

OVERVIEW

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

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The Committee will: (A) be provided an overview of working drafts of FEP II Sections on South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity, South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries, Managed Species, Artificial Reefs and South Atlantic Habitats, and EFH and EFH Policies; (B) be provided an update on regional coordination supporting habitat and ecosystem tools and model development; and (C) be provided a presentation on NMFS Draft South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science.

(1) Overview of FEP II Section Development

Brett Boston, Group Solutions Inc., will provide an overview of working drafts of FEP II Sections on South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity, South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries, Managed Species, Artificial Reefs and South Atlantic Habitats, and EFH and EFH Policies (**Attachments 1-7**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(2) Habitat and Ecosystem Modeling and Tool Development

Council staff will provide an update on activities supporting habitat and ecosystem tool development and modeling in cooperation with regional partners (**Attachments 8 and 9**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(3) Presentation on NMFS Draft South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science

NMFS SEFSC will provide the Committee a presentation on NMFS Draft South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science (**Attachments 10 and 11**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(4) Council Actions on Habitat as Necessary

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

Other Business