



# **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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Charlie Phillips, Chair | Captain Mark Brown, Vice Chair  
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## **AGENDA**

### **Joint Golden Crab and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels**

Daytona Beach Resort  
2700 N Atlantic Avenue  
Daytona Beach, FL 32118  
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Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. Interested parties can provide public comment either at the beginning or end of the meeting as well as [online](#).

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018 – 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, April 26, 2018 – 9:00 A.M. to Noon**

Approval of Agenda – Mike Merrifield

Approval of AP minutes (Golden Crab and Deep-water Shrimp)– Robert Palma/Mike Merrifield

Public Comment ([Online public comment report](#))

1. Update on amendments recently submitted and under development (*Attachment 1*) – Chip Collier
2. Joint Coral (Amendment 10), Golden Crab (Amendment 10), and Shrimp (Amendment 11) (*Attachment 2*)
  - a) Overview – Chip Collier
  - b) Discussion and recommendations – Mike Merrifield/Robert Palma
3. Update on Deepsea Coral Research (*Attachment 3*)
  - a) Overview – Chip Collier
  - b) Discussion and recommendations – Mike Merrifield
4. Regulations Recommended for Removal (*Attachment 4*)
  - a) Overview – Brian Chevront
  - b) Discussion and recommendations – Mike Merrifield/Robert Palma
5. Royal Red Shrimp Discussion (*Attachment 5*)
  - a) Overview – Chip Collier
  - b) Discussion and recommendations – Mike Merrifield

6. Other Business – Mike Merrifield

Public Comment

Adjourn – Mike Merrifield

**Golden Crab Advisory Panel Members:**

Robert Palma (Chair)

Brad Whipple (Vice-Chair)

Howard Rau, Jr.

Nuno Almeida

Theresa Coppa

Randy Manchester

Tim McGurl

David Nielsen

Glen Ulrich

**Deep-water Shrimp Advisory Panel Members:**

Mike Merrifield (Chair)

Steven Wilson (Vice-Chair)

Warren Gautier

Nancy Jones

Richard Reid

Marilyn Solorzano

Laurilee Thompson

Jason Vogelsong

Brent Zirlott

**Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** GCDWS\_SAFMCAActive Amendments

**Attachment 2:** Options Paper AllowableFishingAreas

**Attachment 3:** Presentation of Research Activities in Southeast (will come later)

**Attachment 4:** SERO & Council staff recommended regulations regs to remove

**Attachment 5:** Royal Red Shrimp Discussion Paper

**Staff:** Chip Collier

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Golden Crab and Deep-water Shrimp Advisory Panels**

The AP will approve of minutes from May 2014 for Golden Crab and April 2015 for Deep-water Shrimp meeting and agenda.

### **1. Update on amendments recently submitted (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** Council staff will update the AP on the status of amendments undergoing formal review and amendments being developed.

**Requested AP Action:** None

### **2. Joint Coral (Amendment 10), Golden Crab (Amendment 10), and Shrimp (Amendment 11) (*Attachment 2*)**

**Description:** Council staff will brief the AP on draft options paper. The Council requested staff begin development of an amendment to address requests from Golden Crab Advisory Panel for additional access areas in the Northern Zone and from Deep-water Shrimp fishermen to revise the eastern edge of the Oculina Bank expanded in Coral Amendment 8. During the March 2018 Council meeting, the Council provided the following guidance:

- Add an option to require VMS on Golden Crab Vessels.
- Review transit provision language for shrimp trawlers.

**Requested AP Action:** Provide input on options listed in the paper and consider if additional items should be included.

### **3. Update on Deep-Sea Coral Research (*Attachment 3*)**

**Description:** Deep-Sea Coral Research has ramped up in the South Atlantic region as funding as cycled back to the Southeast region. An overview of recently completed research and proposed research will be presented to the AP.

**Requested AP Action:** Provide input as appropriate.

### **4. Regulations recommended for removal (*Attachment 4*)**

**Description:** On February 24, 2017 the President issued Executive Order 13777 as part of efforts to lower regulatory burdens on the American people by implementing and enforcing regulatory reform. The NMFS requested that each of the fishery management councils identify a process to review/evaluate existing regulations by the end of December 2017. Each Council is to conduct the review/evaluation and provide recommendations on rules to be removed by the end of June 2018. The Council is reaching out to all of its APs to get their recommendations. Attachment 5 contains the initial attempts by Council staff to identify regulations that could be considered for removal.

**Requested AP Action:** Provide input on golden crab or deep-water shrimp regulations that may be unnecessary or outdated.

### **5. Royal Red Shrimp Discussion (*Attachment 5*)**

**Description:** Currently, royal red shrimp are not federally managed in the South Atlantic region. They are managed in the Gulf of Mexico. Since they were last considered for

management the landings of royal red shrimp have been extremely variable. Landings of royal red shrimp increased from 2009 to 2013 when the landings were over 900,000 pounds. From 2013 to 2016, the landings have dropped. The landings in 2016 were less than 10% of the landings in 2013. Royal red shrimp landings increased in 2017.

**Requested AP Action:** Provide input on the trends in the fishery and if there are concerns with the stock.

## **6. Election of Officers**

## **7. Other Business**