



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

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March 3-7, 2008

#### Monday, March 3

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**Joint LAPP Workgroup and Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 1)**

1. LAPP Workgroup presentation of final report to Committee
2. Discussion of final report - **ACTION**

**6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.**

Redstone Consulting Group presentation on LAPPs

#### Tuesday, March 4

#### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**LAPP Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 2)**

1. Discuss development of Amendment 18 - **ACTION**
  - Determination of actions to be included (considered)
  - Timing
  - Direction to staff

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

**Lunch**

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

**Executive/Finance Committee/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 3)**

1. Review the final CY 2008 Council budget
2. Review CY 2008-2010 FMP/Amendment/Framework Timelines and modify as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Report on President's FY 2009 budget
4. Review and develop comments on H.R. 4087 introduced by Congressman Jones from North Carolina - **ACTION**

**Tuesday, March 4**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**2:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 4)**

1. Review public hearing comments on Amendment 15B
2. Modify Amendment 15B as necessary - **ACTION**
3. Approve recommending Council submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
4. Review Amendment 16 and modify as appropriate - **ACTION**
5. Approve Amendment 16 for public hearing - **ACTION**

-----**Concurrent Session**-----

**Tuesday, March 4**

**ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**

**1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**Law Enforcement Advisory Panel/Colonel Bruce Buckson (TAB 5)**

1. Discuss Law Enforcement AP's role in development of the LAPPs - **ACTION**
2. Discuss and comment on the following:
  - snapper grouper amendment issues - **ACTION**
  - spiny lobster issues and future amendment
  - open water aquaculture
  - circle hook enforcement
  - Oculina banks, HAPCs, MPAs and other closed areas
3. Update on the issue of the sale of recreationally caught fish

**Wednesday, March 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 4)**

6. Review and discuss scoping comments on Amendment 17
7. Provide direction to staff on options to be developed - **ACTION**
8. Report on pre-closure survey of proposed MPAs/Dr. Andy David-NMFS
9. Update on Gray's Reef Research Area, spearfishing issue and need for regulations/Dr. Greg McFall-NOS NMS

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

**Lunch**

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

**Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 6)**

1. VMS presentation/Dr. Tom Jamir and Dr. Carlos Riverio
2. Review the Habitat, Coral, Deepwater Shrimp and Golden Crab Advisory Panels' input on the FEP Comprehensive Amendment (FEPCA)

**Wednesday, March 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee cont./Duane Harris (TAB 6)**

3. Review the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) and modify as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Approve the FEP for public hearing - **ACTION**
5. Modify the FEPCA as appropriate - **ACTION**
6. Approve the FEPCA for public hearing - **ACTION**
7. Review and comment on proposed critical habitat for staghorn and elkhorn corals
8. Discuss habitat issues as necessary
  - Presentation on the Effect of Lobster Traps on Coral Communities in the Florida Keys/Tom Matthews FWC
9. Report on deepwater corals research/SEFSC
10. Review and approve SAFMC energy policy

**Thursday, March 6**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Spiny Lobster Committee/Tony Iarocci (TAB 7)**

1. Review the scoping comments on the Generic Import Amendment (GIA)
2. Status of Florida's changes to the lobster regulations
3. Plan timeline for ACL amendment

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

**Shrimp Committee/David Cupka (TAB 8)**

1. Review Amendment 7 scoping comments
2. Provide direction to staff on options to be included in Amendment 7 - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Allocation Committee/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 9)**

1. Review allocation scoping comments
2. Provide direction to staff on options to be included in an Allocation Amendment - **ACTION**

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

**SOPPs Committee/George Geiger (10)**

1. Status of Secretarial review of Council SOPPs
2. Develop changes to SOPPs as necessary - **ACTION**

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

**SSC Selection Committee/Mark Robson (TAB 11)(CLOSED SESSION)**

1. Discuss any guidance from NMFS affecting the SSC resulting from the MSRA amendments - **ACTION**
2. Review the responses from the letter sent to SSC members
3. Review applicants and make appointments as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Thursday, March 6**

**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.**

**Personnel Committee/Susan Shipman (TAB 12)  
(CLOSED SESSION)**

1. Discuss personnel issues

**Friday, March 7**

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

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

8:00 - 8:15

Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of December 2007 Minutes/George Geiger

8:15 - 8:45

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 4)  
➤ **Public Comment on Amendment 15B (8:15 A.M.)**  
➤ Approve Amendment 15B for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**  
➤ Approve Amendment 16 for public hearing - **ACTION**  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

8:45 - 9:00

LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 2)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:00 - 9:15

Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 6)  
➤ Approve Fishery Ecosystem Plan for public hearing - **ACTION**  
➤ Approve the FEP Comprehensive Amendment for public hearing - **ACTION**  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:30

Joint Executive and Finance Committee Report/George Geiger and David Cupka (TAB 3)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:30 - 9:45

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 7)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:45 - 10:00

Shrimp Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Friday, March 7**

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

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

- 10:00 - 10:15                    Allocation Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 9)  
    ➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action  
    as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30                    SOPPs Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 10)  
    ➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action  
    as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45                    SSC Selection Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 11)  
    ➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action  
    as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:00                    Report on the CCC meeting/George Geiger (Attachment 1)
- 11:00 - 11:15                    Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)  
    1. Quotas: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel  
    (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, Wreckfish,  
    Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper,  
    Red Pogy, Vermilion Snapper, Greater Amberjack,  
    South Atlantic Octocorals and Dolphin soft quota  
    ratios  
    2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 15A & 14  
    3. Status of Red Drum transfer
- 11:15 - 11:30                    Review Experimental Fishing Permit applications as  
    necessary/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 3)
- 11:30 - 11:45                    NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 4)  
    1. Status of data collection programs to address the red  
    pogy, black sea bass, vermilion snapper and king  
    mackerel (aging and fecundity) assessments.  
    2. Status of Stock Assessment Improvement Plan  
    3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations:  
    Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass,  
    Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Red Pogy,  
    Vermilion Snapper, Greater Amberjack and Dolphin
- 11:45 - 12:15                    Agency and Liaison Reports
- 12:15 - 12:30                    Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)

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