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March 2-6, 2015

{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 2

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE/ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

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

1. Recap of December 2014 Visioning Workshop
2. Overview of draft snapper grouper goals/objectives - **ACTION**
3. Overview summary statistics for the snapper grouper fishery - **ACTION**
4. Discuss planning and timelines for collecting public input on the Draft Vision Blueprint - **ACTION**
 - Discuss next steps and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

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

1. Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs and Transit Through Oculina HAPC)/SERO
2. Overview of updated Beach Renourishment Policy Statement - **ACTION**
3. South Atlantic Ecosystem Session
4. Develop recommendations and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Monday, March 2

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE/ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

-----Concurrent Session-----

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

Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (TAB 3)

1. Update on recently completed and developing amendments
2. Status of Joint Enforcement Agreements (JEAs) - **ACTION**
 - Special Agent Jeff Radonski/NOAA OLE
 - State LE representatives (FL, GA, SC, and NC)
3. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (removing species and golden tilefish endorsements issue)
 - Discuss Amendment 35 and develop recommendations for the Council - **ACTION**
4. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - Discuss Amendment 36 and develop recommendations for the Council - **ACTION**
5. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - Discuss Regulatory Amendment 16 and develop recommendations for the Council - **ACTION**
6. Discuss remote sensing as a tool to monitor MPA compliance and develop recommendations for the Council - **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 3

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

SEDAR Committee/Ben Hartig (Partially Closed) (TAB 4)

1. Develop SEDAR appointment recommendations for the SEDAR 41, Data Best Practices Procedure Workshop - **ACTION (Closed Session)**
2. SEDAR Activities Update
3. SEFSC Updates
 - Headboat Data Evaluation/SEFSC Staff
 - Assessment Program Review
 - 2017-2018 stock assessment capacity

9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

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

1. Overview of SSC Policies
 - Develop recommendations for modifications - **ACTION**

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

Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 6)

1. Report on ongoing formal consultations and other Protected Resources updates/SERO
2. Presentation on the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Biological Opinion/SERO - **ACTION**
3. Overview of Advanced Notice of Rulemaking and Request of Information for Coral - **ACTION**
4. Overview of ESA/MSA Integration Agreement - **ACTION**
5. Overview of the proposed modification to North Atlantic Right Whale Critical Habitat/SERO PRD
 - Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 3

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)

1. Status of commercial and recreational catch vs. ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Report on the Spiny Lobster Review Panel recommendations
3. Discuss the report, take action as necessary and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Amendment 29 (ORCS)
 - Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
 - Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy grouper)
 - Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag and Wreckfish)
 - Amendment 33 (Fillets from The Bahamas)
 - Amendment 34 (Comprehensive AMs)
3. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Short-term visioning, hogfish, jacks complex, almaco jack trip limits, size limits on deepwater species, and red grouper)
 - Develop recommendations for items to include in the amendment and timing for development - **ACTION**
4. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Harvest tag program)
 - Discuss Amendment 22 and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
5. Report from the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team (ALWTRT) meeting
 - Discuss the report and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 4

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

6. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16
 - Develop recommendations for modifying the document and choose preferred alternatives for all actions - **ACTION**
7. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - Review the decision document and develop recommendations for modifying the document as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Approve Amendment 36 for public hearings - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Wednesday, March 4

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

8. Overview of the draft System Management Plan for Deepwater MPAs
 - Review the plan and modify as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
9. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species and Golden Tilefish Endorsements Issue)
 - Review of public hearing comments
 - Review the Amendment and modify as appropriate and approve all actions - **ACTION**
10. Discussion of blueline tilefish landings north of North Carolina
 - Presentation on blueline tilefish landings/Dr. Jack McGovern, NMFS SERO
 - Legal issues/Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA General Counsel
 - Overview of decision document
 - Consider recommending an emergency rule or interim action and provide guidance to staff on next steps and timing - **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, March 5

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Status of amendments under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Amendment 20B (boundaries and transit provisions)
 - South Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013 (Spanish mackerel transfer-at-sea king mackerel trip limits in the east coast FL subzone)
 - CMP Framework Amendment 1 (Spanish Mackerel ACLs)
 - CMP Framework Amendment 2 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel trip limits)
3. Report on the Gulf Council meeting and actions taken
4. Review scoping meeting comments
5. CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel ACLs, allocations, stock boundary, sale provisions)
 - Review the Decision Document - **ACTION**
 - Provide direction to staff on the content and timing for the amendment - **ACTION**
6. Overview of options for separate South Atlantic and Gulf Fishery Management Plans for mackerel/NOAA General Counsel/Council staff
 - Discuss and take action as necessary and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Thursday, March 5

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Executive Finance Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 10)

1. Status of our CY 2015 budget and budget expenditures
2. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
3. Update on the Joint South Florida Committee Issues - **ACTION**
4. CCC meeting report
5. Staff health insurance update - **ACTION**
6. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

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

Golden Crab Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 11)

1. Status of Commercial Catch versus ACL for golden crab/NMFS SERO
2. Update on status of Amendment 9
3. Report on Golden Crab AP Meeting - **ACTION**

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

Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 12)

1. Status of work on Bycatch Reporting in the Southeast/NMFS SEFSC/SERO
 - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
2. Presentation on the Electronic Technology Implementation Plan (Data Collection and Monitoring)/NMFS SERO
 - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
3. Overview and Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - Committee discussion and guidance to staff on timing - **ACTION**
4. SEFSC Presentation on the status of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project/SEFSC
 - Committee discussion - **ACTION**
5. Overview of Gulf Council action, status, and next steps for the Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - Overview of Decision Document
 - Discuss the amendment and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

Public comment will be accepted regarding any items 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, March 6

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

8:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M.

8:30 - 8:45

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

8:45 - 9:00

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, March 6

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 9:00 - 9:15 Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30 SSC Selection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Council Member Visioning Workshop Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 -10:00 Joint Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee and Ecosystem Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 2)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 -10:15 Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 6)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30 SEDAR Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 4)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 10)
• 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**
- 10:45 - 11:00 Golden Crab Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 11)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 12)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:15 -11:30 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, March 6

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 11:30 - 12:00 Presentation on Amendment 6 to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory (HMS) Species Fishery Management Plan/Guy DuBeck NMFS HMS (Attachment 1)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Presentation on the Council member Financial Disclosure Forms/Monica Smit-Brunello (Attachment 2)
- 12:30 - 12:45 MREP Update/Kim Iverson (Attachment 3)
- 12:45 - 1:00 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 4)
- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 5a & 5b) - **ACTION**
- 1:00 - 1:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 6)
- Update on bycatch data collection activities
 - Update on headboat data entry
- 1:15 - 1:45 Agency and Liaison Reports (Attachment 7)
- 1:45 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 8)

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