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AGENDA COUNCIL SESSION

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March 5-6, 2009

Thursday, March 5

- 1:30 - 1:45 Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of December 2008 Minutes/Duane Harris
- 1:45 - 2:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 12)
➤ Public comment on an Interim Rule for red snapper (if the Council considers an Interim Rule request) (**1:45 P.M.**)
➤ Decision on submitting a Red Snapper Interim Rule request to the Secretary of Commerce
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:30 - 3:00 Joint Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront/Mark Robson (TAB 10)
➤ Public comment on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) (**2:30 P.M. or immediately following the Snapper Grouper Committee Report**)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:00 - 3:15 SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 2)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Thursday, March 5

- 3:15 - 3:30 Joint Executive Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris & David Cupka (TAB 3)
➤ Approve the CY 2009 Budget (as necessary) - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:30 - 3:45 LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 4)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:45 - 4:00 Golden Crab Committee Report/John Wallace (TAB 5)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:00 - 4:15 Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 6)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30 Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 7)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:30 - 4:45 Shrimp Committee Report/Susan Shipman (TAB 8)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:45 - 5:00 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 11)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 5:00 - 5:15 Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 1) - **ACTION**

Friday, March 6

- 8:30 - 8:45 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)
1. Quotas: 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)
 2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C quota
 3. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 14 (MPAs)
 4. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16 and the Interim Rule
 5. Protected Species Issues
 6. VMS Compliance report (LE)

Friday, March 6

- 8:45 - 9:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 3)
1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
 2. Progress reports on red and black grouper aging
 3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations: Atlantic King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Red Porgy, Greater Amberjack and Dolphin
- 9:15 - 9:45 Agency and Liaison Reports
- 9:45 - 10:00 Other Business
Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

ADJOURN

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