

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
HABITAT PROTECTION AND ECOSYSTEM BASED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina
December 4, 2017

The Committee approved minutes from the September 2017 meeting and the current agenda.

November Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel Meeting Summary

Council staff reviewed a summary report on the November meeting of the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel. The Panel provided revisions to the draft FEP II Implementation Plan in addition to specifying actions for Council consideration for inclusion into a Roadmap were it to be integrated into the draft Plan.

Fishery Ecosystem Plan II Implementation Plan

Council staff provided an overview of an updated draft FEP II Implementation Plan based on revisions provided during the November Advisory Panel meeting. Given the short turn-around time between the Panel meeting and the Council meeting and desire to build on and refine input provided by the Panel, staff will work to consolidate input from Council members to further refine the FEP II Implementation Plan and possible actions the Council, or Council in cooperation with state and regional partners, will initiate or complete over the next two years. The comprehensive FEP II Implementation Plan and summary Roadmap will be completed for final approval during the March 2018 meeting.

SAFMC FEP II, FEP II Dashboard and Tools

Council staff provided an overview and live access presentation of the operationalized FEP II Dashboard and continually developing Webservices and tools and highlighted draft FEP II Sections which will be activated on the Dashboard following the March 2018 meeting. Staff provided an overview of the status and further development of the next generation South Atlantic ecosystem model discussed at the October SSC meeting.

South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) and Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS)

Mallory Martin, SALCC Coordinator, made a presentation to the Committee highlighting recent activities of State and regional partners supporting the Southeast Conservation Adaptation Strategy (SECAS) and provided a status report on the latest South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative (SALCC) Conservation Blueprint 2.2 and development of a Draft Implementation Strategy.

Timing and Task(s)

MOTION. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):

- 1) Staff will coordinate with members to further refine the FEP II Implementation Plan and develop a draft Roadmap summarizing the Plan and specifying possible actions the Council, or Council in cooperation with state and regional partners will initiate or

- complete over the next two years. The FEP II Implementation Plan and Road map will be completed for consideration and approval at the March 2018 Council meeting.
- 2) Staff will further refine and enhance the format and capabilities of the FEP II Dashboard and finalize remaining FEP II Sections for activation on the Dashboard.
 - 3) Staff will continue to provide oversight of the South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup activities supporting completion of the next generation Ecopath model during winter 2018.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL