

Overview

Protected Resources Committee

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The Protected Resources Committee will meet to discuss South Atlantic protected species and receive updates on associated regulatory/management actions that the Council should be knowledgeable of when managing South Atlantic fisheries. SERO Protected Resource Division (PRD) staff will report on (1) protected resources-related updates for the South Atlantic region, including the Proposed Rule to List Oceanic Whitetip Shark as Threatened (comments due March 29). Following, the Council will be briefed by US Fish and Wildlife Service and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission staff on the status updates for Atlantic Sturgeon and Red Knot. The Committee will discuss potential action for each item, provide guidance to staff, and address issues under Other Business as needed.

1. South Atlantic Protected Resource-Related Updates (Attachments 1-3)

Staff from the SERO Protected Resources Division (PRD) will provide the Committee with an update on protected resources issues in the South Atlantic region including the Proposed Rule to List Oceanic Whitetip Shark as Threatened (comments due March 29).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action, as necessary.

2. Updates on Atlantic Sturgeon Stock Assessment

Dr. Wilson Laney, US Fish and Wildlife Service, will give an update on the Atlantic Sturgeon stock assessment under preparation by ASMFC.

3. Updates from US Fish and Wildlife Service

Dr. Wilson Laney, US Fish and Wildlife Service, the status of Red Knot Critical Habitat being prepared by the US Fish and Wildlife Service and other protected resource issues.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action, as necessary.

4. Other Business

The committee will address items under Other Business as appropriate

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