
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Sub-Alternative 2b. Modify the northern boundary of the Oculina Bank HAPC from the current northern boundary of the Oculina HAPC (28° 30'N) to 29° 43.5'W. The west and east boundaries would follow close to the 70 meter and 100 meter depth contour lines, respectively, while annexing hard bottom features, as represented in the simplified polygon.

MOTION #4: SELECT SUB-ALTERNATIVE 2C FOR ACTION 1 AS A PREFERRED
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Sub-Alternative 2c. See Motion #1 above and Figures 6&7 in Decision Document

MOTION #5: ADOPT THE NO ACTION - OPTION 2 FOR THE WESTERN EXTENSION
RECOMMENDATION
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Note: This pertains to the Deepwater Shrimp AP's recommendation for a western extension of Oculina Bank HAPC. The Committee chose to not include this recommendation as an alternative under Action 1.

MOTION #6: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 3 UNDER ACTION 1 AS A PREFERRED
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Alternative 3. Modify the western boundary of the Oculina Bank HAPC from 28° 4.5'N to the north boundary of the current Oculina HAPC (28° 30'N). The east boundary would coincide with the current western boundary of the Oculina HAPC (80° W). The west boundary could either use the 60 meter contour line, or the 80° 03'W longitude.

MOTION #7: ADOPT DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP RECOMMENDATION FOR A
REVISED ALTERNATIVE 3 (FOR ACTION 2) WITH UNDERSTANDING THIS
REPLACES ALTERNATIVE 3 AND ACCEPT THIS MODIFIED ALTERNATIVE AS OUR
PREFERRED

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Revised Alternative 3. Allow for transit through the Oculina Bank HAPC with possession of rock shrimp on board. When transiting through the HAPC, vessels must maintain a minimum speed of not less than 5 knots, determined by a ping rage acceptable by law enforcement (i.e. 5 minutes), with gear appropriately stowed (stowed is defined as doors and nets out of water).

MOTION #8: ADD THE DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP RECOMMENDATION FOR AN
ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE (UNDER ACTION 3), SIMILAR TO ALTERNATIVE 2
AND WITH INCLUSION OF A SHRIMP FISHERY ACCESS AREA, AS AN
ALTERNATIVE FOR FURTHER ANALYSIS.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Note: See Figure 11 in Decision Document. This will become Alternative 4 under Action 3.

MOTION #9: SELECT NEW ALTERNATIVE 4 (UNDER ACTION 3) AS PREFERRED
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Note: See Motion #8 above

**MOTION #10: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 2 (UNDER ACTION 4) AS PREFERRED
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Alternative 2. Extend the northern boundary to encompass the area identified by the following coordinates:

<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>
34°24.6166'	75°45.1833'
34°23.4833'	75°43.9667'
34°27.9'	75°42.75'
34°27.0'	75°41.5'

**MOTION #11: APPROVE CORAL AMENDMENT 8 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

Timing and Task

**MOTION #12: ADOPT THE TIMING AND TASK ITEMS
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

1. Council staff will revise Coral Amendment 8 according to Council guidance.
2. Public Hearings will be held for Coral Amendment 8 during August 5-15th, 2013. Staff will prepare a public hearing version of Coral Amendment 8 for public hearings.
3. The IPT will prepare a final version of Coral Amendment 8 for Council review during September 2013 meeting.