

# **OVERVIEW**

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

The Beach House Hilton Head Island  
1 South Forest Beach Drive  
Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

The Committee will: (A) Be provided a status report on Ecosystem Modeling, FEP II Development, and Coordination on EFH 5 Year Review and Update; and (B) Discrepancies between the Final Rule for Coral Amendment 8 and Actions approved by the Council and presented in the Amendment.

### **(A) Status report on Ecosystem Modeling, FEP II Development, and EFH/Update**

Council staff will introduce and Brett Boston (Group Solutions) will provide a status report on regional ecosystem coordination efforts facilitating the development of a South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Suite, timing and facilitation of the completion of FEP II, and coordination efforts to complete EFH updates/review.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** The Committee will provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

### **(B) Coral Amendment 8 Final Rule**

NOAA General Council and Council staff will address apparent discrepancies between the approved action on stowage of nets during transit of the Oculina Bank CHAPC, coordinates of the HAPC, and what was published in the Final Rule for Coral Amendment 8.

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