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AGENDA

Protected Resources Committee

The Charleston Marriott Hotel 170 Lockwood Boulevard Charleston, SC

Thursday, September 19, 2013 – 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

- 1. Approval of Agenda David Cupka
- 2. Approval of June 2013 Protected Resources Committee minutes David Cupka
- 3. Update for ongoing consultations SERO Staff
- 4. Presentation on Biology/Behavior of Right Whales to inform black sea bass pot risk (Attachment 1)—SERO Staff
- 5. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan SERO Staff
 - A. Proposed Rule (Attachments 2a/2b)
 - B. Take Reduction Plan Presentation (Attachment 3)
- 6. ESA Working Group Update (Attachment 4) SAFMC Staff
- 7. Additional Briefings
 - A. River Herring (**Attachment 5**) SERO Staff
 - B. American Eel Wilson Laney
 - C. Loggerhead Sea Turtle Critical Habitat (Attachments 6a/6b) Wilson Laney
 - D. Atlantic Sturgeon Stock Assessment Update Wilson Laney
- 8. Committee Discussion & Actions as Necessary David Cupka
- 9. Other Business David Cupka

10. Adjourn – David Cupka

Protected Resources Committee

David Cupka, Chair Wilson Laney, Vice Chair Anna Beckwith Michelle Duval John Jolley Charlie Phillips

Attachments

Attachment 1: Presentation on Biology and Behavior of Right Whales (available at meeting)

Attachment 2a: Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Proposed Rule

Attachment 2b: Draft Co-occurrence Model Documentation

Attachment 3: Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Presentation (available at meeting)

Attachment 4: ESA Working Group Reports and Summaries

Attachment 5: NMFS Listing Determination for River Herring

Attachment 6a: Federal Register Notice for the Extended Comment Period and Draft Economic Analysis of Proposed Critical Habitat for the Northwest Atlantic DPS of Loggerhead Sea Turtles **Attachment 6b**: Map of Proposed Loggerhead Sea Turtle Critical Habitat in the Terrestrial Environment