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MEMORANDUM

TO: SAFMC Mackerel Advisory Panel
FROM: Gregg Waugh *GTW*
SUBJECT: Briefing Materials for Mackerel Advisory Panel Meeting April 24 – 25, 2012

The Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) will meet in North Charleston beginning at 1:30 p.m. on April 24th and ending at 4:00 p.m. on April 25th. **The briefing materials are included.**

This AP meeting will give you the opportunity to provide your recommendations to the Council for their June 11-15, 2012 meeting where they will be approving Mackerel Amendments 19 & 20 for public hearings. Public hearings are scheduled for the weeks of August 6th and August 13th. We will let you know how this scheduling works out.

You will also be reviewing potential items that can be implemented through framework; a draft list will be included with the briefing materials for your April meeting.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

If you have any questions about the meeting or have materials you would like distributed, please contact me at the Council office or via e-mail at gregg.waugh@safmc.net

cc: SAFMC: Council Members and Staff
GMFMC: Rick Leard
SERO: Phil Stele, Jack McGovern & Sue Gerhart
NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello
SEFSC: Tom Jamir

Meeting arrangements are as follows:

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn
5265 International Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: 1-800-445-8667 or 843-308-9330
Fax: 843-308-9331

Group Rate: \$137.00 (Tax Exempt)
\$155.50 (Non Tax Exempt - \$137 plus 13.5% (\$18.50))

NOTE: The rate is good for single and double occupancy for 3 days pre- and post-meeting based on availability.

Cutoff Date for Reservations: Friday, March 30, 2012

Group Code: When making your reservation, please indicate code "MAC".

Dates and Times of Meeting: The meeting will start @ 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, and end at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

Authorized travel dates for this meeting: Tuesday, 4/24; Wednesday, 4/25 (3 Nights); checkout 4/26/12.

Reservations: All reservations to be made by individual call-in. Those individuals whose room charge is to be covered by the South Atlantic Council should use their personal credit card to hold the room only. A list will be sent to the hotel with the names and authorized room nights for those individuals. These individuals, however, are responsible for payment of any incidentals charged to their room upon checkout. Travel orders will be mailed along with a briefing package prior to the meeting. **Please make your reservations early.**

Parking Charges: Complimentary

Shuttle Service to and From Airport: Complimentary (24-hour service)

As a reminder, AP members and other participants (eligible for council travel reimbursement) flying to the meeting should obtain their airline tickets through our government travel account. To receive these reduced airfares, tickets must be purchased through the Charleston AAA travel office and be charged to the Council account. Call AAA at 1-800-765-6223 and ask for Connie Eichel to schedule your travel. Be sure to tell her you are traveling for the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council on official business. Connie will be able to secure the lowest cost ticket, which may be a government fare or non-refundable ticket fare.