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June 9-13, 2014

{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 9

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:00 A.M. to 11:30

Visioning Workshop/Michelle Duval (TAB 1)

1. Introduction and overview of port meetings
2. Review and discuss state port meeting summaries
3. Review and discuss comments received via port meeting discussion forms
4. Planning for next steps and direction to staff – **ACTION**

11:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Presentation on development of a National Recreational Fishing Policy/Russ Dunn-NMFS

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

Lunch

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

Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 2)

1. Habitat Advisory Panel meeting report
2. Overview of redrafted EFH policy statements
 - Committee discussion and approval of policy statements - **ACTION**
3. Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs and Oculina HAPC Transit) - **SERO**
4. Coral Advisory Panel meeting report - **ACTION**
5. Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting report - **ACTION**
6. Update on ecosystem activities - **ACTION**

Monday, June 9

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Executive Finance Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 3)

1. Approve the CY 2014 Council budget - **ACTION**
2. Status of our CY 2014 budget expenditures
3. Address Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
4. Update on Joint Committee on South Florida Management Issues - **ACTION**
5. Overview of proposed MSFCMA Bills - **ACTION**
6. Report on the CCC meeting
7. Status of the Beaufort Lab
8. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

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

Protected Resources Committee/David Cupka (TAB 4)

1. Update for ongoing consultation/NMFS SERO PRD
2. Report on final Biological Opinion for the Southeastern Shrimp Fisheries NMFS SERO PRD
3. Report on final determination for coral listings/NMFS SERO PRD
4. Report on proposed critical habitat for loggerhead sea turtles/USFWS North Florida Office
5. Discuss reports and take any action necessary - **ACTION**

Tuesday, June 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 5)

1. Review SSC applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**

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

Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 6)

1. Review AP applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**

10:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 7)

1. Develop recommendation for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

SEDAR Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

1. SEDAR activities update - **ACTION**
2. SAFMC assessment priorities overview - **ACTION**
3. SEDAR Steering Committee report - **ACTION**
4. Overview of the South Atlantic Fishery Dependent Workshop - **ACTION**
5. SAFMC assessment peer review process overview - **ACTION**
6. Review 2014 research and monitoring plan - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Tuesday, June 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches vs. ACLs/NMFS SERO
 - Overview and explanation of commercial golden tilefish overage
 - Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Status of Amendments under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
 - Emergency Rule (Blueline tilefish)
 - Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSST)
3. Report on 2014 Red Snapper Season/NMFS SERO
4. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report - **ACTION**
5. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report - **ACTION**
6. Report on the status of Oculina Experimental Closed Area evaluation team work
 - Review, modify, and approve the Evaluation Report and determine if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
7. Annual update on South Atlantic fishery-independent surveys
8. Review Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - Modify document, choose preferred alternatives, and provide guidance - **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 11

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

9. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track recreational harvest)
 - Discuss amendment and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
10. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS and management measures for gray triggerfish)
 - Modify amendment as appropriate and make recommendation to approve for formal review - **ACTION**
11. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 (blueline tilefish)
 - Modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
12. Review Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper)
 - Modify document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
13. Review approach and options for setting gag and wreckfish fishing level recommendations
 - SSC recommendations (including projections)
 - Approve approach, approve alternatives and provide guidance on timing to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Wednesday, June 11

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

- 14. Review Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) scoping document and potential alternative approach
 - Modify the amendment as appropriate and approve for scoping - **ACTION**
- 15. Review draft letter supporting the renewal of Corps permits for artificial reef construction off the coast of NE Florida
 - Take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 16. Review scoping document for Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Species Removal)
 - Modify as appropriate and approve for scoping - **ACTION**
- 17. Review joint South Atlantic and Gulf Generic Amendment
 - Modify as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
- 18. Discuss the golden tilefish longline endorsement/hook and line issue
 - Take action as necessary - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

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

Thursday, June 12

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Joint Dolphin Wahoo and Snapper Grouper Committees/Anna Beckwith and Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- 1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Dolphin and Wahoo/NMFS SERO
 - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
- 2. Status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5/NMFS SERO
- 3. Advisory Panel report
- 4. Review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 and the decision document (Fillets from The Bahamas)
 - Modify the amendment as appropriate and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
- 5. Review/discuss the Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendments
 - Modify the amendment as appropriate and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Highly Migratory Species Committee/David Cupka (TAB 11)

- 1. Discuss shark interactions with south Atlantic fisheries
 - Provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

- 1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel and Cobia/NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review/NMFS SERO
- 3. Mackerel Advisory Panel report

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

Lunch

Thursday, June 12

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Mackerel Committee cont./Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

4. Review Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 2 (Spanish Mackerel trip limits)
 - Modify the document as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
5. Review Amendment 24 options paper (allocations and ACL shift)
 - Provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Information and Education Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 13)

1. Report on the Information and Education Advisory Panel - **ACTION**
2. Summary of the SAFMC-hosted Science Communication Workshop

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

Golden Crab Committee/David Cupka (TAB 14)

1. Status of Commercial Catch versus ACL for Golden Crab/NMFS SERO
2. Report on the Golden Crab Advisory Panel meeting Overview
 - Provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
3. Review Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - Revise the amendment as appropriate and approve for public hearing - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 15)

1. Status of Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Council Generic Dealer Amendment/NMFS SERO
 - Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Presentation on the Electronic Technology (Data Collection and Monitoring) Implementation Plan/Dr. Andy Strelcheck, NMFS SERO
 - Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Presentation on the status of work in northeast related to CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)/Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA GC
 - Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Overview options paper on how commercial fishermen could report electronically and via paper
 - Provide staff guidance on options/timing - **ACTION**
5. Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study/Bonnie Ponwith, SEFSC
 - Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
6. Review Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - Overview of Gulf Council Action, status, and next steps
 - Report on Technical Committee meeting
 - Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

Public comment will be accepted on the following item scheduled for final Council action at this meeting: (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 29. Following comment on Amendment 29 public comment will be accepted regarding any other item on the Council agenda. The Chairman, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Friday, June 13

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 16)

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of March 2014 Minutes/Ben Hartig
Presentations

8:45 - 9:00

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 for public hearings – **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) or Amendment 35 for scoping - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:00 - 9:15

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

- Approve/Disapprove the South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Framework 2 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:30

Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 10)

- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 7 for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Generic Allocation/Accountability Measures Amendment (Dolphin Wahoo) for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:30 - 9:45

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

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

9:45 -10:00

Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 7)

- Name Law Enforcement Officer of the Year - **ACTION**
- Consider recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:00 - 10:15

Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans and Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 2)

- Approve/Disapprove EFH Policy Statements - **ACTION**
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, June 13

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 16)

- 10:15 - 10:30 Protected Resources Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45 SEDAR Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:00 Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of AP members - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Executive Finance Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 3)
- Approve CY 2014 Council budget - **ACTION**
 - Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
 - Take action on the South Florida Management issues as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 15)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:45 SSC Selection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of SSC members - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 12:00 HMS Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 1:30 Lunch
- 1:30 - 1:45 Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 14)
- Approve/Disapprove Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment for public hearing - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 1:45 - 2:00 Information and Education Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 13)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, June 13

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 16)

2:00 - 2:15

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
- Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

2:15 - 2:30

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

- Update on bycatch data collection activities
- Update on headboat data entry

2:30 - 3:00

Agency and Liaison Reports

3:00 - 3:15

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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