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## AGENDA

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September 14-18, 2009

{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

#### Monday, September 14

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**1:30 P.M. to 1:45 P.M.**

**Swearing in of new Council members/Dr. Roy Crabtree**

**1:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**LAPP Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 1)**

1. Presentations on:

- Text Message Based Angler Reporting Study/Scott Baker
- Pilot Electronic Monitoring Study/Scott Baker & Eileen Dougherty
- LAPPs for the Snapper Grouper Fishery/Matt Ruby & Phil Conklin
- Catch Shares in the South Atlantic Ecosystem/Kate Quigley
- Catch Shares Task Force/George Geiger

2. Discuss Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 - **ACTION**

3. Golden Crab Amendment 5 Update - **ACTION**

**4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Spiny Lobster Committee/Mark Robson (TAB 2)**

1. Review recommendations from the Coral AP
2. NOAA GC guidance on withdrawing the FMP/Monica Smit-Brunello
3. Discuss Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 9 - **ACTION**

**Tuesday, September 15**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

**Mackerel Committee/George Geiger (TAB 3)**

1. Review recommendations from the Mackerel AP - **ACTION**
2. Presentation on Cobia/SCDNR Staff
3. Discuss Joint Mackerel Amendment 18 - **ACTION**

**10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Joint Executive/Finance Committee/Duane Harris and David Cupka (TAB 4)**

1. Review status of the CY 2009 Activities Schedule and budget - **ACTION**
2. Report on the status of the FY 2010 Congressional budget
3. Review year 2010 of the five-year grant proposed activities schedule and budget - **ACTION**

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Law Enforcement Committee/George Geiger (TAB 5)**

1. Review the recommendations from the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel meeting - **ACTION**
2. Discuss development of a law enforcement officer of the year award - **ACTION**
3. Develop recommendation on a format for law enforcement reporting of violations the Council would like to see - **ACTION**
4. Discuss other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

**3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 6)**

1. Report on Oculina activities
2. Status of Red Snapper Interim Rule/SERO Staff
3. Presentation of Red Snapper Rebuilding Projections and Other Data Analyses/Dr. Erik Williams
4. Presentation of Economic Impacts to Commercial Sector/Dr. Jim Waters
5. Review Law Enforcement AP comments
6. Modify Amendment 17A as necessary and develop recommendation for taking Amendment 17A to public hearing - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, September 16**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 6)**

7. Modify Amendment 17A as necessary and develop recommendation for taking Amendment 17A to public hearing - **ACTION**
8. Modify Amendment 17B as necessary and develop recommendation for taking Amendment 17B to public hearing - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, September 16 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 6)**

9. Review Amendment 18 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
10. Review Amendment 20 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
11. Discuss and develop recommendations for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment – **ACTION**
12. Develop appointments to the Fishery Independent Monitoring Workshop - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Duane Harris**

**Thursday, September 17**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.**

**Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committees/Dr. Brian Chevront and Mark Robson (TAB 7)**

1. Review the DEIS comments for the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 - **ACTION**
2. Revise Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 as necessary and approve for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
3. Review the proposed rule for the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 and deem it as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Review Habitat and Coral APs' recommendations on Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2
5. Discuss Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
6. Update on ecosystem issues
7. Update on Deepwater Coral Research/John Reed
8. Report on SECOORA/Debra Hernandez

**10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

**Golden Crab Committee/David Cupka (TAB 8)**

1. Review catch share recommendations from fishermen - **ACTION**
2. Update on Golden Crab Amendment 5 - **ACTION**

**11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee (all Council members)/Tom Swatzel (TAB 9)**

1. Review recommendations from the Dolphin Wahoo AP
2. Presentation on Dolphin Wahoo Landings/NMFS
3. Develop input for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment - **ACTION**

**Thursday, September 17**

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

1:30 - 2:00

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of June 2009 Minutes/Duane Harris

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman  
Presentations

2:00

**Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral or written statements regarding matters on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment. Persons with like or similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.**

3:00 - 3:45

Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committees Report/Dr. Brian Chevront and Mark Robson (TAB 7)

- **Public comment on the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 (3:00 P.M.)**
- Approve Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:45 - 4:30

Update on the National Marine Protected Area Program/Dr. Joseph Uravitch (Attachment 2)

4:30 - 5:30

Presentation on Draft Amendment 3 to the Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fish FMP and update on the swordfish exempted fishery/HMS Staff (Attachment 3)

5:30 - 6:00

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 6)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

6:00 - 6:15

Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris and David Cupka (TAB 4)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

6:15

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (**Closed Session**)

**Friday, September 18**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

- 8:30 - 8:45                    LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 1)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00                    Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:15                    Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 9)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30                    Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 2)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45                    Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 3)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00                  Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 5)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15                 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 4)  
1. Status of Commercial quotas by fishing year for:  
Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and dolphin (soft quota ratios), vermilion snapper, black sea bass, red porgy and gag  
2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16  
3. Protected Species Issues  
4. VMS Compliance report (LE)  
5. Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 5) - **ACTION**

**Friday, September 18**

**10:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

10:15 - 10:45

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith  
(Attachment 6)

1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
2. Progress report on aging red and black grouper and 2007 and 2008 headboat data entry
4. Status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate: Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel; cobia; snowy grouper; gag; black sea bass; golden tilefish; red porgy; greater amberjack; dolphin and wahoo; vermilion, red, mutton and yellowtail snapper

10:45 - 11:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00

Other Business  
Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 7)

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