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March 7-11, 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.}

Monday, March 7

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Spiny Lobster Committee/Mark Robson (TAB 1)

1. Review draft Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS
- **ACTION**
2. Modify Amendment 10/DEIS based on Gulf Council actions
as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Approve modified Amendment 10/DEIS for public
hearing - **ACTION**

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

Mackerel Committee/George Geiger (TAB 2)

1. Review draft Mackerel Amendment 18/EA - **ACTION**
2. Modify Amendment 18/EA based on Gulf Council actions
as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Approve modified Amendment 18/EA for public
hearing - **ACTION**
4. Provide Committee direction to staff on Mackerel Amendment
19 - **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 3)

1. Review public hearing comments
2. Overview of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2
(CE-BA 2) actions and alternatives - **ACTION**
3. Committee discussion and provide guidance to
staff - **ACTION**
4. Initial approval of CE-BA 2 - **ACTION**
5. Update on ecosystem activities

Monday, March 7

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

---MONDAY CONCURRENT SESSION---

- 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.** **Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Meeting/Capt. Chisolm Frampton**
1. Overview, discussion and development of recommendations on the following Council actions:
 - Regulatory Amendment 9 - **ACTION**
 - Black sea bass bag limit analysis - **ACTION**
 - Comprehensive ACL Amendment - **ACTION**
 - Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 - **ACTION**
 - Regulatory Amendment 11 - **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 8

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.** **Joint Law Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel/George Geiger & Capt. Chisolm Frampton (TAB 4)**
1. Presentation on vessel monitoring systems
 2. LEAP report to the Committee - **ACTION**
- 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.** **Golden Crab Committee/David Cupka (TAB 5)**
1. Review Golden Crab Amendment 5 (Catch Shares) public scoping comments
 2. Discuss appropriate changes to Amendment 5 - **ACTION**
- 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon** **Shrimp Committee/Robert Boyles (TAB 6)**
1. Report on over wintering status of shrimp resource
 2. Determine if a closure is necessary - **ACTION**
- 12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.** **SEDAR Committee/David Cupka (TAB 7)**
1. Update on SEDAR activities
 2. Report on SEDAR Steering Committee meeting and follow-up actions - **ACTION**
 3. Develop recommendations for the May 2011 Steering Committee meeting - **ACTION**
- 2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.** **Joint Executive/Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 8)**
1. Status report on the CY 2011 Council budget and activities
 2. Status of FY 2011 Congressional budget
 3. Review/discuss tentative CY 2011 Council budget and activities schedule - **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 8

COMMITTEE MEETING

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

SOPPs Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 9)

1. Develop changes to SOPPs in accordance with the final rule as proposed by staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 9

COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 10)

1. Report on Oculina activities
2. SSC reports/Chair Dr. Carolyn Belcher
3. Black sea bass bag limit
 - Overview of issue and analysis
 - Develop direction to staff on how to proceed - **ACTION**
4. Regulatory Amendment 9
 - Review public hearing comments - **ACTION**
 - Modify amendment as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Recommend approval for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
5. Regulatory Amendment 11
 - Review the amendment and modify as appropriate - **ACTION**
6. Report on the status of Amendment 18A

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)

7. Comprehensive ACL Amendment
 - Review public hearing comments - **ACTION**
 - Modify amendment as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Initial approval of the ACL Amendment - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

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

Thursday, March 10

COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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

8. Report on the status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 20
9. Report on the status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 21
10. Report on the status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 22
11. Report on the status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 24

Thursday, March 10

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

10:30 - 10:45

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of December 2010 Minutes/David Cupka

10:45

Public comment will be accepted on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 9 and black sea bass bag limit changes 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.

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 3:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 10)

- Approve Regulatory Amendment 9 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve the black sea bass recreational bag limit changes - **ACTION**
- Initial approval of the Comprehensive ACL Amendment - **ACTION**
- Address Regulatory Amendment 11 issues - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:30 - 3:45

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 1)

- Approve Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:45 - 4:00

Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 2)

- Approve Mackerel Amendment 18/EA for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

4:00 - 4:15

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 3)

- Initial approval of CE-BA 2 - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Thursday, March 10

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

4:15 P.M. to 5:15 P.M.

4:15 - 4:30

Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)

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

4:30 - 4:45

SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 7)

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

4:45 - 5:15

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (**Closed Session**)

Friday, March 11

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

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

8:30 - 8:45

Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)

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

8:45 - 9:00

SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 9)

- Approve changes to SOPPs - **ACTION**
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:00 - 9:15

Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 4)

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

9:15 - 9:30

Shrimp Committee Report/Robert Boyles (TAB 6)

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

9:30 - 10:00

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

1. Status of Commercial quotas by fishing year for: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and dolphin (soft quota ratios), vermilion snapper, black sea bass, red porgy and gag
2. Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
3. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B
4. Status of Regulatory Amendment 10
5. Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

Friday, March 11

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

10:00 - 10:30

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

1. Status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate: Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel; cobia; snowy grouper; gag; black sea bass; golden tilefish; red porgy; greater amberjack; dolphin and wahoo; vermilion, red, mutton and yellowtail snapper
2. Status of Data Collection & Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
3. Progress reports on headboat data entry
4. 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.

10:30 - 11:30

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:30 - 12:00

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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