



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management

Town & Country Inn
Charleston, South Carolina

Tuesday, September 26, 2017 – 9:30 A.M – 11:30 A.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Doug Haymans

Approval of June 2017 Committee minutes – Doug Haymans

1. EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs (*Attachments 1-2*)
 - a. Review Policy Statement – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Review and Approve Policy Statement
2. Draft SAFMC FEP II Implementation Plan (*Attachment 3*)
 - a. Draft Implementation Plan and Timing for Completion– Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Review and Provided Guidance on Draft Plan
3. SAFMC FEP II Dashboard Development
 - a. Overview of FEP II Dashboard Development and Integration into the Council Website – Cameron Rhodes and Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Provide Guidance as Necessary
4. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
 - a. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: Provide Guidance as Necessary
5. Council Actions on Habitat as Needed

Other Business – Doug Haymans

Atlantic Sturgeon Critical Habitat Designation (*Attachment 4*) – Wilson Laney

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

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Robert Beal, ASMFC Representative

Attachments

Attachment 1. Draft SAFMC EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs

Attachment 2. Draft FEP II Section Artificial Reef Habitat

Attachment 3. SAFMC FEP II Draft Implementation Plan

Attachment 4. Atlantic Sturgeon Critical Habitat Final Rule

Staff: Roger Pugliese

OVERVIEW

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee

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

1. Draft EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs – (*Attachments 1-2*)

Description: Roger Pugliese will review the EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs.

Status: The Advisory Panel reviewed and provided edits to the Artificial Reef EFH Policy Statement at their May 2017 meeting but deferred approval to provide additional information, edits and this final draft for Committee consideration and Council approval in September.

Required Committee Action: Review, revise and approve for Council consideration.

2. Draft SAFMC FEP II Implementation Plan – (*Attachment 3*)

Description: Roger Pugliese will provide an overview of the draft FEP II Implementation Plan and timeline for completion

Status: FEP II Section and link development was reviewed and a proposed FEP II Implementation Plan Development process was approved by the Committee and Council. FEP II and the FEP II Implementation Plan are to be completed for approval in December.

Required Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff.

3. SAFMC FEP II Dashboard Development

Description: Cameron Rhodes and Roger Pugliese will provide an overview of status of FEP II and online system development and integration into Council Website.

Status: A conceptual FEP II Webpage demonstration highlighting the structure and online living nature and of a fully operational FEP II was provided at the June Committee Meeting. The next steps in operationalizing the system have been taken to integrate into the Council website.

Required Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff.

4. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development: Roger Pugliese will provide an overview of the status of habitat and ecosystem tool and model development with a focus on Ecopath Model development and continued development of the Ecospecies online system.

Status: A South Atlantic model is under development through funding provided by the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) with a preliminary iteration being presented during the October SSC meeting. The SAFMC Ecospecies system continues to advance to support detailed species information in support of FEP II and highlighted in the FEP II Dashboard.

Required Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff.

Other Business

Atlantic Sturgeon Critical Habitat Designation: Wilson Laney will review the recent publication of a Final Rule (*Attachment 4*).

