

OVERVIEW

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting

Marina Inn at Grande Dunes 8121 Amalfi Place Myrtle Beach SC

The Committee will: (A) Be provided a report on the May 11-12, 2016 Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting (B) Be provided summaries of FEP II Food Web and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections (C) Be provided summaries of policy considerations related to FEP II South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity and South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections and (D) Be provided an update on habitat and ecosystem tools and modeling.

(1) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report Council staff will provide a report on the May 11-12, 2016 Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting (**Attachment 1**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(2) FEP II Food Web and Connectivity and Fisheries and Climate Variability Sections

Council staff will review summaries for FEP II South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity and South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections (**Attachments 2-3**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(3) FEP II Food Web and Connectivity and Fisheries and Climate Variability Sections: Policy Considerations

Council staff will provide summaries of policy considerations related to FEP II South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity and South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries. This input will lead to cooperatively developing and refining respective Policy Statements during the November Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting (**Attachments 4-5**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(4) 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.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

The Committee will provide additional guidance to staff as appropriate.

(5) Recommendations on Habitat and Other Business: During the Last CCC meeting, NMFS provided a review version of the draft NMFS Ecosystem Based Management Road Map in advance

of the public release. The South Atlantic Council submitted comments and recommendations which are included in **Attachment 6** of the briefing material. The official public review version of the NMFS ECBM Road Map is included as **Attachment 7**. Staff will highlight how Council comments were addressed. Any additional comments should be provided by the end of the Council meeting.