



# **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## **AGENDA**

### **Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management**

Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa  
Ponte Vedra, Florida

**Tuesday, June 13, 2017 – 9:30 A.M - 12:00 Noon (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda – Doug Haymans

Approval of March 2017 Committee minutes – Doug Haymans

1. Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report (*Attachments 1a-1e*)
  - a. Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Review Panel Actions and Recommendations and Provide Guidance as Necessary
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan II – (*Attachments 2-5*)
  - a. Overview of Core FEP II Section Completion – Brittany Boston and Brett Boston, Group Solutions Inc.
  - b. Committee Action: Review and Approve Core Sections and Provide Guidance as Necessary
3. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development (*Attachment 6a-6b*)
  - a. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Review Panel Actions and Recommendations and Provide Guidance as Necessary
4. International *Sargassum* Conservation (*Attachment 7*)
  - a. Presentation on International *Sargassum* Conservation – Dr. David Freestone, Sargasso Sea Commission
  - b. Committee Action: Review Panel Actions and Recommendations and Provide Guidance as Necessary

Other Business – Doug Haymans

Adjourn – Doug Haymans

## **Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee**

Doug Haymans, Co-Chair

Wilson Laney, Co-Chair

Mel Bell

Chester Brewer

Tim Griner

Jessica McCawley

LT Tara Pray

Robert Beal, ASMFC Representative

### **Attachments**

**Attachment 1a.** Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel Meeting Report - May 16-17, 2017

**Attachment 1b.** Coastal Wetland Grant Figure: Waccamaw Partnership Track

**Attachment 1c.** USFWS Raleigh- Letter of Support: Waccamaw Project Proposal

**Attachment 1d.** National Coastal Wetland Grants: Waccamaw Project Proposal

**Attachment 1e.** USFWS Charleston- Letter of Support Waccamaw Project Proposal

**Attachment 2:** Draft FEPII South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity Section

**Attachment 3.** Draft FEPII South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries Section

**Attachment 4.** Draft FEPII Managed Species Section

**Attachment 5.** Draft FEPII Habitat Section: Shallow Water Coral

**Attachment 6a.** Presentations to Habitat Advisory Panel – Ecopath Model Development

**Attachment 6b.** Presentations to Habitat Advisory Panel – SALCC Conservation Blueprint

**Attachment 7.** Presentation to Habitat Advisory Panel on International Sargassum Conservation

**Staff:** Roger Pugliese

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee**

The Committee will approve of minutes from March 2017 meeting and agenda.

1. **Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report – (Attachment 1)**

**Description:** Roger Pugliese will review a summary report on the May 2017 Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel meeting.

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff.

2. **Fishery Ecosystem Plan II – Review Core Sections – (Attachments 2-5)**

**Description:** Brittany Boston and Brett Boston, Group Solutions Inc. will review core FEP II Section completion. The Committee reviewed and provided edits in March 2017 which are addressed in the final drafts provided. Completion of supporting Sections and operationalizing an online FEP II system with related links will be addressed.

**Status:** The core FEP II Sections are being advanced for approval by the Committee. The Advisory Panel also reviewed and provided edits at their May 2017 meeting which are also addressed in the final drafts provided. The Advisory Panel deferred approval of the Artificial Reef EFH Policy Statement to provide additional information, edits and a final draft for Committee consideration and approval at the September Council meeting.

**Required Committee Action:** Review and approve core Sections of FEP II and provide guidance to staff as necessary.

3. **Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development – (Attachments 6a-6b)**

**Description:** Roger Pugliese will provide an overview of the status of habitat and ecosystem tool and model development with a focus on Ecopath Model development, coordination on SALCC Conservation Blueprint and continued development of the Ecospecies online system.

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff.

4. **International Sargassum Conservation – (Attachment 7)**

**Description:** Dr. David Freestone, Executive Director of the Sargasso Sea Commission, will make a presentation on International Sargassum conservation efforts that have arisen following Council management and conservation efforts and past ICATT resolutions.

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff.

### **Other Business**