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## AGENDA

(Revised 5/23/2011)

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June 12-16, 2011

{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

#### Sunday, June 12

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

**Joint Executive/Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 1)**

1. Status report on the CY2011 Council expenditures and activities
2. Review/discuss and approve the CY2011 Council activities schedule and budget - **ACTION**

**2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**SOPPs Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 2)**

1. Review changes to SOPPs in accordance with Council direction at the March 2011 meeting - **ACTION**
2. Review SSC and AP policies and make appropriate modifications - **ACTION**
3. Approve changes to Administrative Handbook as proposed by staff - **ACTION**

**3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.**

**SEDAR Committee/David Cupka (TAB 3)**

1. Overview of SEDAR activities
2. SEFSC report on interjurisdictional stocks/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
3. Report on SEDAR Steering Committee meeting and follow-up actions - **ACTION**
4. SAFMC SEDAR administrative procedures revision - **ACTION**
5. SEDAR 27 appointments - **ACTION**

**Sunday, June 12**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**4:30 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.**

**SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Roy Crabtree (TAB 4)  
(CLOSED SESSION)**

1. Review updated SSC Policy - **ACTION**
2. Review SSC/SEP applicants and appoint members - **ACTION**

**Monday, June 13**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.**

**Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans  
(TAB 5) (CLOSED SESSION)**

1. Review updated AP Policy - **ACTION**
2. Review applications and develop recommendations for appointments - **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

**Law Enforcement Committee/George Geiger (TAB 6)**

1. Review the recommendations from the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel for Wildlife Officer of the Year award criteria - **ACTION**
2. Discuss other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

**10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Duane Harris  
(TAB 7)**

1. Status of catches versus quota for Octocorals
2. Review the final Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (CE-BA 2) document, modify as appropriate and approve for submission - **ACTION**
3. Update on Ecosystem Activities
  - NOAA Deep Sea Coral - Expedition 'Extreme Corals 2011'
  - South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative
  - Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership
  - South Atlantic Alliance
  - SECOORA
  - SEAMAP
  - EFH Research
  - Council Ecosystem Tools

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Mackerel Committee/George Geiger (TAB 8)**

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quota for species under a quota
2. Review draft options for Mackerel Amendment 19 (prohibition of sale) - **ACTION**
3. Take any actions necessary on Amendment 18 based on the joint Gulf and South Atlantic meeting - **ACTION**

**Monday, June 13**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Golden Crab Committee/David Cupka (TAB 9)**

1. Status of commercial catches (amount landed to-date)
2. Review Golden Crab Amendment 5 document (Catch Shares) - **ACTION**
3. Discuss appropriate changes to Amendment 5 - **ACTION**

**Tuesday, June 14**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 10)**

1. Report on Oculina activities (no research or outreach activity)
2. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for all species under quota management SSC report from April 5-7, 2011 meeting/Dr. Carolyn Belcher
3. Advisory Panel report from April 13-14, 2011 meeting/Don DeMaria
4. Status of Regulatory Amendment 9 (trip limits and black sea bass bag limit)

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 10)**

5. Regulatory Amendment 11 (modifications to the Amendment 17B 240 line closure)
  - Presentation on analyses conducted by the SERO
  - Committee provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
6. Review Comprehensive ACL Amendment and modify as necessary - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman David Cupka**

**Wednesday, June 15**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 10)**

7. Committee provide guidance to staff on finalizing the Comprehensive ACL Amendment - **ACTION**
8. Review Amendment 24 (red grouper rebuilding), modify as necessary and approve for public hearing - **ACTION**
9. Review status of Amendment 18A (golden tilefish, black sea bass and data collection) and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, June 15**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 10)**

11. Review status of Amendment 20 (Wreckfish ITQ), modify as necessary and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
12. Review status of remaining actions in Amendment 21 and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
13. Review status of Amendment 22 (long-term management of red snapper) and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

**Thursday, June 16**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

**8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

8:30 - 9:00

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of March 2011 Minutes/David Cupka

Presentations

9:00

Public comment will be accepted on the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (CE-BA 2), followed by public comment regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment. Persons with like or similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.

10:30 - 11:00

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 10)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:00 - 11:15

Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 8)

- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:15 - 11:45

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 7)

- Approve Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Thursday, June 16**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

**11:45 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

- 11:45 - 12:00      Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 9)  
▪ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 1:30      Lunch
- 1:30 - 1:45      SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 3)  
▪ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 1:45 - 2:00      Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 1)  
▪ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:00 - 2:15      SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 2)  
▪ Approve changes to SOPPs - **ACTION**  
▪ Approve changes to SSC and AP Policies - **ACTION**  
▪ Approve changes to Administrative Handbook- **ACTION**  
▪ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:15 - 2:30      Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 6)  
▪ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:30 - 2:45      SSC Selection Committee Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (TAB 4)  
▪ Review Committee recommendations and appoint members - **ACTION**  
▪ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:45 - 3:00      AP Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 5)  
▪ Review Committee recommendations and appoint members - **ACTION**  
▪ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Thursday, June 16**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

**3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

3:00 - 3:15

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

- Status of commercial quotas by fishing year for: dolphin (soft quota ratios) and other species not covered in the committee meetings.
- Status of recreational and commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO website
- Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

3:15 - 3:45

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)

- Status of Data Collection & Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
- Progress report on headboat data entry
- Review black sea bass catches since Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C was implemented and compare to TAC limits; provide guidance on overfishing and likely impacts on rebuilding schedule.

3:45 - 4:00

Report on the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) meeting in Charleston, SC/David Cupka (Attachment 4)

4:00 - 4:15

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**)

4:15 - 4:45

Agency and Liaison Reports (Attachment 5)

4:45 - 5:00

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 6)

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