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{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.}

Monday, June 10

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Council Member Visioning Workshop/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)

1. Recap of March 2013 Visioning Workshop
2. Review visioning decision document - **ACTION**
3. Review the Snapper Grouper FMP objectives
4. Develop a Vision Statement - **ACTION**
5. Provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committee/Doug Haymans and Tom Burgess (TAB 2)

1. Report on the Coral Advisory Panel meeting
2. Report on the Habitat Advisory Panel meeting
3. Report on the Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting
4. Coral Amendment 8
 - Review actions and alternatives
 - Review spatial information on habitat mapping and fishery activity for modified Coral HAPC area alternatives
 - Committee discussion, guidance to staff, and approval of Coral Amendment 8 for public hearings - **ACTION**
5. Update on ecosystem activities
6. Committee discussion and guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Monday, June 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Tom Swatzel (TAB 3)

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for dolphin and wahoo - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus quotas for dolphin and wahoo - NMFS SERO
3. Committee discussion as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Review and discuss Dolphin Wahoo AP meeting comments
5. Review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 decision document - **ACTION**
6. Discuss actions and alternatives, select preferred alternatives, and approve Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 for public hearings - **ACTION**

4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

SEDAR Committee/David Cupka (TAB 4)

1. SEDAR activities update
2. Review SEDAR Steering Committee recommendations
3. Provide guidance to Committee members - **ACTION**
4. Overview of ORCS Workshop Report and recommendations - **ACTION**
5. Overview of SAFMC research prioritization - **ACTION**
6. Approve Research Plan - **ACTION**
7. Develop recommendations for:
 - SEDAR 38 Schedule and Terms of Reference - **ACTION**
 - SEDAR 32 and 36 Terms of Reference review - **ACTION**
 - SEDAR 38 Participants (Closed Session) - **ACTION**
 - SEDAR 36 Participants (Closed Session) - **ACTION**

Tuesday, June 11

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

1. Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches vs. ACLs - NMFS SERO
3. Report on total removals of red snapper in 2012 from the U.S. South Atlantic - NMFS SEFSC
4. Committee discussion as appropriate - **ACTION**
5. Status of Amendments under formal review - NMFS SERO
 - Regulatory Amendment 13/EA (MRIP adjustments)
 - Regulatory Amendment 15/EA (yellowtail snapper, gag and red snapper)
 - Amendment 28/EA (red snapper framework)
 - Amendment 27/EA (management authority, framework, crew size and blue runner)
 - Regulatory Amendment 18/EA (vermilion snapper and red porgy)
 - Regulatory Amendment 19/EA (black sea bass)
6. Updates on MARMAP, SEAMAP, and SEFIS
7. Report on the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel meeting
8. Report on the Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting

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

Lunch

Tuesday, June 11

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

9. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multi-Species)
 - Committee provide guidance to staff and approve Regulatory Amendment 14 for public hearings - **ACTION**
10. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (golden tilefish)
 - Committee provide guidance to staff and approve Regulatory Amendment 16 for public hearings - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

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

Wednesday, June 12

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

11. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 (VMS)
 - Review public hearing comments
 - Committee discuss approval of Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 for formal review and deeming of the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**
12. Update on Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (Allocations and ORCS)
 - Committee provide guidance to staff on content and timing - **ACTION**
13. Overview of options for Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track recreational harvest)
 - Committee provide guidance to staff on content and timing - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 6)

1. Status of commercial catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia - NMFS SERO
3. Committee discussion as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. SSC report on SEDAR 28 (Spanish mackerel and cobia)
 - Discuss SEDAR 28 and take action as necessary - **ACTION**
5. Report on the Mackerel Advisory Panel meeting
6. Overview of Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 19
 - Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, provide guidance to staff, and approve Amendment 19 for public hearings - **ACTION**
7. Overview of Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 20
 - Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, provide guidance to staff, and approve Amendment 20 for public hearings - **ACTION**
8. Overview of South Atlantic Mackerel Framework actions
 - Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, provide guidance to staff, and approve South Atlantic Framework actions for public hearings - **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 12

COMMITTEE MEETING

5:30 P.M. **Public comment will be accepted on Snapper Grouper Amendment 30; 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.**

Thursday, June 13

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.** **Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 7) (Closed Session)**
1. Review advisory panel applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**
- 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.** **SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8) (Closed Session)**
1. Review SSC and SEP applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**
- 10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.** **Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 9) (Closed Session)**
1. Review Law Enforcement Officer of the Year nominations and develop a recommendation for Officer of the Year- **ACTION**
- 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon** **Executive Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 10)**
1. Status of Council CY 2013 funding
2. Status of our CY 2013 budget expenditures
3. Update on Joint Committee on South Florida Management Issues activities
4. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
5. Florida tarpon issue - **ACTION**
6. Discuss NEFMC and MAFMC sustainable certification motions - **ACTION**
7. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.** **Protected Resources Committee/David Cupka (TAB 11)**
1. Update from SERO Protected Resources Division on the following:
• Atlantic Sturgeon
• Coral
• Right Whales and Black Sea Bass Pot Fishery
• Nassau Grouper
• Herring
2. Briefings on American eel and loggerhead sea turtles and critical habitat.
3. Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Thursday, June 13

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Data Collection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 12)

1. Status of Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment review - NMFS SERO
2. Status of Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Council Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (SA only) review - NMFS SERO
3. Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Summary project report on the Pilot Study to Test the Feasibility of Electronic Logbook Reporting in Gulf of Mexico for For-hire Vessels
 - Briefing on the project findings and possible next steps
 - Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**
5. Overview on the CMP Framework for Headboat Reporting in the Gulf
 - Committee discussion, provide guidance to staff and approve next steps for the CMP Framework for Headboat Reporting in the Gulf - **ACTION**
6. Overview of Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment and Gulf actions
 - Committee discussion, provide guidance to staff and approve next steps for the Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment - **ACTION**
7. Overview of Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment and Gulf actions
 - Committee discussion, provide guidance to staff and approve next steps for the Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment - **ACTION**
8. Overview of SEFSC Sampling Protocols for Biological Samples (Size/Age) and Research Projects (Red Snapper/Black Sea Bass juvenile index with pinfish traps)/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
 - Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, June 14

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

8:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

8:00 - 8:15

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of May 2013 Minutes/David Cupka
Presentation/David Cupka

8:15 - 9:00

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

- Approve Regulatory Amendment 14 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve Regulatory Amendment 16 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, June 14

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

9:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

9:00 - 9:15

Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committee Report/Doug Haymans and Tom Burgess (TAB 2)

- Approve Coral Amendment 8 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:30

Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 3)

- Approve Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:30 - 9:45

SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 4)

- Approve the Research Plan - **ACTION**
- Approve the following:
 - SEDAR 38 Terms of Reference - **ACTION**
 - SEDAR 32 and 36 Terms of Reference review - **ACTION**
 - SEDAR 38 Participants - **ACTION**
 - SEDAR 36 Participants - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:45 - 10:00

Council Member Visioning Workshop Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)

- Approve Vision Statement - **ACTION**
- Consider recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:00 - 10:15

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 6)

- Approve Amendment 19 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve Amendment 20 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve South Atlantic framework actions for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:15 - 10:30

Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 7)

- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of AP members and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:30 - 10:45

SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of SSC members and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, June 14 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

10:45 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

- 10:45 - 11:00 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 9)
- Choose the Law Enforcement Officer of the year - **ACTION**
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Executive Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 10)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
 - Take action on the Florida tarpon issue - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30 Protected Resources Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:45 Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 12)
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 12:00 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)
- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - Status of Shrimp Amendment 9
 - Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 12:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)
- Update on bycatch data collection activities
 - Update on headboat data entry
- 12:15 - 12:30 Report on the annual CCC meeting/David Cupka (Attachment 4)
- 12:30 - 12:45 Update on the Marine Resource Education Program (Attachment 5)
- 12:45 - 1:00 Agency and Liaison Reports
- 1:00 - 1:15 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 6)
- 1:15 - 1:30 Legal briefing on litigation if necessary/Monica Smit-Brunello
(Closed Session)

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