



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **Full Council Session I** **(CLOSED SESSION)**

Monday December 7, 2020 **9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. (Times subject to change)**

Adoption of Agenda – Mel Bell

1. Introduction and meeting process overview – John Carmichael
2. Review advisory panel (AP) applications (*Attachment 1*) – Chester Brewer
 - a. Appoint AP members
3. Review AP policy (*Attachment 2*) – John Carmichael
4. Review Mackerel Cobia AP composition (*Attachment 3*) – Kim Iverson/Christina Wiegand
5. Legal briefing (if needed) – Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA General Counsel

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Open Seat Overview and Summary Tables

Attachment 2: AP Policy (Handbook) Discussion Document

Attachment 3: Mackerel Cobia AP Membership Discussion Document

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OVERVIEW

Full Council Session I

1. Introduction

John Carmichael, Executive Director, will review the process for the meeting week.

2. Advisory Panel (AP) appointments (*Attachment 1*)

The Council will consider seats on the Dolphin Wahoo AP, Law Enforcement AP and the Outreach and Communications AP and draft recommendations.

3. AP policy (*Attachment 2*)

The Council will review AP Policy language currently included in the Council's Handbook addressing such topics as member termination and meeting attendance and discuss of options for inactive advisory panels, late applications and appointments, and other policy modifications as needed.

4. Mackerel Cobia AP composition (*Attachment 3*)

During its September 2020 meeting the Council reviewed appointments to the Mackerel Cobia AP and decided to further discuss the structure of the advisory panel during its December meeting. Currently, there are no state or sector specific seats on the AP except for a designated NGO seat. The Council discussed the need to ensure the AP is representative of the CMP fishery, including a representative for the Cobia fishery off the east coast of Florida.

Note: During the November 2020 Mackerel Cobia AP meeting, the AP also discussed the need to have representatives on the AP from the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions as participation in the fishery for King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel increases further north.

5. Legal briefing

Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA General Counsel, will brief the Council on any pending litigation.