



VERSION 4 SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: JUNE 9-13, 2014 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

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√Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 6/27/14. Done 7/1/14.

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√SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 6/24/14. Done 6/27/14.

√NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 8/4/14. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

Distribute to Council members & others:

Approved Version by 7/18/14. Done 9/12/14.



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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

1. ***Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier***

A. Develop an Evaluation Plan for the Experimental Closed Area with needed research and monitoring studies and an enforcement/outreach program - to be completed within 1 year of implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A. Work with Information & Education, Law Enforcement, Habitat, Coral and Snapper Grouper APs.

- 1) **On-Going Monitoring** – Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports for Council meetings as information becomes available.
- 2) **Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports** – reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
- 3) **Oculina Evaluation Plan** (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area:
 - Law Enforcement
 - Research scientists
 - Commercial fishermen
 - Recreational fishermen
 - Outreach experts
 - Non-governmental Organizations
 - Council staff

A report, written by the team, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

Timing

The Evaluation Team will deliver its first report to the Council by the **March 2007** Council meeting in order for the Council to make its determination on whether or not it is necessary to change the size and configuration of the Closed Area. The Team will submit its second report by **March 2014** in order for the Council to re-evaluate all regulations within *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area.

- 4) **Oculina Evaluation Team to prepare OECA Evaluation Report in 2014.** This report is a follow-up to the first Oculina Evaluation Team Report completed in June 2007. The 2014 report is to provide an update on accomplishments addressing the following components as specified in Final Evaluation Plan for OECA to allow the Council to reevaluate all regulations within the Oculina Experimental Closed Area:
 - a. Outreach
 - b. Research/Assessment
 - c. Law Enforcement

5) **Research Needs (Section 4.3 in SG Amendment 13A (2005)):**

“Research needs specific to the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area are described in

Section 3.1.2.4.4. In addition the RIR and SIA/FIS list additional research/data needs necessary to fully understand the economic and social impacts of this closure.

NOAA Fisheries will periodically review the *Oculina* Research Plan and modify the schedule to provide the remaining items. NMFS is to provide a revised *Oculina* Research Plan and an annual summary of available data and research results for the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area as part of the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation Report (SAFE) report. This Annual SAFE Report is to be written and provided to the South Atlantic Council at least three weeks prior to the Council's annual December meeting."

6) New 5-Year Evaluation Plan

- a. Council staff to draft with input from the Aps and Evaluation Team.
- b. Details to be added

7) Timing:

- a. ✓Request SEFSC present research/assessment results to date at December 2013 meeting; Anna to draft letter for Bob
- b. ✓Request NOAA OLE present law enforcement results to date at December 2013 meeting; Anna to draft letter for Bob
- c. ✓Request Council staff to present outreach results to date at the December 2013 meeting
- d. ✓Evaluation Team
 - i. ✓Determine if existing Evaluation Team members are willing to continue – Anna to contact them via phone/email
 - ii. ✓Council sets composition of Evaluation Team – Anna
 - iii. ✓Notify members of task and timing – Anna
- e. ✓Evaluation Team prepares report – January through March 2014 using Webinars – Anna/Roger/Kim to meet and provide draft dates to circulate to Team via doodle poll. Extended to June 2014
- f. ✓Set dates for Team Webinars – Anna by _____
 - i. ✓FR Notice – done 1/16/14 and published on 1/22/14.
 - ii. ✓Webinar – 2/13/14 from 9 am – noon; changed to 3/12 1-4 pm due to weather.
 - iii. ✓Breakout meetings – week of March 17-21, 2014 via webinar; done during the week of March 10th.
- g. ✓Draft Report reviewed by Advisory Panels (SG, Habitat, Coral, I&E, Deepwater Shrimp & Law Enforcement) – April/May 2014 (See Section XII. Advisory Panel Meetings for details.)
- h. Draft Report reviewed by SSC – April 2014; changed to October 2014
- i. Evaluation Team revises report based on reviews – April/May
- j. ✓Final Report provided for briefing book by May 19, 2014 and presented to Council – June 2014
 - i. ~~Outreach Presentation – Kim Iverson~~
 - ii. ~~Law Enforcement – LE Representative~~
 - iii. ~~Research/Monitoring – SEFSC~~
- k. ✓Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2014 meeting. Council determines if any changes are necessary to the *Oculina* Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council

approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.

l. Document revised and distributed – by mid-July 2014.

m. Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.

2. *Amendment 21 Outcome of Visioning – Myra Brouwer*

SAFMC STAFF RECOMMENDS RETIRING THIS AMENDMENT.

AT THE MARCH 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL DEFERRED ACTION UNTIL 2013. AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL BEGAN THE VISIONING PROCESS.

The Council is holding a special Visioning Council Meeting, October 14 beginning at 1 pm through 3 pm on October 16, 2014.

Draft Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 Timing:

- a. Council reviews draft scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2014
- b. Scoping meetings – January 2015
- c. Council reviews scoping input and provides direction to staff – March 2015
- d. Council reviews draft amendment and approves for public hearings – June 2015
- e. Public hearings – August 2015
- f. Council reviews public hearing input and approves all actions – September 2015
- g. Council approves final document – December 2015

3. Amendment 22/EIS (Recreational Tag Program to Track Harvest) – Myra Brouwer

The Council originally directed staff to develop a plan for preparing SG Amendment 22 to address long-term management for red snapper and identify the level of resources that would be necessary.

August/September 2011 Council meeting: requested clarification on whether this amendment should become an informational document; Council agreed and requested a briefing at some point in the future during 2012.

AT THE MARCH 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL DEFERRED ACTION UNTIL 2013.

AT THE JUNE 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENT 22 SPECIFICALLY TO EXPLORE A TAG PROGRAM FOR RED SNAPPER THAT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY NOAA FISHERIES. THE TAGS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGH A LOTTERY SYSTEM. THE TAGS WOULD BE SUBJECT TO THE COMMERCIAL/REC ALLOCATION.

AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENT 22 SPECIFICALLY TO EXPLORE A RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR RED SNAPPER, GOLDEN TILEFISH, SNOWY GROUPER & WRECKFISH THAT WOULD BE ADMINISTERED BY NOAA FISHERIES. OPTIONS ARE TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COMMITTEE AT THE JUNE OR SEPTEMBER 2013 MEETING.

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THE AMENDMENT BE MODIFIED TO REMOVE ALL REFERENCE TO SPECIFIC SPECIES AND MAKE AMENDMENT 22 MORE OF A FRAMEWORK FOR A TAG PROGRAM THAT COULD BE APPLIED TO ANY SNAPPER GROUPER SPECIES WITH A LOW RECREATIONAL ACL.

SG Amendment 22 IPT Team members:

- √a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC lead); Brian Cheuvront, Kari Maclauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Chip Collier (Coral issues), and John Carmichael.
- √b. NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead), Andy Strelcheck, Rick DeVactor, and Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries); David Dale (Habitat Division); Jeff Radonski (Law Enforcement); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Stephen Holiman and Tony Lamberte (Economists, Sustainable Fisheries); Anik Clemens (regulations writer); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist, Sustainable Fisheries); and Patrick Murphy (Permits Office).
- √c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Refik Orhun and Scott Crosson.
- √d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello.

Rough Timing/Issues to be resolved:

- a. √IPT meeting – timeline and writing responsibilities; 6/27/12
- b. √NMFS determined EIS.
- c. √Options Paper for September 2012 Council meeting
 - i. Expand to include snowy grouper, golden tilefish & wreckfish
 - ii. Others?
- d. √Council provides guidance at September 2012 Council meeting – ~~choose preferreds~~ if possible.
- e. SSC Review in _____
- f. Approve for public hearings at _____ meeting
- g. Public hearings _____
- h. Council reviews public hearing comments and final approval at _____

NOTE: Scoping meetings for a red snapper tag program were held in Jan-Feb 2011; based on scoping comments and the need for tracking other species, this was expanded to add golden tilefish, snowy grouper & wreckfish. A supplemental NOI was published on August 2, 2013 to cover the expanded scope of the tag program in Amendment 22.

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2013 TO PREPARE OPTIONS FOR THE JUNE OR SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL ASKED TO SEE AN OPTIONS PAPER IN SEPTEMBER 2013 THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A GENERIC RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR SPECIES WITH VERY LOW ACLs. THE COUNCIL REQUESTED REMOVING LANGUAGE FROM THE OPTIONS PAPER THAT WOULD SPECIFY A PARTICULAR SPECIES.

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council suspended work on this amendment until NOAA GC provides a determination whether the recreational tag program is considered a LAPP.

From the March 2014 meeting: NOAA GC is currently developing guidelines that can be applied nationally to determine whether proposed tag programs fit the criteria of a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP). More information is currently needed to determine whether the proposed recreational harvest tag program in Amendment 22 would be considered a LAPP. To that purpose, NOAA GC began by asking a series of questions from each of the state directors. However, it was decided that directors would be contacted directly and more details would be provided to the Committee and the Council at their June 2014 meeting.

At the June 2014 Council meeting, NOAA GC indicated that the guidance from Headquarters to determine whether or not the proposed harvest tag program is a LAPP is expected to be completed by the September 2014 Council meeting. GC received the requested permit information from each of the South Atlantic States before the June 2014 meeting.

Timing 2013/14:

- a. ✓ Options Paper: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓ Draft Amendment 22 Options Paper: review & provide guidance – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓ Work on this amendment suspended by Council at December 2013 meeting.
- d. ✓ January – March 2014 – IPT works on document
- e. ✓ NOAA GC determines if considered a catch share program and results presented to Council – March 2014
- f. ✓ Review/modify amendment, and provide guidance on actions/alternatives/timing – March June 2014
- g. ✓ Based on the time necessary to receive and incorporate the NOAA GC guidelines to determine whether the proposed program fits the criteria of a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP), a timing change was approved at the June 2014 meeting: Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.]
- h. Review/modify amendment and approve for public hearings – ~~June~~ December 2014
- i. Public hearings – ~~August 2014~~ January 2015 (See XV. Dates and Locations for ~~August 2014~~ January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- j. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – ~~September 2014~~ March 2015
- k. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – ~~December 2014~~ June 2015

4. Amendment 29/EA (ORCS Revisions to Control Rule & Gray Triggerfish MMs) – Myra Brouwer

[Note: CE-BA 2 included SG Amendment 23; the Comprehensive ACL Amendment included SG Amendment 25; CEBA 3 is Amendment 26; Mgmt. Authority, Frame work & Blue runner is Amendment 27; and Red Snapper Framework Amendment is 28.]

This amendment will address Allocations and revisions based on the ORCS methodology. At the September 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff to bring this back up for discussion at the June 2013 meeting to determine timing and other guidance.

At the June 2013 meeting the Council made changes such that this amendment will address modifications to the ABC Control Rule based on the ORCS methodology and will implement ABC and ACLs for unassessed snapper grouper species based on those modifications. [Allocation action was moved to a Generic Allocation Amendment to be developed in 2014.]

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL’S GUIDANCE WAS TO PREPARE A DRAFT AMENDMENT FOR THEM TO REVIEW IN SEPTEMBER 2013.

At the September 2013 meeting, the Council added to Amendment 29 actions for gray triggerfish minimum size limit that were previously included in Regulatory Amendment 14. Also added were actions to establish a commercial split season and a trip limit.

- A. IPT Members
 - a. √SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese, John Carmichael (SSC & Data), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
 - b. √NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead) and Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer and Michael Larkin (Data Analysts, Sustainable Fisheries), Anik Clemens (Technical Writer), Denise Johnson (Economist), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Andrew Herndon and Adam Brame (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (Law Enforcement), David Keys (NEPA), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
 - c. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried and Jakob Tetzlaff (Biologists), Larry Perruso (Social Scientist).
 - d. √NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- B. Team Conference Call – 3/14/14.

√NMFS determines EA or EIS. NMFS determined EA.

Timing 2013/14:

- a) ✓ Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b) ~~Scoping Webinar if EIS – November~~
- c) ✓ Draft Amendment 29: review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013 Council meeting
- d) ✓ Public Hearings – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- e) ✓ Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – March 2014
- f) ✓ Review final amendment and approve for formal review – June 2014. The Council provided guidance and deferred final approval until September 2014.
- g) Review final amendment and approve for formal review – September 2014
- h) ✓ Document preparation for formal review: Intent is that final document will be included in 1st BB on August 21st. Monica, Jack, Gregg & Ben will review the document August 5th – 14th so that the document can be submitted immediately after the September 15-19, 2014 meeting. AM 29 needs to be in the review process ahead of AM 32.
 - 1. ✓ IPT leads request review completed by July 21, 2014.
 - 2. ✓ Staff/IPT completes document by July 28, 2014.
 - 3. ✓ Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by August 21, 2014.
 - 4. ✓ Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received by August 21, 2014.
 - 5. ✓ Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by August 21, 2014.
 - 6. ✓ Corrections made by two days after receipt of final review comments.
- i) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 24, 2014. Done 9/___/14.
- j) Proposed Rule published ___/14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ___/14.
- k) Final Rule published ___/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ___ 14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- l) Regulations effective _____.

5. Amendment 32/*EA* (Blueline Tilefish) – Myra Brouwer

[Note: Stock assessment indicates overfished and overfishing. We will have 2 years from the date of the letter (12/6/13) from NMFS informing the Council that blueline tilefish are overfished to complete the amendment and for regulations to be effective.] At the December 2013 meeting, the Council directed staff to begin work on Regulatory Amendment 21 to adjust MSST for blueline tilefish and other species with low natural mortality rates. If approved, blueline tilefish would no longer be overfished and the rebuilding plan in Amendment 32 would be moved to Appendix A.

Items included: Rebuilding program, Blueline Tilefish ACL, Redefine Deepwater Complex & ACL, and Management Measures for Blueline Tilefish.

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after range of actions is discussed in ~~December~~ March 2014.

SG Am 24 (Red Grouper) – included a rebuilding plan and was an EA although no reduction like for blueline.

✓NMFS has determined that an EA is appropriate.

A. IPT Members

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese, John Carmichael (SSC & Data), Mike Errigo (Data), Kate Quigley (Consultant), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
 - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologists, Sustainable Fisheries), Denise Johnson (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Jessica Stephen (Data Analyst), Anne Marie Eich (Technical Writer), Jeff Radonski (Law Enforcement), David Keys (NEPA), David Dale (Habitat Conservation), and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources).
 - c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Akbar Marvasti
 - d. ✓NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- B. ✓Team Conference Call – April 3, 2014.
- C. ✓Sections due to IPT Leads on or before May 26, 2014 for the briefing book for the June 2014 Council meeting.

Timing 2013/14:

- a. ✓SSC reviews assessment – October 2013
- b. ✓Scoping Webinar if EIS – November 7, 2013
- c. ✓Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – December 2013. Determine whether emergency action is warranted and provide guidance on timing and actions/alternatives to be included.
- d. ✓Council approved an emergency rule request: (See Item #12 for details)
- e. ✓Letter to SEFSC requesting additional projection – John by _____.
✓Letter Done 12/16/13.
✓Projections due to Council staff by 4/7/14.
- f. ✓SSC reviews projections at April 2014 meeting and provides report to Council for 1st BB

- g. ✓SEFSC provides revised projections as necessary for 1st BB June; 2nd BB at the latest
- h. ✓January – May 2014 – IPT/Staff work on amendment
- i. ✓Draft Amendment 32: review, modify & approve for public hearings – June 2014 Council meeting
- j. Preparation for public hearings:
 - 1. ✓IPT call – 6/19/14
 - 2. IPT Sections due – 7/17/14 COB
 - 3. Myra/Rick incorporate IPT sections – 7/18-19/14
 - 4. PH Document & 3 Week SEFSC & PPI review & IPT Review – 7/22 to 8/12/14
 - 5. IPT responds to comments – 8/13-18/14
 - 6. Myra/Rick finish editing document – 8/19-20/14
 - 7. Am 32 to Gregg for 1st BB – 8/21/14 at noon
- k. Public Hearings – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- l. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve for formal review – September 2014
- m. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- m. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by September 30, 2014. Done ____/14.
- n. Proposed Rule published ____/14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/14.
- o. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- p. Regulations effective ____/15.

6. *Regulatory Amendment 14/EA – Myra Brouwer*

Note: Regulatory Amendment 14 was approved at the September 2013 meeting and will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in September/October 2013. Submittal has been rescheduled for November/December 2013.

- m) ✓ Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads request review completed by _____.
 - 2. Staff/IPT completes document by _____.
 - 3. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 4. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 5. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 6. Corrections made by _____.
- n) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____. Done 1/15/14.
- o) ✓ Regulatory Amendment 19 includes action to prohibit use of black sea bass pots during large whale migration/right whale calving season. Therefore, an EIS is not needed for Regulatory Amendment 14. A supplemental NOI was published on August 2, 2013 to announce the change from an EIS to an EA. Regulatory Amendment 19 was implemented on 9/23/13.
- p) ✓ Proposed Rule published 4/25/14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by 5/27/14.
- q) Final Rule published ____/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____ 14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- r) Regulations effective _____.

7. *Regulatory Amendment 16/EIS – Myra Brouwer/Kari MacLauchlin*

AT THE JUNE 2013 MEETING, THE COUNCIL STOPPED WORK ON GOLDEN TILEFISH IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 16 AND DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE THE BSB POT CLOSURE (IF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 19 IS APPROVED AND IMPLEMENTED). BRING THE DRAFT DOCUMENT TO THE COUNCIL IN SEPTEMBER 2013.

1. ✓Assign Team – TBD
 - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brower/Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brower, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
 - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead); Jack McGovern; Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Tony Lamberte (Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); Andy Herndon, Jessica Powell, and Barb Zoodsma (Protected Resources); David Keys (NEPA); Nick Farmer (Data Analyst); and Jeff Radonski (OLE).
 - c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson (Economist) & Lance Garrison (Protected Resources Research Biologist)
 - d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined RA 16 will be an EIS.

Timing for BSB Pot Removal RA 16: Regulatory Amendment 16 reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting. Council to provide guidance on steps and timing

Timing 2013/14:

- a. ✓Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓If EIS required, Draft Regulatory Amendment 16: review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. ✓NOI published: 12/4/2013
- d. ✓Scoping – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- e. ✓Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and provide guidance – March 2014
- f. Based on the time necessary for Protected Resources to complete their analyses, a timing change was approved by the Council at the June 2014 meeting: Approve for public hearings at December 2014 meeting, hold public hearings in January/February 2015, approve all options in March 2015, and final approval at the June 2015 meeting.
- g. ✓IPT meeting: 7/21/2014

- h. Review/modify amendment, choose preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – ~~June~~ December 2014
- i. Public hearings – ~~August 2014~~ January 2015 (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for ~~August 2014~~ January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- j. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – ~~September 2014~~ March 2015
- k. Review final amendment and approved for formal review – ~~December 2014~~ June 2015
- l. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- k. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____. Done ____/14.
- l. Proposed Rule published ____/15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/15.
- m. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- n. Regulations effective ____/15.

8. ~~Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs)~~ Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs/EIS – Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese

Note: At the June 2014 meeting, the Council changed directions and retired Regulatory Amendment 17 and started to use Amendment 36; timing does not change.

- A. √At the September 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff/IPT to develop alternatives for the following items:
 - a. MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper
- B. √At the September 2012 meeting, the Council approved the following schedule:
 - a. Council Approves for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
 - b. Public hearings August 2013
 - c. Public comment at September 2013 meeting
 - d. Council final approval at September 2013 meeting
 - e. Send to Secretary of Commerce September 27, 2013
 - f. Final regulations effective asap in the 2014 fishing year.
- C. √At the September meeting the Council directed staff to have the SERO present Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs at the December 2012 meeting and to discuss timing and further guidance at that time.
- D. √At the December 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff to conduct a second MPA Expert Working Group meeting prior to the March 2013 meeting. The Committee/Council will provide guidance on options and timing at the March 2013 meeting.

√NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 17 will be an EIS.

Note: Amendment 36 will continue as an EIS.

- E. √At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target speckled hind/warsaw grouper spawning sites.
- 1. Assign Team – TBD
 - a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Co-Leads), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Chip Collier (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
 - b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Jack McGovern (Biologist), David Records (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writer).

- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Mike Burton (Biologist) and Larry Perruso (Social Scientist).
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELF-EDGE MPAs TO PROTECT SPECKLED HIND AND WARSAW GROUPER

- A. ✓MPA public workshops held in FL and NC in conjunction with public hearings in August 2012:

<u>August 7, 2012</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	<u>August 8, 2012</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>August 9, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>August 16, 2012</u> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- B. ✓Public input presented to Council at September 2012 meeting in Charleston
- C. ✓SERO presentation at December 2012 meeting in Wilmington, NC on Tier 1 alternatives for reorienting existing MPAs.
- D. ✓MPA Expert Workgroup Meeting –

<u>February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013</u> Crown Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422
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- E. ✓Meeting arrangements
 - a. ✓Memo to Workgroup members – Roger to do on 12/11/12 with dates and city only (not hotel). Done 12/11/12.
 - b. ✓FR notice
 - c. ✓Briefing materials including presentation – done 1/2/13
- F. ✓Workgroup Report
 - a. ~~Draft completed at meeting~~. Not completed during meeting.
 - b. ✓Final report for inclusion in 2nd BBook – 2/22/13. Draft of workgroup report distributed and posted on 2/27/13.
- G. ✓In preparation for the September 2013 Snapper Grouper Committee meeting, staff was directed to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target spawning sites.
- H. ✓The Committee/Council will provide guidance on actions and timing at the September 2013 meeting.

Timing 2013/14 (assuming EIS):

- a. ✓ Decision Document: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. ✓ Staff/IPT to prepare Scoping Document for Regulatory Amendment 17 – September/November 2014
 - iii. First briefing book deadline – COB 11/8/13
 - iv. Second briefing book deadline – COB 11/22/13
- c. ✓ Review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motion: TAKE ALL ALTERNATIVES TO SCOPING IN AUGUST (2014) AND HAVE THE AP RECEIVE THE PRESENTATIONS AND PROVIDE THEIR RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COUNCIL AT THE COUNCIL'S JUNE 2014 MEETING
- d. ✓ NOI published: 12/4/2013
- e. ✓ AP meeting – April 8 (1:30) to April 11 (noon); MPAs on April 9th all day (See XII. AP Meetings for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
MPA Presentations on April 9th:
 - i. Kim Iverson – Outreach; confirmed
 - ii. _____ - Law Enforcement; Coast Guard confirmed; NMFS ?
 - iii. Stacey Harter – SEFSC; confirmed
 - iv. Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart – SERFS; confirmed
 - v. George Sedberry – MPA Expert Workgroup; confirmed
 - vi. Will Heymen – LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc.; confirmed
 - vii. Mike Burton – SEFSC; confirmed
 - viii. John Hunt – FL FWC; confirmed
- f. ✓ Review AP input and ~~approve alternatives/sites for scoping~~ – June 2014. At the June 2014 meeting the Council changed the approach to using Spawning SMZs through Amendment 36; timing remains the same.
- g. ✓ Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- h. Review scoping comments and provide guidance for more complete analyses – September 2014
- i. Staff/IPT conduct detailed analyses – September through November 2014
- j. Draft Amendment 36: review analyses/amendment, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2014 Council meeting
- k. Staff/IPT revise Amendment 36 document for public hearings – January 2015
- l. Public hearings (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
- m. Review public hearing comments, review/modify Amendment 36, and approve all actions – March 2015
- n. Staff/IPT finalize Amendment 36 – April/May 2015
- o. Review final Amendment 36 and approve for formal review – June 2015
- p. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.

- 5. Corrections made by _____.
- p. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2015. Done ____/15.
- q. Proposed Rule published ____/15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/15.
- r. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- s. Regulations effective ____/15.

9. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper)/EA – Myra Brouwer

Note: The snowy grouper assessment was an update and the mutton snapper assessment is being conducted by Florida. Both were scheduled for review by the SSC in October 2013 however, the mutton snapper assessment has been delayed. NMFS was not able to present the snowy grouper assessment at the October SSC meeting due to the government shut-down and this has been rescheduled for April 2014.

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Tony Lamberte (Economist), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Scott Sandorf (Technical Writer), Jeff Radonski (OLE), David Keys (NEPA), David Dale (Habitat Conservation), and Andy Herndon (Protected Resources).
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Scott Crosson.
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after assessments are reviewed by SSC in April 2014 and range of actions is determined by the Council. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 20 will be an EA on 4/7/14.

Timing 2013/14 (assuming neither is overfished):

- a. ✓SSC reviews assessment – ~~October 2013~~ April 2014
- b. ✓Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – ~~December 2013~~ June 2014. Provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included.
- c. ~~If New Framework Procedure is implemented: Draft ACL Adjustment Procedure document: review, modify & conduct public hearing at June 2014 meeting; approve for review and implementation – June 2014 Council meeting~~
- d. ~~Document submitted to NMFS – July 2014~~
- e. ✓~~If Existing Framework Procedure must be used: Draft Existing Framework Document: review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013~~ June 2014
- f. ✓Public Hearings – ~~January~~ August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- g. Review public hearing comments, modify amendment as necessary, and approve for formal review and implementation – ~~March~~ September 2014
- i. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.

- 5. Corrections made by _____.
- j. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by ~~March/April 2013~~ October/November 2014. Done ____/14.
- k. Proposed Rule published ____/14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/14.
- l. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 15.
 - 3. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 4. Post to web site
- m. Regulations effective ____/15.

10. System Management Plan – Gregg Waugh/Roger Pugliese

At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to work on a System Management Plan (SMP) for the existing 8 MPAs. An outline was presented at the September 2013 meeting and this item will be worked on during 2014.

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Chip Collier (Coral issues), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
- b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Andy Herndon and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
- c. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
- d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Note: The Council has contracted with Michelle Tishler to assist in completing the SMP.

A framework is in development for a System Management Plan (SMP) for the eight SAFMC Snapper-Grouper Amendment 14 MPAs and to provide a foundation for potential future SAFMC MPA management plans in the southeast U.S. This document is currently in outline form, serving as a starting point to expand the development of adaptive- and effectiveness-based management of the SAFMC's array of protected areas.

This SMP draft outline is intended to also increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources intended by the Amendment 14 MPAs. Once the primary working outline structure is established, the component sections of the SMP will be populated and vetted through the SAFMC's public process.

The final SMP will contain the proposed management action items and background details for the eight MPAs established by Amendment 14 in January of 2009.

To provide a foundation for the SMP, four steps for management actions are proposed: resource protection, research and monitoring, outreach and education, and administrative and financial. Additionally, management effectiveness evaluations are recommended as a fundamental component that the final SMP will contain to determine the status and utility of the MPAs in achieving the intentions set by Amendment 14. The final SMP expects to support the requirements of the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S. Public Law 109-479 2007) and aims to utilize MPAs in the southeast as a viable fishery management tool to protect and assess target resource populations and associated habitats.

Initial Timing 2014:

- a. IPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT revise document – July 2014
- d. Public input during public hearings – August 2014
- e. Council reviews public input and provide guidance – September 2014
- f. IPT revise document – September/October 2014
- g. SSC review – October 27 – 30, 2014
- h. Council review and approve SMP – December 2014

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council approved the following revised timing:

Revised Timing 2014/15:

- a. xIPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- b. √Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- c. IPT works on items in the outline – July through November 2014
- d. Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
- e. Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
- f. Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – March 2015
- g. IPT revise document as necessary – March 2015
- h. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2014
- i. SSC review – May 5-7, 2015
- j. Council reviews input and approves Final SMP – June 2015

11. Emergency Rule/EA (Blueline Tilefish & Deepwater Complex ACLs) – Myra Brouwer

NMFS Lead – Rick DeVactor

SAFMC Lead – Myra Brouwer

SAFMC Staff helping with analyses/reviewing document – Gregg Waugh, John Carmichael, Mike Errigo, Brian Cheuvront & Kari MacLauchlin (details to be determined)

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motion: REQUEST AN EMERGENCY RULE TO IMPLEMENT THE FOLLOWING ACLs FOR BLUELINE TILEFISH AND THE REMAINDER OF THE DEEPWATER COMPLEX AS SHOWN BELOW:

1. Blueline tilefish ACL = (equilibrium) yield at 75%Fmsy = 224,100 pounds whole weight (Source: SEDAR Assessment)
2. Deepwater Complex ACL without Blueline Tilefish = 79,684 pounds whole weight.
3. It is the Council's intent that these values be implemented as soon as possible in 2014 in order to prevent catches from exceeding these levels.

Steps

- a. ✓ Draft letter to Gregg by 12/11 – Done 12/10/13
- b. ✓ Revised letter to Bob by 12/12 – Done 12/10/13
- c. ✓ Letter sent to SERO by 12/13; letter dated 12/10 sent to SERO on 12/17/13.
- d. ✓ SAFMC staff assist with analyses as requested – details to be determined

Temporary Rule; Emergency Action

- a. ✓ Published in *Federal Register* – 4/17/14.
- b. ✓ Regulations effective – 4/17/14.
- c. ✓ Comments due by – 5/19/14.

Council will need to request an extension at the September 2014 meeting.

12. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 21/EA (MSSTs) – Myra Brouwer

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the following motions with the intent that the Council would approve Regulatory Amendment 21 for formal review at the March 2014 meeting:

MOTION #1: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO MODIFY THE DEFINITION OF MSST FOR BLUELINE TILEFISH AS WELL AS ANY OTHER APPROPRIATE SNAPPER GROUPEER SPECIES WITH SIMILAR LOW NATURAL MORTALITY AND BRING TO THE COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL IN MARCH 2014.

**MOTION #2: ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVES BELOW AS PROPOSED BY STAFF AND GIVE THEM LATITUDE TO ADD ALTERNATIVES AS NEEDED
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
APPROVED BY COUNCIL**

*****INTENT TO ADD 50%SSB_{msy} if needed******

Action 1. Re-define Minimum Stock Size Threshold for Select Species in the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit

Alternative 1 (No Action). Retain the current definition of minimum stock size threshold (MSST) for species in the snapper grouper fishery management unit (FMU). For golden tilefish, red grouper, and snowy grouper, MSST equals 75% of SSB_{MSY}. For the remaining species in the snapper grouper FMU, MSST equals SSB_{MSY}*(1-M or 0.5, whichever is greater).

Alternative 2. The MSST for select species in the snapper grouper FMU will automatically change to 75% of SSB_{MSY} if the estimation of the natural mortality rate (M) is changed following a peer-review report (e.g. a SEDAR stock assessment).

Sub-alternative 2a. Change MSST if the estimation of M is 0.15 or lower.

Sub-alternative 2b. Change MSST if the estimation of M is 0.20 or lower.

Sub-alternative 2c. Change MSST if the estimation of M is 0.25 or lower.

Alternative 3. Set MSST for species in the snapper grouper FMU at 50% of SSB_{MSY}.

IPT Team

- a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS lead), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern, Denise Johnson (economist), Mike Jepson (social scientist), Anik Clemens (reg writer), Jeff Radonski (OLE), Andy Herndon (PR), David Dale (Habitat), David Keys (NEPA), Nick Farmer (data), and Mary Vara.
- c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Akbar Marvasti (economist) and Kevin Craig (biologist).

d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Timing: intent for Council to approve for formal review at March 2014 meeting.

- a) ✓Council Review alternatives and provide guidance – December 2013
- b) ✓March Briefing Book deadlines: 1st Feb 10, 2014 or 2nd Feb 24, 2014 (latest since Council is giving final approval and we need to get public input)
- c) ✓Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- d. ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____. Done 3/27/14. RFA Appendix corrected and document resubmitted on 4/1/14.
- e. ✓Proposed Rule published 8/21/14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/14.
- f. Final Rule published ____/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- g. Regulations effective ____/14.

13. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35/EA or EIS (Removing Species) – Gregg Waugh

Note: SG Amendment 34 is part of Comprehensive AM amendment.

At the March 2014 meeting, the Council approved a motion to remove Nassau grouper, dog snapper, school master, mahogany, and black snapper from the snapper grouper FMU. At the June 2014, the Council approved a motion to not include Nassau grouper in Amendment 35.

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brouwer, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- n. NMFS SERO Team: Jack McGovern (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (Data), Anik Clemens (Regulations Writer), David Records (Economist), David Dale (HCD), Jenny Lee (PR)
- o. NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried (Biologist), Larry Perruso (Economist)
- p. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after a range of actions is determined by the Council.

Proposed Draft Timing 2014-15:

- a. √Council guidance to prepare amendment – March 2014
- b. √Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – June 2014
- c. Scoping – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. Committee/Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2014
- e. IPT prepare document – September through November
- f. Committee/Council review draft amendment and approve for public hearings – December 2014
- g. Public Hearings – January 2015 (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- h. Committee/Council review public hearing comments and approve all actions – March 2015
- i. Committee/Council review, modify, and approve for formal review – June 2015
- j. Document preparation for formal review:
 - 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 - 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - 5. Corrections made by _____.
- k. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2015. Done ____/15.

- l. Proposed Rule published ____/15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by ____/15.
- m. Final Rule published ____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
- n. Regulations effective ____/15.

14. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)/EA- Myra Brouwer

The gag and wreckfish assessment reviews and fishing level recommendations were available after the SSC's April 2014 meeting. Council staff recommended the following information on how to address the resulting changes and requested guidance from the Council at the June 2014 meeting. The Council approved the following approach and timing.

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Gregg Waugh, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist), Jessica Stephen (Data), Anik Clemens (Regulations Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), David Dale (HCD), and Jenny Lee (PR)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer (Biologist) and Scott Crosson (Economist)
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS after assessments are reviewed by SSC in April 2014 and range of actions is determined by the Council. NMFS determined Regulatory Amendment 22 will be an EA.

Proposed Timing 2014:

- a. ✓SSC reviews assessment – April 2014
- b. ✓Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – June 2014.
Provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included.
- c. If Existing Framework Procedure must be used: Draft Framework Document: review, modify & approve for public hearings – September 2014
- d. Public Hearings – via webinar hearing prior to December 2014 meeting and a public hearing at the December 2014 meeting or take to public hearings in January/February 2015?
- e. Review public hearing comments, modify amendment as necessary, and approve for formal review and implementation – December 2014 or March 2015
- f. Document preparation for formal review:
 1. IPT leads review completed by _____.
 2. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 3. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 4. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 5. Corrections made by _____.
- g. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by January 2015 or March 2015. Done _____/15.

II. ECOSYSTEM

1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese*

Note: The original FEP document was prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This was the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT was established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one was not needed for the FEP.

- A. √Original FEP Approved by Council – March 2009
- B. √Original FEP submitted as Source Document for Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 which was approved on June 1, 2010 with regulations effective on July 22, 2010
- C. Process for FEP II – Developed in cooperation with Habitat AP prior to December 2013 Council meeting. Planning initiated and policy statement revision/development completed in 2013.
 - a. √Habitat Advisory Panel discusses and provides initial recommendations on overall structure, review process for updating, refining and expanding the FEP November 2013
 - b. √Winter/Spring 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel Sub Panel Chairs coordinate with Roger and Pat Geer new AP Chair in identifying leads and team members for review redraft of core sections on species and habitats
 - c. √Habitat Committee input on updates or revisions to the structure which would improve use and effectiveness of FEP II – March 2014
 - d. Evaluate how amendments can incorporate this information by reference to reduce size of documents- ongoing.
- D. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2014-2015):
 - a. Development will be facilitated around spring (April) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014 and 2015).
 - b. √Habitat Advisory Panel State Sub-Panel review and provide initial recommendations on lists of FEP II review/writing teams April 2014.
 - c. Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 Council meeting.
 - d. September 2014 – March 2015- EFH/FEP technical webinars to refine and update sections for FEP II: Bottom Habitat; Artificial Reefs; Pelagic Habitat, Sargassum; Fisheries Oceanography and Climate Change; Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves); South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling; Ecosystem Tools and GIS (Atlas, Digital Dashboard and Ecospecies); Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research, Monitoring, Mapping and Characterization
 - e. Initiate Volume Sections update and new Section outline and drafting August 2014-February 2015
 - f. Model Workshop conducted between August 2014 and February 2015.

- g. November 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel meeting review redrafted EFH Policy Statements and new Statements. Sessions conducted on Threats to Fish Habitat and Research and Monitoring.
- h. Habitat AP to further refine existing and develop new SAFMC EFH policy statements for consideration at the December 2014 Council meeting.

2. *Essential Fish Habitat – Roger*

- A. Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision
 - a. √Identify focus teams of Habitat AP members to perform initial reviews and develop revision/update recommendations. Initiated in conjunction with November 14-15, 2012 AP meeting.
 - b. √The Habitat AP during 2013 meetings continued developing updated and new policy statements to support and enhance their use in by NOAA Fisheries and regional partners in EFH review and consultation.
 - c. √The Habitat AP provides redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species for Council consideration at March 2014 Council meeting.
 - d. √The Habitat AP provides refined redrafts, of EFH Policy Statements, based on additional State input for June 2014 Council meeting. Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species that were approved by Council.
 - e. The Habitat AP redrafts EFH Policy Statements for Energy and Dredge and Fill and developing an Artificial Reef Policy for review at their November 2014 meeting.
- B. Initiate Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
 - a. Habitat Advisory Panel during November 2013 meeting initiated coordination with regional partners in preparation in conjunction with other ongoing efforts (e.g., SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report).

FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process: Council Meeting Timeline (June 2014- December 2015)

√June 2014 Council Meeting: Redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species Approved by Council for Inclusion into FEP II

September 2014 Meeting: FEP II Development Timeline and Participation Update

December 2014 Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, Beach Dredge and Fill and New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs for inclusion into FEP II. Presentation on FEP II Section Development and EFH Updates

March and June 2015 Council Meetings: FEP II Development and EFH Updates

September 2015 Council Meeting: Complete Draft FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review

December 2015 Council Meeting: Finalize and Approve FEP II including EFH 5 Year Review

In advance of March 2016 5 Year EFH Review Deadline

3. Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2014)

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings/coordination have been scheduled:

- 1) √SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup Meeting January 23, 2014 Charleston, SC
- 2) √Pulley Ridge Connectivity Study PI and Board Member Meeting January 7-8, 2014 RSMAS, Miami, FL
- 3) Society for Conservation GIS July 9-12, 2014 Monterey, CA
- 4) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 28-31, 2014 San Juan, PR
- 5) Governors SAA Meeting September 3-5, 2014 Charleston, SC
- 6) Oceans 2014 September 17-19, 2014 St. Johns, CA
- 7) SARP Steering Committee/SEAFWA Meeting October 14-17, 2013 Destin, FL
- 8) ESRI Ocean Forum November 5-7, 2014
- 9) Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting November 18-19, 2014 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL

WORKING LIST (June 2014)
**Webinars/Workshops/Meetings Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update/
5 Year Review (January 2014 - December 2015)**
EFH, Ecosystem (FEP II Development) Technical Workshops

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
√January 23, 2014	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: 1) Mapping Strategy; 2) Review and Guidance for Refinement of Benthic Habitat and Species GIS; and 3) review and guidance for development of regional SALCC/TNC seafloor mapping effort.	Charleston, South Carolina (in conjunction with South Division AFS)
√April 1-3, 2014	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting Complete redrafting EFH Policy Statements on Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species. Initiate Review and initiate redraft of remaining statements and development of new statements. State Sub-Panels reviewed and provided input on lists of preparers of FEP II Sections.	Charleston, South Carolina
√June 24, 2014	SARP Committee Meeting – Overview and engagement of SARP in FEP II Development process and relationship to SARP Habitat Plan Update	Webinar
July 9-13, 2014	Society of Conservation GIS – Coordination with ESRI staff in development of proposal for collaboration in refinement of Fishery Management GIS information and capabilities for the US South Atlantic Region	Monterey, CA
July 31, 2014	SEAMAP SA Committee Review of 5 Year Plan Components Highlighting Long-term Fishery Independent Monitoring initiate update and refine for Section/Appendix for FEP II	San Juan, PR
July-August, 2014	SECOORA Fishery Team – Coordinate and initiate development of Integrated Products for Fishermen and Researchers. Use Team as core group to highlight data and models available and connecting 10 year build-out plan to fish, fish habitat and fishery operations needs	TBD
September 2014	SECOORA Fishery Team – Engage core plus other experts in FEP II Sections on Fisheries Oceanography and updates for oceanographic characterization of South Atlantic in FEP	In conjunction with Oceans 2014
September 2014	Engage SARP Committee and Instream Flow Experts in development of FEP II Instream flow Section outline, and identification of potential participants. Committee endorsement of Instream Flow Analyses in cooperation with SALCC for South Atlantic Region (Transfer Methodology from Gulf Partnership Effort)	Destin, Florida
Winter 2014	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with December Council Meeting New Bern, North Carolina
September 2014- March 2015	FEP II Section and EFH Update Webinars: Bottom Habitat, Artificial Reefs, Pelagic Habitat, Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves), Wetlands Marsh and Oyster/Shell Habitat Possible input on Estuarine Wetland Habitat during Healthy Ecosystem Technical Team Meeting at Annual GSAA Meeting	Webinars Ponte Vedra, FL
September 2014- March 2015	Managed Species Sections Council, ASMFC and HMS. Coordination with presentation on Ecospecies online system, identification and engagement of species experts	Webinars

June 2014- June 2015	South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of FEP II	
September 2014- March 2015	Sections on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expand on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants	Webinar/ Coordination Meeting
Summer 2014 / Spring 2015	Modeling Workshop: Ecopath Forage Model, Habitat Modeling for Stock Assessment, Oceanographic Models, Connectivity Modeling and Integrated Ecosystem Models Facilitate Development of Ecosystem Model Suite: Updated Comprehensive Ecopath Model and Integrated Ecosystem/ Oceanographic Model (SALCC supported regional modeling as priority development of Conservation Blueprint Version 2.0)	St. Petersburg, Florida
November 3-5, 2014	ESRI Ocean Forum – Facilitate Session on proposal for collaboration with ESRI in creation of enhanced GIS capabilities and presentation supporting Regional Fish, Fish Habitat and Fishery Management in the US South Atlantic Region	Redlands, CA
November 18-19, 2014	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: Complete review and redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	St. Petersburg, Florida

Note: SEP can help with socio-economic sections.

4. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3/EA – Chip Collier*

Items included during scoping:

- A. Speckled hind and Warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
- C. Potential expansion of HAPC areas
- D. Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
- E. Wreckfish fishery impacts to deepwater coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species

The Council revised the items to be included at the March 2012 meeting:

- A. Speckled hind and Warsaw grouper – consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
- B. Potential expansion of Coral HAPC areas
- C. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

The Council revised the items to be included at the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.

At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:

- 1. Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
- 2. Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
- 3. Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment

The only remaining item in CE-BA 3 is bycatch reporting; staff was directed to revise the document and bring to the Council in March 2013 for final review and approval.

At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and the Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

[Note: This presentation was postponed to December 2013 and then to March 2014.]

Timing:

- A. ✓Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
- B. ✓Council refines list and approves for scoping – December 2011 meeting
- C. ✓Scope in January/February – see below for details

- D. √Council reviews scoping comments at March 2012 meeting and provides guidance to Staff/IPT
- E. √Individual Council Species Committees develop actions/alternatives
- F. √Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at June 2012 meeting
- G. √Public hearings – August 2012
- H. √Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review at September 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012. The Council provided further guidance at the December 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to March 2013 meeting
- I. Changes implemented January 1, 2013; as early as possible in 2013.

Appoint IPT Team:

- A. √Council Team – Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), Brian Cheuvront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Gregg Waugh (lead for Data actions) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
- B. √NMFS SERO Team – Karla Gore (NMFS Lead); Nick Farmer, Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); Stephen Holiman (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA); Anik Clemens (Regulations writers).
- C. √NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
- D. √NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.

Advisory Panel Input:

- A. √Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- B. √Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- C. √Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- D. √Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP – April 20, 2012 (8:30 am – 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- E. √Snapper Grouper AP – April 18 (8:30 am) – 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials

- F. √Dolphin/Wahoo AP – April 24, 2012 (8:30 am – noon) in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- G. √Mackerel AP – April 24 (1:30 pm) – 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- H. √Coral AP – May 9 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm) – 10 (9:00 am – 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
 - (1) Hotel location
 - (2) FR notice
 - (3) Briefing materials
- I. √Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012 from 2-4 pm. The Habitat AP will meet in person in the Fall as normal

Specific Steps:

- A. √NOI to publish in FR by _____. NOI published on 5/23/12. Given that MPAs removed, a new checklist will be sent out to determine if this amendment will be an EA or EIS.

(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the March 2012 Council meeting. The SAFMC conducted scoping during the Council's MSA scoping in January/February 2012.)

- B. √Draft MSA scoping document.
- C. √Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.
Schedule a Team call if needed.
- D. √MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. **Scoping from 4-7 pm**

<u>January 24, 2012</u> Crowne Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422	<u>January 31, 2012</u> Hilton Cocoa Beach 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 321-799-0003
<u>January 26, 2012</u> BridgePointe Hotel & Marina 101 Howell Road New Bern, NC 28562 Phone: 252-636-3637	<u>February 1, 2012</u> Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront 1201 Riverplace Boulevard Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-398-8800
<u>January 30, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 Overseas Highway Key Largo, FL 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>February 2, 2012</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-748-8888

- E. √Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.
- F. √Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.

- G. ✓Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- H. ✓Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- I. ✓Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- J. ~~Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12~~
- K. ~~Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12~~
- L. ✓CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- M. ✓Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2012 COUNCIL MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ACTIONS PERTAINING TO CORAL HAPCs AND SHELF-EDGE MPAs FROM CE-BA 3 TO CE-BA 4. SEE BELOW FOR PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR MPA DEVELOPMENT

The Council provided guidance on items to be further developed in CE-BA 3 during the June 2012 meeting:

- A. Include modifications to data collection (for-hire and commercial) and bycatch reporting in CE-BA 3 and approved for public hearings
 - B. Develop Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 4 after a joint meeting of the Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, and representatives from the Habitat and Law Enforcement APs during the fall of 2012
 - C. Proceed with developing additional protections for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; the SSC is to provide guidance on ABC values for speckled hind and warsaw grouper during their October 2012 meeting
- N. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
 - O. ✓Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:

Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

<u>August 9, 2012</u> Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	<u>August 8, 2012</u> Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>August 7, 2012</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	<u>August 6, 2012</u> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043
<u>August 14, 2012</u> Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	<u>August 16, 2012</u> Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- P. ✓BB version ready by August 20, 2012
- Q. ✓Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

NOTE: AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED THE CORAL HAPC ACTIONS TO CORAL AMENDMENT 7 8.

- R. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- S. ✓IPT completes analyses
 - a. 10/3/12 – IPT conference call
 - b. 10/30/12 – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. 11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT
 - d. 11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT
 - e. 11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
 - f. 11/20/12 – all final revisions due
 - g. 11/26/12 – 2nd briefing book ready at 9 am
- T. ✓Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012 meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.

AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.

- U. ✓Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
 - a. ✓Prepare draft amendment document – Anna
 - b. ✓Expand no action on bycatch reporting - Karla
- V. ✓IPT completes analyses
 - a. ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
 - b. ✓_____ – IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna
 - c. ✓_____ – revised document sent to IPT
 - d. ✓_____ – comments due back from IPT
 - e. ✓2/11/13 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
- ~~W. South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
- J. ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- X. ✓September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
- Y. ✓December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
- Z. ✓March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.

At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils

are working on a shared cost approach to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on species-specific observer requirements.

AA. ✓At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:

- a. Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
- b. Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
- c. Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
- d. Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.

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III. Coral Amendment – Chip Collier

1. *Coral Amendment 8/EA – Anna*

Coral Amendment 8/EA was approved at the September 2013 meeting and will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in ~~September/October~~ November 2013.

- A. ✓ Document preparation for formal review:
 - a. Staff/IPT completes document by _____.
 - b. Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____.
 - c. Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____.
 - d. Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____.
 - e. Corrections made by _____.
- B. ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS by _____. Done 11/26/13.
- C. ✓ Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - a. Published in *Federal Register* on 5/20/14.
 - b. Comments due 7/21/14.
- D. ✓ Proposed Rule published 6/3/14.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by 7/3/14.
- E. Final Rule published ____/13. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 13.
 - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Comments due by ____/13.
- F. Regulations effective ____/13.

IV. MACKEREL

1. *Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 19(20A)(Permits & Sale) - Kari*

Note: Mackerel Amendment 19(20A) was approved by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and the GMFMC at their October 28 – November 1, 2013 meeting. The Amendment, if approved by both Councils, will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in November 2013.

- a. √ Document being revised prior to Gulf Council's October 28 – November 1, 2013 meeting
- b. √IPT needs one final review
- c. √Jack needs one final review
- d. √IRFA and RIR needs to be done
- e. √When these are done, then Monica and Jack final review
- f. √Sent to NMFS for formal review 11/26/13
- g. √Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - 1. Published in *Federal Register* on 3/3/14.
 - 2. Comments due 5/2/14.
- h. √Proposed Rule published 3/19/14.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by 5/5/14.
- i. √Final Rule published 6/16/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 6/16/14.
- j. √Send to Council, AP & SSC
- k. √Regulations effective 7/16/14 (except tournament exception effective 8/7/14 concurrent with dealer permit).

2. *Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 20(20B) (Boundaries & Transit Provisions)(Gulf Administrative Lead)*

Note: Mackerel Amendment 20 (20B) was approved by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and the GMFMC at their October 28 – November 1, 2013 meeting. However, the GMFMC changed one of their preferred alternatives; therefore the amendment went back to the SAFMC to be approved at their December 2013 meeting. During that meeting, the SAFMC changed one of their preferred alternatives so the amendment went back to the GMFMC to be approved at their February 2014 meeting. The GMFMC did not choose the same preferred alternative as the SAFMC so the amendment went back to the SAFMC in March 2014. The SAFMC removed the action to change the start of the fishing year for Gulf Group king mackerel in the Western Zone and approved the amendment. Amendment 20b went back to the GMFMC and was approved for formal review at their April 2014 meeting.

- a. √Document being revised prior to Gulf Council's October 28 – November 1, 2013 meeting
- b. √Document revised for South Atlantic December 2014 meeting.
- c. √Document revised for Gulf Council's February 3-7, 2014 meeting in Houston, TX.
- d. √Document revised for SAFMC's March 3-7, 2014 meeting in Savannah, GA.
- e. √Document revised for GMFMC's April 2014 meeting.
- f. √Document finalized for formal review (assuming both Councils approve)
 - i. IPT needs one final review. Done _____. Needs to be re-reviewed based on the changes.
 - ii. Jack needs one final review
 - iii. IRFA and RIR needs to be done
 - iv. When these are done, then Monica and Jack final review
- g. √Document sent to NMFS 5/22/14.
- h. Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - i. Published in *Federal Register* on ____ 14.
 - ii. Comments due ____ 14.
- i. Proposed Rule published ____/14.
 - i. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - ii. Comments due by ____/14.
- j. Final Rule published ____/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 14.
- k. Send to Council, AP & SSC
- l. Regulations effective ____/14.

3. Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Action 2013 – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)

Note: The SA CMP Framework Action 2013 is scheduled for final approval by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and the GMFMC at their October 28 – November 1, 2013 meeting. The Framework, if approved by both Councils, will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in November 2013.

- a. √Document being revised prior to Gulf Council's October 28 – November 1, 2013 meeting
- b. √IPT needs one final review
- c. √Jack needs one final review
- d. √IRFA needs to be done
- e. √When these are done, then √Gregg, √Monica, √Jack, and √Ben final review
- f. √Document sent to NMFS 12/18/13.
- g. √Proposed Rule published 3/19/14.
 - i. Send to Council, AP & SSC – done 4/1/14
 - ii. Comments due by 4/18/14.

- h. Final Rule published _____/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____ 14.
- i. Send to Council, AP & SSC _____
- j. Regulations effective _____/14.

4. South Atlantic/Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 1/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)

Note: The Spanish mackerel projections were sent to the SSC with a request to reexamine. It seems like the adjustment to ACLs would be an EA so that is how the timing has been developed. If NMFS determines an EIS is required, then scoping would have to be conducted.

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Co-Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS Co-Lead), Jack McGovern (Sustainable Fisheries Biologists), David Keys (NEPA), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Tony Lamberte (Economist), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Anik Clemens (Technical Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), and David Dale (Habitat)
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried and Christopher Liese
- e. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

✓NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in November 2013. NMFS determine EA.

Note: At the September 2013 meeting the Council directed staff to use the regular framework process for this action.

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a. ✓SSC reviews projections – October 2013
- b. ✓Council receives projection results and SSC recommendations – December 2013. Provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included.
- c. ~~Fast track process: Provide guidance at September 2013 Council meeting for staff to prepare modifications to the ACLs under the fast track process and have that ready for the December 2013 meeting. Council holds a public hearing and final approval at the December 2013 meeting. Document sent to NMFS for review and implementation in December 2013 or January 2014.~~
- d. ✓Regular framework process: Provide guidance at September 2013 Council meeting for staff to prepare modifications to the ACLs under the regular framework process.
- e. ✓Draft Framework Document: review, modify & approve for public hearing at December 2013 meeting

- f. ✓Public hearings – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- g. ✓Draft Framework Document: review amendment/comments, modify & approve for review and implementation – March 2014 Council meeting
- h. ✓GMFMC approves – April 2014 meeting
- i. ✓Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
 - i. IPT needs one final review
 - ii. Jack needs one final review
 - iii. IRFA needs to be done
 - iv. When these are done, then Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review
- j. ✓Document submitted to NMFS – April/May 2014. Done May 29, 2014.
- k. ✓Proposed Rule published 7/31/14.
 - i. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - ii. Comments due by ____/14.
- l. Final Rule published ____/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____ 14.
- m. Send to Council, AP & SSC
- n. Regulations effective ____/14.

5. South Atlantic/Gulf Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 2/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)

In March 2013 the South Atlantic Council added an action to South Atlantic Framework Action 2013 to consider changes in the commercial trip limit system for Atlantic Spanish mackerel in Florida, but decided to move the action to a later amendment in June 2013. The Committee approved the following motion to add the action in a new framework amendment:

MOTION: BRING BACK THE PREVIOUS TRIP LIMIT ACTIONS FROM ORIGINAL FRAMEWORK IN A SEPARATE FRAMEWORK ACTION FOR CONSIDERATION.

Approved by Committee. APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

IPT Team

1. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
2. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (Lead)
3. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Co-Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS Co-Lead), Jack McGovern (Sustainable Fisheries Biologist), David Keys (NEPA), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Anik Clemens (Technical Writer), Adam Brame (Protected Resources)
4. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried and Brent Stoffle
5. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

√NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in April 2014. NMFS determine an EA.

Note: At the June 2014 Council meeting the document was approved for public hearings. No preferred alternatives were chosen.

Proposed timing 2014:

- a. √June 2014- review by South Atlantic Council, direction to staff, and approve for public hearings
- b. √August 2014 – public hearings
- c. September 2014- review, public hearing, and final action by South Atlantic Council
- d. October 2014- review and final action by Gulf Council
- e. November 2014- submitted for Secretarial Review
- f. Early 2015- implementation

6. *JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP ALLOCATION AMENDMENT 24/EA – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)*

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. √GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), David Keys (NEPA), Christina Package (Social Scientist), and Stephen Holiman (Economist)
- d. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
- e. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

√NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in November 2013. NMFS determined CMP Amendment 24 is an EA.

Items:

- A. Modify allocations for Gulf migratory group king mackerel
- B. Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a. √Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. √Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. √February 2014, GMFMC decided to table the amendment until after the king mackerel assessment is completed.
- e. √March 2014 the SAFMC decided to move forward with development of actions and alternatives for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel.
- f. √SAFMC to review updated options paper at June 2014 meeting. Council directed staf to bring back a more detailed options paper at the December 2014 meeting.
- g. √Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- h. GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014
- i. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – √SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- j. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- k. Public hearings – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- l. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in _____ and GMFMC in _____
- m. Document submitted to NMFS – _____

Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

7. *JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC CMP AMENDMENT 26 (Permit Split)/EA or EIS? – Kari (SAFMC Administrative Lead)*

Given the workload, if developed, this amendment should be considered for later in 2014 (i.e., public hearings in August 2014).

DECISION DOCUMENT FOR SEPARATING PERMITS FOR KING MACKEREL AND SPANISH MACKEREL INTO SEPARATE JURISDICTIONS

IPT Team NEED IPT TEAM

The Gulf side will set up an IPT after they determine if the Gulf Council is going to move forward with Amendment 26. Decision will be made after assessments are completed for king mackerel in fall 2014.

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead) and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Sue Gerhart (NMFS Lead), Kate Michie (NMFS co-lead)
- d. NMFS SEFSC Team:
- b. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after range of actions is determined and IPT meets.

Proposed Timing 2014:

- a. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- b. ✓Council reviews/modifies Decision Document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- c. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- d. ✓Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- e. ✓GMFMC to discuss development of amendment. At their February 2014 meeting, the GMFMC delayed development of Amendment 26 until after stock assessment for king mackerel is completed.
- f. ✓Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014
- g. Review White Paper at September 2014 meeting – provide input and guidance on timing.
- h. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in _____
- i. Public hearings – SAFMC in _____
- j. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in _____
- k. Document submitted to NMFS – _____

Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

V. SPINY LOBSTER

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

1. Spiny Lobster Amendment ~~12~~ 13 – Kari

This amendment will be developed in the future based on ongoing work evaluating rope marking.

VI. SHRIMP – Chip Collier

1. *Potential Cold Water Closure*

- A. √Plan for action in 2014 if requested. Shrimp Amendment 9 was approved so new process can be used during the winter of 2014.
- B. √Cold weather event closure in federal waters off SC was implemented February 14, 2014 and the commercial fishery is reopening May 1, 2014.

VII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian

√Golden Crab AP meeting prior to June 2014 Council meeting. Topics include:

1. Input on Accountability Measures
2. Potential modifications to fishing zones
3. Other issues

√AP meets May 2, 2014 from 1-5 pm in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida (See Section XII. for details)

√Golden Crab Committee meeting during the June 2014 meeting. Provide guidance to staff.

AP meeting in Charleston November 13 (9am) – November 14 (noon), 2014

1. Mapping of areas and potential modifications to allowable fishing areas.
2. Potential change in fishing year.

Committee meeting during December 1-5, 2014 meeting in New Bern, NC

1. Determine if need to develop a new amendment.
2. If yes, approve scoping document.
3. Scope during January 2015.

VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

1. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Dealer Amendment - Gregg

Note: The Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Dealer Amendment is scheduled for its third final approval by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting (GMFMC approved at their August 2013 meeting) and, if approved, will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in September 2013.

- a. √IPT/Jack/Gregg reviewed prior to SAFMC September 2013 meeting. Gregg provided edits to John Froeschke (GMFMC) on August 13, 2013.
- b. √Gregg to draft letter from Bob/Ben stating SAFMC approved for formal review. Also request GMFMC staff to add amendment numbers if possible to reduce confusion.
- c. √Gregg/Ben will not review again.
- A. √Gulf Council resubmits revised amendment and codified text. Provide copy to SAFMC. Done 9/26/13.
- B. √NMFS Declares Transmit Date as 12/13/13.
- C. Final Review and Implementation:
 - a. √Notice of Availability of Amendment published 12/19/14.
 - b. √Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on 2/18/14.
 - c. √Send to Council, AP & SSC – done 2/3/14 as reminder.
 - d. √Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
 - e. √Secretary decision on approval by 3/20/14. Amendment approved on 3/18/14.
- D. √Proposed Rule published 1/2/14.
 - a. √Send to Council, AP & SSC – done 2/3/14 as reminder.
 - b. √Comments due by 2/3/14.
- E. √Final Rule published 4/9/14; regulations effective 8/7/14.
 - a. √Send to Council, AP & SSC – done 4/14/14.
 - b. √Post to websites

2. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment - Gregg

Note: This was previously Action 2 in CEBA-3.

Note: This will be a joint amendment with the Gulf Council with the South Atlantic Council as administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 27, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 9

IPT Team IPT to be determined after February 2013 Gulf Council meeting.

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. √GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)

- c. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski (NMFS Co-Lead), Anik Clemens (Regulation Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Christina Package (Anthropologist), Nick Farmer, David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman, (NEPA), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Kelly Moran (OLE).
- d. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertlein, Shannon Calay, Larry Perruso (Economist).
- e. ✓NOAA GC – Mara Levy.

Timing: WILL BE WORKED ON AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2013 COUNCIL MEETING

- i. Prepare draft amendment document from CEBA-3 – Gregg in early January 2013
- ii. IPT review and revise document
- iii. Document reviewed during Gulf Council February 5-8, 2013 meeting.
- iv. Timing determined after Gulf Council meeting
- v. IPT meeting with Gulf Staff - April 1, 2013

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC requested a presentation on the pilot study from the SEFSC. After receiving the presentation at the September 2013 meeting, the Committee and Council will provide guidance to staff/IPT on timing and scope.

At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC requested the SEFSC provide updates at each Council meeting on progress of the commercial electronic logbook pilot study and directed staff to defer work on the amendment until the pilot is completed.

At the March 2014 meeting, Dr. Bonnie Ponwith updated the committee on the status of this electronic logbook pilot project. The committee discussed the original intent to provide fishermen the option of filing their logbook form electronically or using the current paper logbook versus the current pilot study evaluating an on-vessel electronic logbook. Input from the Snapper Grouper visioning process thus far indicates support for reporting electronically rather than via paper. The committee expressed interest in future discussions about providing the opportunity for fishermen to report electronically, in addition to using paper. The Council directed staff to provide some options on how commercial fishermen could report electronically and via paper and provide at the June 2014 meeting.

At the June 2014 meeting, Dr. Bonnie Ponwith updated the committee on the status of this electronic logbook pilot project. The committee directed staff to work with ACCSP on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form. Gregg Waugh will be the staff person working on this and NMFS SERO () and SEFSC () will appoint an individual to work on this along with NOAA GC (Monica Smit-Brunello).

Timing:

- A. ✓Options drafted by Gregg – by ; done for 2nd bb.
- B. xProvided to IPT for review – by
- C. xComments due - by
- D. ✓Options ready for briefing book – 5/16/14; included in 2nd bb.

- E. ✓Committee/Council guidance at June 2014 meeting.
- F. NMFS SERO appoints _____
- G. NMFS SEFSC appoints _____
- H. ✓Gregg to follow-up with Mike Cahall – done June 20, 2014
- I. Group to draft implementation plan with timing and report to Council in December 2014.

3. GMFMC Charterboat Reporting Amendment - Gregg

Need additional SAFMC guidance on level of participation.

The Gulf Council approved the following motions at their October 2012 meeting:

- a. Motion#1: To create a subcommittee with a member of the South Atlantic, HMS, Gulf Council, SEFSC, and MRIP to coordinate and bring back a complementary document to deal with headboat data collection system.
Motion carried with no opposition.

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), John Carmichael, Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
- c. NMFS SERO Team: Rich Malinowski (NMFS Lead), Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Andy Strelcheck
- d. NMFS SEFSC – Ken Brennan and Vivian Matter
- e. √NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello

√Technical Subcommittee

- a. GMFMC – John Froeschke
- b. SAFMC – John Carmichael/Mike Errigo
- c. NMFS SERO – Andy Strelcheck
- d. NMFS SEFSC – Ken Brennan and Vivian Matter
- e. MRIP – Dr. Ron Saltz
- f. HMS – George Silva
- g. ASFMC – Beverly Sauls
- h. ACCSP – Mike Cahall
- i. GSFMC – Greg Bray
- j. Doug Mumford – NC
- k. Eric Hiltz – SC
- l. Mark Fisher – TX

Timing – work with Gulf Council to determine timing.

- a. Technical Sub-Committee meets May 28-29, 2014 in Tampa, FL

At the June 2013 meeting, the SAFMC reiterated their direction to staff to work with the GMFMC on this amendment in 2014.

√Request other organizations make appointments.

At the September 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

1. APPOINT JOHN CARMICHAEL/MIKE ERRIGO AS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE WORKING ON THE

TECHNICAL ASPECTS OF SEPARATING CHARTERBOATS FROM THE MRIP SAMPLING PROGRAM

2. Directed staff to work with Gulf Council staff and NMFS staff on a Generic Amendment addressing Charter Reporting

At the December 2013 meeting, the SAFMC approved the following:

MOTION #1: The Councils' intent is to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically at a minimum of weekly as is being implemented for headboats. It is the Councils' intent that this information be updated on the SERO's website on some regular period.

MOTION #2: Direct staff to draft a letter from SAFMC/GMFMC to the agencies/partners (MRIP, HMS, SEFSC, SERO, ACCSP AND ASMFC) requesting they appoint representatives prior to the South Atlantic Council's March 2014 meeting.

At the March 2014 meeting, the South Atlantic Council discussed the Gulf Council's interest in moving this amendment along and that the technical subcommittee provide their report by summer and their approved motion to develop a joint framework action to establish electronic reporting or other approved methods within the federally permitted reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics charter fishery. The committee discussed this but felt that the technical committee would need the rest of this year to complete their work. The committee discussed work that could be conducted by the two Councils to begin working on an amendment to require electronic reporting from charter vessels. The Council directed South Atlantic Staff to work with Gulf Staff to provide support to the technical committee and facilitate the committee's work. Discuss what work can be accomplished on the amendment while the technical committee is completing their work. Report back at the June 2014 meeting.

Proposed Schedule:

- a) ✓The Council also directed staff to draft a letter from the SAFMC/GMFMC asking the other agencies/partners to appoint representatives to the committee prior to the Council's March 2014 meeting.
- b) ✓Letter to agencies/partners:
 - (i) ✓Draft prepared – done 1/31/14
 - (ii) ✓Sent to GMFMC by – done 1/31/14
 - (iii) ✓Sent to Partners by – done 2/4/14
- c) Technical subcommittee work during 2014 and develop a recommendation to present to the Council in December 2014 or March 2015.
- d) Staff to continue work on the technical sub-committee to complete the report for the December 2014 meeting.

Details to be added.

IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO – Brian

Note: Comprehensive ACL Amendment was #2, CE-BA 3 is #3, and the Joint SA/GM Dealer Amendment was #4.

1. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 - Brian

Note: Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 5 was approved by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and was sent to the Secretary of Commerce in November 2013.

- a. √IPT/Jack completed reviews prior to Sept meeting
 - b. √IRFA needs to be done – by September 27th if possible
 - c. √Available September 27 for Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review
13. √Document preparation for formal review:
- a. √IPT leads request review completed by _____.
 - b. √Staff/IPT completes document by _____. Gregg done 10/15/13.
 - c. √Council chair reviews document & proposed rule by _____. Done 10/1/13.
 - d. √Comments from SERO and NOAA GC received on _____. Done 11/18/13.
 - e. √Council staff completes final review of document & proposed rule by _____
 - f. √Corrections made by _____.
14. √SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____. Done 11/22/13.
15. √Notice of Availability of Amendment
- a. √Published in *Federal Register* on 2/28/14.
 - b. √Comments due 4/29/14.
16. √Proposed Rule published 3/14/14.
- 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by 4/14/14.
17. √Final Rule published 6/9/14. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 6/9/14.
- a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - b. Post to web site
 - c. Regulations effective 7/9/14.

2. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillet Issue)/EA - Brian

IPT Team

- a. ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist), Adam Brame (Protected Resources), Scott Sandorf (Technical Writer), Stephen Holiman (Economist), David Dale (Habitat), David Keys (NEPA), and Otha Easley (OLE)
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC – Erik Williams and Brent Stoffle
- d. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine the appropriate NEPA document after the Council determines the range of actions and alternatives for this amendment. NMFS determined this amendment is an EA.

The Committee/Council provided guidance on how to handle and timing at the September meeting:

- a. Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 7/EA – would not likely be in place for 2014
 - i. ✓Assuming EA required, Directed Staff to prepare draft Amendment 7 – September - November
 - ii. ✓Webinar Q & A and Public Hearing – November 18 2013 beginning at 6 pm
 - iii. ✓Schedule a Public Hearing during the December 2013 Council meeting
 - iv. ✓Draft Amendment 7: review, modify & provide guidance ~~approve for formal review~~ – December 2013 Council meeting

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council provided guidance to staff to revise the document, address a number of issues raised, and add snapper grouper skin-on requirement. This is now a joint dolphin wahoo/snapper grouper amendment and the revised timing is as follows:

- v. ✓IPT addresses issues and revises document – January/February 2014
- vi. ✓Council updated on progress – March 2014
- vii. ✓IPT completes document – March through May 2014
- viii. ✓Council reviews, modifies, and approves for public hearings – June 2014
- ix. Public hearings – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- x. Distribute to MAFMC & NEFMC for them to publicize/hold public hearing and provide comments to SAFMC
- xi. Council reviews public input, revises document as necessary, and approves for formal review – September 2014
- xii. Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
 - a. IPT needs one final review
 - b. Jack needs one final review
 - c. IRFA needs to be done
 - d. When these are done, then Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review

- xiii. SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by October 31, 2014. Done
_____/14. Target for regulations to be in place by Summer 2015.
- xiv. Notice of Availability of Amendment
 - 1. Published in *Federal Register* on _____.
 - 2. Comments due _____.
- xv. Proposed Rule published _____.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Comments due by _____.
- xvi. Final Rule published _____/15. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/15.
 - 1. Send to Council, AP & SSC
 - 2. Post to web site
 - 3. Regulations effective _____/15.

X. GENERIC AM/DOLPHIN ALLOCATION AMENDMENT/EA – Brian

(Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 8, Snapper Grouper Amendment 34, and Golden Crab Amendment 9)

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Myra Brouwer, Anna Martin (Coral Issues), Mike Errigo (Data), and Roger Pugliese (Habitat Issues)
- b. √NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist), Anik Clemens (Technical Writer), Nick Farmer (Data), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Tony Lamberte (Economist), David Dale (Habitat), David Keys (NEPA), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), and Jeff Rindone (OLE)
- c. √NMFS SEFSC – Erik Williams and Scott Crosson
- d. √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Items to be addressed:

- a. ~~Snapper grouper allocations for all species~~
- b. Dolphin/wahoo allocations
- c. Snapper grouper accountability measures for most species
- d. Golden crab accountability measures

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NEPA Checklist will be sent out after range of actions is determined in December 2013. NMFS determined this amendment is an EA on 3/7/14.

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council provided guidance that snapper grouper allocations would not be included pending input from the visioning process and that wahoo allocations are not to be included. The initial EIS determination was based on the assumption that snapper grouper allocations would be addressed by the amendment. A new NEPA checklist was sent out in April 2104 based on updated list of actions to determine if the amendment should remain as an EIS. NMFS has determined the amendment is an EA.

Timing 2013/14:

- a. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- b. √Scoping Webinar if EIS – February 2014 (See XIII. 3. Scoping Webinars for February 2014 for document deadlines, etc.)
- c. √Distribute to MAFMC & NEFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
- d. √Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – March 2014
- e. √Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – June 2014
- f. Public hearings – August 2014 (See XV. 3. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)

- g. Distribute to MAFMC & NEFMC for them to publicize/hold public hearing and provide comments to SAFMC
- h. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve all actions – September 2014
- i. Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
 - 1. IPT needs one final review
 - 2. Jack needs one final review
 - 3. IRFA needs to be done
 - 4. When these are done, then Gregg, Monica, Jack, and Ben final review
- j. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – December 2014
- k. Document submitted to NMFS – December 2014

XI. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – John

√1. SSC Spring Meeting – April 28 – May 1, 2014

Note: At the December 2012 meeting, the Council provided guidance that the SSC is to review analyses and assessment information in amendments but is not required to review every amendment. Staff will develop a list of issues/questions as appropriate. The Council's briefing books will be provided to the SSC on a routine basis and any additional comments from the SSC will be addressed.

- A. Meeting Location: Charleston
Crowne Plaza Hotel
4381 Tanger Outlet Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: 843-744-4422/Fax: 843-744-4472
- B. Steps and Draft list of items:
 - (i) meeting requests: 11/1
 - (ii) TO request: John: Feb 3
 - (iii) FR notice – JOHN: Andrea: ---- March 25
Agenda Topics due to John: January 27
BB materials due to John: April 9
 - (iv) Briefing materials sent by – Admin April 11
 - (v) TOPICS
- C. SSC Assessment Planning Workshop 1 pm Monday 28th - noon Tuesday 29th
- D. SSC Meeting 1 pm Tuesday 29th to 3 pm Thursday May 1
- E. List of Items
 - 1) SEDAR
 - TORS for 2015 assessment, include mgmt specs
U = black grouper (FWC)
 - ~~Review FL Mutton Snapper – Presenter~~
 - Review Snowy Grouper (from October 2013)
 - Review Gag
 - SEFIS Video Index Workshop/Workgroup Update
 - Shrimp data procedures workshop Update
 - 2) Blueline Tilefish Projections Review
 - MRIP presentation on 2013 blueline tilefish numbers
 - 3) Wreckfish assessment review
 - 4) Review SAFMC peer review process
 - 5) Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Report
 - 6) Annual Research Priority Plan - review, approve
 - 7) Data Poor Assessment Workshop Report
 - 8) Fishery Dependent Sampling Workshop
 - 9) FMPs ??
DW 7/ SG 33

CMP 24
Generic Allocation
SG RA 20
SG A29

- 9) Update on National Standard 2 Revisions
- 10) Progress report of the ABC Control Rule Revisions Workgroup
(Luiz Marcel Steve John)
- 11) Chair/Vice Chair Election

Other Potential Items:

- (a) Fishery Dependent Data/Oceanography Data – Roger to get with John
- (b)

**√2. Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Meeting – April 28, 2014 -
(Kari/Brian)**

Meeting Location: 1pm – 5 pm on Monday, April 28, 2014
Crowne Plaza Hotel
4381 Tanger Outlet Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: 843-744-4422/Fax: 843-744-4472

Steps and Draft list of items:

- (i) meeting requests: 11/1; Kari
- (ii) TO request: Kari: 3/1
- (iii) FR notice (do with SSC notice???) – Kari: Andrea: ----
Agenda Topics due to Kari: February 4
BB materials due to Kari:
- (iv) Briefing materials sent by – Admin
- (v) TOPICS
 - a. Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - b. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets)
 - c. CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations)
 - d. Request that the SEFSC provide feedback as to whether existing data are sufficient to support the use of the economic efficiency analysis/net benefit analysis.

3. SSC Fall Meeting – October 28-30, 2014

- A. Meeting Location: Charleston
Crowne Plaza Hotel
4381 Tanger Outlet Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418
Phone: 843-744-4422/Fax: 843-744-4472
- B. Steps and Draft list of items:
 - (i) √Meeting request: 11/1/13. Done: John
 - (ii) √TO Request 8/1: John: ; Notice sent to participants –; John

- (iii) FR notice – 9/23 JOHN: Andrea
- (iv) ✓ Agenda Topics due to John: 7/21
- (v) BB materials due to John: 10/6
- (vi) Briefing materials sent by ----- Admin 10/14
- (vii) TOPICS

- C. ABC Control Rule Workshop 1 pm Monday 27th - noon Tuesday 28th
- D. SSC Meeting - 1 pm Tuesday 28th to 3 pm Thursday 30th
- E. List of Items
 - 1) ABC Control Rule Workshop Report
 - 2) Bag Limit Analysis Approaches
 - 3) SEDAR
 - TORS for 2015 assessment, include mgmt specs
 - U = Tilefish, Red Grouper, Vermilion Snapper
 - Review FL Hogfish - Presenter?
 - Review King Mackerel
 - Review Mutton Snapper
 - 4) Gag bag limit analysis
 - 5) MRIP Calibration Workshop Report
 - 6) 2014 National SSC Workshop
 - 7) Council Workplan Update

4. *SSC Spring 2015 Meeting – May 5-7, 2015*

- 1) Review SEDAR 41 (Red Snapper & Gray Triggerfish)

5. *Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Meeting – May 4, 2015*

6. *SSC Fall 2015 Meeting – October 20-22 (tentative dates)*

- A. Red Snapper Benchmark
- B. Gray Triggerfish Benchmark
- C. Red Grouper Update
- D. Black Grouper Update

7. *SSC Conference Calls/Webinars – as needed*

- A. SSC Conference Call/Webinar
 - Late Jan - wreckfish review details
 - TORS, Participants, Timing

XII. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

Crown Plaza requested for Charleston meetings.

Federal Register notices are due 30 days prior to meeting; send to Andrea.

Meeting requests to Cindy. Done.

1. √Dolphin Wahoo AP - Brian

- A. March 19, 2014 from 9 am to noon
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5
 - b. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets)
 - c. Generic Accountability Measure/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - d. Others?
- D. √Federal Register notice
- E. √Briefing materials by _____

2. √Habitat AP – Roger

- A. April 1 (1 pm) to April 3 (3 pm), 2014
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Report
 - b. Policy Statements
 - c. Others?
- D. √Federal Register notice
- E. √Briefing materials by 3/21/14. Done _____

3. √Mackerel AP - Kari

- A. April 7 (1 pm) to April 8 (noon), 2014
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Status of CMP Amendment 20A
 - b. Status CMP Amendment 20B
 - c. Status of 2013 Framework
 - d. Status of 2014 Framework
 - e. CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations for Spanish Mackerel)
 - f. CMP Amendment 26 (Permit Split)
 - g. Others?
- D. √Federal Register notice
- E. √Briefing materials by 3/28. Done 3/20/14.

4. ✓**Snapper Grouper AP - Myra**

- A. April 8 (1:30 pm) to April 11 (noon), 2014 with MPAs all day on April 9th
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Travel Order requests: AP (4/8-11), Marcel & Tracey (4/8-11), and John Hunt (4/8-10)
- D. Items
 - a. Status of Amendment 27 (Mgmt Authority/Fmwk/Crew Size)
 - b. Status of Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - d. Report on Amendment 22 (Tags to Track Harvest)
 - e. Amendment 29 (ORCS & Gray Trigger Mgmt Measures)
 - f. Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish Reblinding, ACLs & Mgmt Measures)
 - g. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper & Mutton Snapper)
 - h. Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSSTs)
 - i. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets)
 - j. Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) – all day on April 9th
 - MPA Presentations on April 9th:
 - i. Kim Iverson – Outreach
 - ii. _____ - Law Enforcement
 - iii. Stacey Harter – SEFSC; confirmed
 - iv. Marcel Reichert/Tracey Smart – SERFS; confirmed
 - v. George Sedberry – MPA Expert Workgroup; confirmed
 - vi. Will Heymen – LGL Ecological Research Associates Inc.; confirmed
 - vii. Mike Burton – SEFSC; confirmed
 - viii. John Hunt – FL FWC; confirmed
 - k. Generic Accountability Measure/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - l. Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Report
 - m. Update on Visioning
 - n. Others?
- E. ✓Federal Register notice
- F. ✓Briefing materials by 3/28/14; mailed 3/28/14.

5. ✓**Golden Crab AP - Brian**

- A. May 2 from 1 pm to 5 pm, 2014
- B. Location: Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- C. Items
 - a. Generic Accountability Measure/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - b. Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Report
 - c. Potential modifications to fishing zones
 - d. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 4/25. Done _____

6. √Information & Education AP Meeting & Workshop - Amber

- A. Timing:
 - a. AP Meeting (Recorded): May 5 (9 am – noon), 2014
 - b. Workshop (not recorded): May 5 (1 pm – 5 pm), 2014
 - c. Workshop (separate room so room with recording equipment available for Deepwater Shrimp AP; not recorded): May 6 (9 am – 5 pm), 2014
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Report
 - b. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 4/25/14

Note: 3 APs (I&E, DW Shrimp & Coral) to meet this week and should be held in same hotel.

7. √Deepwater Shrimp AP – Anna/Roger/Gregg

- A. May 6 (1-5 pm) to May 7 (9 am to noon)
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Status of Coral Amendment 8
 - b. Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Report
 - c. Information on tools/options available to conduct research in the area of interest.
 - d. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 4/22/14

8. √Coral AP – Anna/Roger/Gregg

- A. May 7 (1-5 pm) to May 8 (9 am to 5 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Status of Coral Amendment 8
 - b. Status of Coral Grant
 - c. Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Report
 - d. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 4/22/14

9. Snapper Grouper AP - Myra

- A. October 21 (9 am – 5 pm) – 22 (9 am – 5 pm)
- B. Location: Charleston
- C. Items
 - a. Amendment 35 (Species Removal)
 - b. Amendment 36 (SMZs)
 - c. Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pots)
 - d. Visioning
 - e. Joint SA/GM Amendments
 - f. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 10/10/14

10. Golden Crab AP - Brian

- A. November 13 from 9 am to 5 pm and November 14 from 9 am to noon, 2014
- B. Location: North Charleston, SC in the SAFMC Conference room
- C. Items
 - a. Potential modifications to fishing year
 - b. Potential modifications to fishing zones; mapping
 - c. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

11. Habitat AP - Roger

- A. November 18 (9 am) to November 19 (5pm)
- B. Location: St. Petersburg, FL
- C. Items
 - a. ??
 - b. Others?
- D. Federal Register notice
- E. Briefing materials by 10/____/14

XIII. VISIONING – Amber/Myra

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved holding port meetings during February – March 2014. Draft meeting locations (cities) are shown in the table on the following page.

Proposed Timing 2014:

- a) ✓ Port Meetings – February through April 2014
- b) ✓ Comments accepted through May 30, 2014
- c) ✓ Council reviews comments – June 2014
 - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
 - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- d) Council work on Vision/Strategic Plan – October 14 (1 pm) to October 16 (3pm), 2014 in North Charleston, SC (Crown Plaza)
 - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
 - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- e) Council revisions/approval of Draft Vision/Strategic Plan – December 2014
 - i. Overview – Amber/Myra
 - ii. Council guidance – Michelle Duval
- f) Public input on Council's Draft Vision/Strategic Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery – during January/February public hearings/webinars with Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 or Port Meetings??

SOUTH CAROLINA: (C=Commercial; FH=For-Hire; R=Recreational; Ch=Chefs; T=Tourism)																	
February 11			February 12			February 17			February 18			February 20					
City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:			
Murrells Inlet	early afternoon	C	Charleston	10:30AM - 12:30PM	Ch; C	Charleston	6:00-8:00PM	R; FH	Bluffton/Hilton Head	6:00-8:00 PM	FH; R	Columbia	6:30-8:30 PM	FH; R			
Murrells Inlet	early evening	FH; R															
(Travel home)			(no travel required)			(no travel required)			(Travel home after meeting)			(Travel home after meeting)					
NORTH CAROLINA: (C=Commercial; FH=For-hire; R=Recreational; Ch=chefs; T=tourism)																	
17-Mar			18-Mar			19-Mar			March 20								
City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:						
Oak Island	mid-morning	C; Ch; T	Sneads Ferry/Hampstead	late a.m., mid-day	C	Morehead City	late a.m., mid-day	C; Ch	Wanchese	mid-day	C						
Shalotte	early afternoon	FH; R	Regroup			Raleigh/New Bern/Greenvi	early evening	R; Ch	Hatteras	early evening	C; FH						
(overnight in Wilmington)			(overnight in MHC)			(overnight in one of those cities)			(overnight in OBX area)								
FLORIDA: (C=Commercial; FH=For-Hire; R=Recreational; Ch=Chefs; T=Tourism)																	
March 25			March 26			March 27			March 28-30			March 31			April 1		
City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:
St. Augustine	mid-day	FH; R; C	Cape Canaveral	mid-day	C	Port Salerno	afternoon	C	Appear on Bill Kelly's radio show evening of			Key West	afternoon	C	Marathon	early afternoon	C
St. Augustine	early evening	FH; R	Cape Canaveral	early evening	R	West Palm Beach	evening	FH; R	Mar 28; dock visits March 29-30; transit to KW on March 30			Key West	evening	FH; R	Islamorada	evening	FH; R
GEORGIA: (C=Commercial; FH=For-Hire; R=Recreational; Ch=Chefs; T=Tourism)																	
DAY 1 -			DAY 2 -														
City:	Time:	Sector:	City:	Time:	Sector:												
Richmond Hill	early evening	FH; R	Crescent	mid-day	C; Ch												
			Brunswick	early evening	R												
(Overnight in area)			(overnight in Brunswick; travel home in a.m.)														

XIV. SOUTH FLORIDA MANAGEMENT ISSUES/GOLIATH GROUP JOINT COUNCIL COMMITTEE – Bob/Gregg

South Atlantic Council:

1. Council members – Ben Hartig, Michelle Duval, David Cupka, Jessica McCawley & Charlie Phillips
2. Staff – Bob Mahood & Gregg Waugh
3. Others – Luiz Barbieri & John Hunt

Gulf of Mexico Council:

1. Council members – Doug Boyd, Kevin Anson, Martha Bademan, Roy Williams & John Sanchez
2. Staff – Doug Gregory & Carrie Simmons

√The group has held a number of meetings via webinar and phone. The first in-person meeting was held January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.

The next in-person meeting will take place July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.

1. Goliath Grouper

- a. SSC/Assessment group to determine if sufficient data exist for another assessment – Carrie/Luiz Gulf lead. If yes, FWC staff have volunteered to be lead on the stock assessment. If no, the SSC group would provide a coordinated scientific sampling plan to address any missing data needs.
- b. SEDAR representative as we move forward – Julie Neer

2. Speckled hind/Warsaw grouper

- a. South Atlantic & Gulf SSC Subcommittee to explore methods to determine stock status of speckled hind and warsaw grouper and suggest a path forward – John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead) working with Luiz and Carrie to organize meeting; may need to meet several times.
- b. Timing - can the group meet prior to July 22-24, 2014 Jt. Committee meeting?
- c. Education program to help people distinguish snowy grouper from warsaw grouper – handle through normal Information & Education activities.

4. **SAFMC Only Snapper Grouper Amendment (Snapper Grouper Amendment 35) – Gregg Waugh (SAMFC Lead)**
- a. Species to remove (Gulf removed these species from Reef Fish FMU in 2011):
 - i. Dog snapper
 - ii. Schoolmaster
 - iii. Mahogany snapper
 - iv. Black snapper
 - b. Vermilion snapper – change to 10” TL (same as Gulf). Florida would take their own action to make this change.

MOTION #1: TAKE AN ACTION TO REMOVE NASSAU GROUPE, DOG SNAPPER, SCHOOL MASTER, MAHOGANY AND BLACK SNAPPER FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPE FMU.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL [Intent to scope in August 2014]

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council excluded removal of Nassau grouper and approved the document for scoping. See Snapper Grouper #13 for timing, etc. on Amendment 34.

5. **Joint Amendment to address all other species/actions**
- a. Prepared by Joint Council Committee on South Florida Issues – document preparation, actions/alternatives, analysis and recommendation of preferred alternatives.
 - b. Draft Amendment provided to Gulf Council and South Atlantic Council for consideration by full Councils not committees.
 - c. IPT-like group to guide development (work assignments, timeframes for deliverables, etc.):
 - i. South Atlantic Council – Bob Mahood & Gregg Waugh
 - ii. Gulf of Mexico Council – Doug Gregory & Carrie Simmons
 - iii. NMFS SERO – Jack McGovern
 - iv. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello
 - v. Florida – Jessica McCawley, Martha Bademan, Luiz Barbieri & John Hunt

MOTION #2: APPROVE THE PROCESS DESCRIBED FOR HOW THE JOINT SOUTH FLORIDA MANAGEMENT ISSUES COMMITTEE WOULD OPERATE.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

d. Timing:

- i. Group met January 7-9, 2014 in Key Largo, FL
- ii. Group to meet July 22-24, 2014 in Key Largo, FL.
- iii. Briefing book materials to be posted and distributed July 14, 2014
- iv. Scoping conducted 2013-2014 by Florida at workshops and at each Group meeting, Council meeting, etc.
- v. Council review and provide guidance – September 2014
- vi. Council reviews and approves for public hearings – December 2014
- vii. Public hearings (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) – January 2015
- viii. Council reviews public hearing input and approves actions – March 2015
- ix. Councils approves for final review – June 2016

e.

XV. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

The Council generally holds scoping meetings and public hearings during the last week in January and the first week in February. A second round is generally scheduled in August.

1. *√*Dates and Locations for January 2014

√A. Dates and requested locations: **Scoping/Hearings from 4-7 pm**

New process for Public Hearings/Scoping:

1. Staff presentations will be scheduled on the hour and ½ hour and publicize which amendment will be presented when.
2. Scoping – do these via webinar only for non-controversial items and if the number of amendments is very low. Council determined that MPA Scoping be in-person.

<u>January 21, 2014</u> Bay Watch Resort & Conference Center 2701 S. Ocean Boulevard N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 Phone: 843-272-4600	<u>January 22, 2014</u> DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront 2717 West Fort Macon Road Atlantic Beach, NC 28512 Phone: 252-240-1155
<u>January 27, 2014</u> Key West Marriott Beachside 3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-296-8100	<u>January 28, 2014</u> DoubleTree by Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>January 29, 2014</u> Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk 1515 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-396-5100	<u>January 30, 2014</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum* 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-743-8888

Note: Drive to Key Largo after Key West public hearing. Stay night of 1/27 at Hilton Key Largo, 97000 Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL 33037, Phone: 305-852-5553. Then drive to Cocoa Beach. We should get rental cars with Sun Passes to make it easier to travel on interstate. Mike checked on traveling to Key West on Sunday before the hearing and we will be able to do so at the Key West Marriott Beachside.

Note: Hotel rooms not needed for Pooler; staff will drive home afterwards.

*Richmond Hill City Center not available on January 30th.

√B. Amendments:

1. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (Remove BSB Pot Closure) (Myra) – scoping
2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS Revisions to Control Rule & Gray Triggerfish MMs) (Myra) – public hearings
3. CMP Framework Amendment 1 (South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Spanish Mackerel ACL) (Kari) – public hearings
4. CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations GM Kings & SA Spanish) (Kari) – scoping
5. CMP Amendment 26 (Permit Split) (Kari) – scoping

- √C. Rooms Needed – large area plus 3 rooms (1 recording and 2 for tech. presentations)
 - 4. General area (large) – sign-in and get information
 - 5. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input
 - 6. Room #2 – Snapper Grouper
 - 7. Room #3 – Mackerel
- D. √Federal Register Notice – by 12/20/13.
 - a. NOI documents filed –
 - b. √Publish notice – send 12/17 and published on 12/30/13.
- E. √Public Hearing Postcards – mailed 1/9/14
- F. Distribute to MAFMC for their distribution for hearings and scoping.
MAFMC public hearing – February 12, 2014 in New Bern, NC
- G. √Document/presentation preparation
 - a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by 1/10/14
 - ii. Amendments posted by 1/10/14 or 1/17/14 at the latest.
 - b. Documents available and posted on web site by 1/10/14.
 - c. Comments due by 5 pm on February 3, 2014.
 - d. Email addresses:
 - i. SGRegAmend16Comments@safmc.net
 - ii. SGAmend29Comments@safmc.net
 - iii. MackFmwkAm1Comments@safmc.net
 - iv. CMPSAmend24Comments@safmc.net
 - v. CMPSAmend26Comments@safmc.net
 - e. Presentations done by 1/10/14.
 - f. Video presentation done by 1/13/14.
- H. √Informal Q & A with Council Staff on January 15(CMP)/16(SG), 2014 at 6 pm:
 - a. Informal Q&A Session with Council staff; Council staff will give a brief overview of the presentation and Amber will moderate the questions coming in during and after the presentation; questions can be typed in the question box during the session and will be answered at the end along with opening up verbal questions if people want to ask their question out loud.
 - b. Stress that no official public comment will be taken during the Q&A session; the session is strictly for Q&A with Council Staff.
- I. √Staff attending – Myra & Kari all sites; Julie (Administrative) & Kim/Amber (I&E) all sites.
- J. √Council chairs – confirmed
 - a. NC – √Michelle (chair); √Jack Cox attending (no hotel rooms)
 - b. SC – Chris (chair) and David attending (hotel room for David)
 - c. GA – √Doug (chair); Charlie and √Zack attending (no hotel rooms)
 - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – √Ben (chair) and √John attending (2 hotel rooms)
 - e. Key West – √Ben (chair) and √John attending (2 hotel rooms)

2. Scoping Webinars – February 3-6, 2014

- A. √Amendments:
 - a. Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment (D/W & SG) (Brian) – Feb 3rd
- B. √ Document/presentation preparation – scoping webinars start at 6 pm
 - 1. √Scoping document and summary.
 - a. Scoping document posted by 1/17/14. Done 1/10/14.
 - b. Presentation done by 1/17/14. Done 1/6/14.
 - c. Video presentation done by 1/17/14. Done 1/6/14.
 - 2. √Document available and posted on web site by 1/17/14. Done 1/10/14.
 - 3. √Distribute to MAFMC (Mary Clark) and NEFMC (Pat Fiorelli) so they can publicize and have comments sent to us; Brian check with Kim for help if needed
 - 4. √Comments due by 5 pm on February 14, 2014
 - 5. Email addresses:
 - a. AMDolphinAllocAmendC@safmc.net
 - 6. √Presentation/Informal Q & A and then Scoping February 3, 2014 beginning at 6 pm.
 - 7. √Record scoping webinar.

3. Dates and Locations for August 2014

- √A. Draft dates and requested locations:
 - Spiny Lobster season opens on August 6th. **Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm**
- New process for Public Hearings/Scoping:
- 1. Staff presentations will be scheduled on the hour and ½ hour and publicize which amendment will be presented when.
 - 2. Scoping – do these via webinar only for non-controversial items and if the number of amendments is very low. Council determined that MPA Scoping be in-person.

<u>August 6, 2014</u> Bay Watch Resort & Conference Center 2701 S. Ocean Boulevard N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582 Phone: 843-272-4600	<u>August 7, 2014</u> Crystal Coast Civic Center 3505 Arendell Street Morehead City, NC 28557 Phone: 252-247-3883
<u>August 11, 2014</u> Key West Marriott Beachside 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040 Phone: 305-296-8100	<u>August 12, 2014</u> Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 1550 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-799-0003
<u>August 13, 2014</u> Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk 1515 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-396-5100	<u>August 14, 2014</u> Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum 175 Bourne Avenue Pooler, GA 31322 Phone: 912-743-8888

Note: We should get rental cars with Sun Passes to make it easier to travel on interstate. Mike is checking on traveling to Key West on Sunday before hearing. Spend Monday night in Key Largo. Hotel rooms not needed for Pooler; staff will drive home afterwards.

- √B. Amendments:
 1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) (Gregg/Roger) – **scoping**; make sure we have charts without boxes for public to use (Do we have or do we need to make new ones?). Explore use of sticky wall and online charts for public to use in commenting.
 2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species) (Gregg) - **scoping**
 3. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper) (Gregg) – public hearings
 4. Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish Rebuilding Program, ACL & Management Measures) (Myra) – public hearings
 5. Comprehensive AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment (Snapper Grouper & Dolphin/Wahoo) (Brian) – public hearings
 6. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Filletts) – public hearings
 7. CMP Framework 2 (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Trip Limits in Southern Zone) – Brian (SC)/Kari (FL/GA)
- √C. Rooms Needed – large area plus 4 rooms (1 recording and 3 for tech. presentations)
 1. General area (large) – sign-in and get information
 2. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input
 3. Room #2 – SG Am 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 4. Room #3 – Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment and Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 and CMP Framework Amendment 2
 5. Room #4 – Snapper Grouper RA 20 and Amendments 32 & 35
- D. √Federal Register Notice – by July 3, 2014
 - a. Notice sent to NOAA –
 - b. Publish notice –
- E. √Document preparation
 - a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by 7/18/14.
 - ii. Amendments posted by 7/18/14 or 7/25/14 at the latest.
 - iii. Video presentation posted on 7/22/14
 - b. Documents available and posted on web site by 7/18/14.
 - c. Comments due by 5 pm on August 18, 2014.
 - d. Email address for public comments: mike.collins@safmc.net
 - e. Presentations (powerpoint & video) done by 7/22/13. Posted by 7/22/13.
 - f. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. SG Am 36 (Gregg/Roger) – 7/28/14
 - ii. AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment & DW Amendment 7/SG Amendment 33 (Brian) and CMP Framework Amendment 2 (Kari) – 7/29/14
 - iii. SG Am 35 (Gregg), then Am 32 (Myra), and then Reg Am 20 (Myra) – 7/30/14

- F. √Staff attending hearings – Gregg, Myra & Brian all sites; Kari FL & GA; Julie (Administrative) all sites; and Amber (I&E) all sites; Kim – SC & NC only. Brian needs hotel for NMB but not Morehead City.
- G. Council chairs –
- a. NC – √Michelle (chair)
 - b. SC – √Mel (chair); Chris
 - c. GA – Charlie (chair); Zack
 - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – Martha for Jessica (chair) and Doug (Jacksonville)
 - e. Key West – John Hunt for Jessica (chair) and John likely attending

4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 – on hold pending guidance from Council at September 2014 meeting.

A. Dates and requested locations: **Scoping/Hearings from 4-7 pm**
New process for Public Hearings/Scoping:

1. Staff presentations will be scheduled on the hour and ½ hour and publicize which amendment will be presented when.
2. Scoping – do these via webinar only for non-controversial items and if the number of amendments is very low.

Dates final; cities and specific locations still being worked on; these are from August; try for Richmond Hill City Cneter.

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<u>January 29, 2014</u> Manteo, NC	
<u>February 2, 2015</u> Key Largo or Marathon?	<u>February 3, 2015</u> DoubleTree by Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
<u>February 4, 2015</u> Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk 1515 Prudential Drive Jacksonville, FL 32207 Phone: 904-396-5100	<u>February 5, 2015</u> Richmond Hill

Note: Hotel rooms not needed for GA; staff will drive home afterwards.

- B. Amendments: COUNCIL TO REVIEW AND PROVIDE GUIDANCE AT SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING.
1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) (Gregg/Roger) –public hearings; **make sure we have charts with boxes for public to use.**
 2. System Management Plan (Gregg) – public comments
 3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species) (Gregg) – public hearings
 4. Joint SA/GM Amendment on South Florida Issues (Gregg) – public hearings
 5. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots) (Myra) – public hearings
 6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest) (Myra) – public hearings
 7. Golden Crab Amendment X (Brian) – scoping
- C. Rooms Needed – large area plus 4 rooms (1 recording and 3 for tech. presentations)
WILL BE REVISED BASED ON SEPTEMBER COUNCIL GUIDANCE
1. General area (large) – sign-in and get information
 2. Room #1 – Council member & recording for public input
 3. Room #2 – SG Am 36 (Spawning SMZs) & System Management Plan (SMP) and SG Am 35 (Species Removal)
 4. Room #3 – Snapper Grouper Amendments
 5. Room #4 – ??????
- D. Federal Register Notice – by _____, 2014
- a. Notice sent to NOAA –
 - b. Publish notice –
- E. Document preparation
- a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - i. Summary documents posted by _____.
 - ii. Amendments posted by _____ or _____ at the latest.
 - iii. Video presentation posted on _____
 - b. Documents available and posted on web site by _____.
 - c. Comments due by 5 pm on _____.
 - d. Email address for public comments: mike.collins@safmc.net
 - e. Presentations (powerpoint & video) done by _____. Posted by _____.
 - f. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm:
 - i. SG Am 36 (Gregg/Roger) – _____
 - ii. SG Amendments (Gregg), (Myra) – _____
- F. Staff attending hearings – Gregg & Myra all sites; Brian FL?; Julie (Administrative) all sites; and Amber (I&E) all sites; Kim – SC & NC only?
- G. Council chairs – draft
- a. NC – Michelle (chair)
 - b. SC – Mel (chair);
 - c. GA – Doug (chair)
 - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – Ben (chair)
 - e. Key West – Ben (chair)

XVI. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1st full week in March; (2) 2nd full week in June; (3) 3rd week in September; and (4) 1st full week in December.]

- A. ✓March 3-7, 2014 – Savannah, Georgia; hotel cutoff 2/3/14
Hilton Savannah DeSoto
15 East Liberty Street
Savannah, GA 31401
Phone: 1-877-280-0751 or 912-232-9000/Fax: 912-232-6018
- B. ✓June 9-13, 2014 – Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida; hotel cutoff 5/9/14
Sawgrass Marriott
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
Phone: 1-800-457-4653 or 904-285-7777/Fax: 904-280-7009
- C. September 15-19, 2014 – Charleston, South Carolina; hotel cutoff 8/14/14
The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29403
Phone: 1-800-968-3569 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-0276
- D. December 1-5, 2014 – New Bern, North Carolina; hotel cutoff 11/1/14
DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern/Riverfront
100 Middle Street
New Bern, NC 28560
Phone: 1-800-326-3745 or 252-638-3585/Fax: 252-638-8112
- E. March 2-6, 2015
The King and Prince
201 Arnold Road
St. Simons Island, GA 31522
Phone: 1-800-342-0212 or 912-638-3631/Fax: 912-638-7699
- F. June 8-12, 2015 – Key West, Florida; hotel cutoff 5/7/15
Doubletree Grand Key Resort
3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, FL 33040
Phone: 888-844-0454 or 305-293-1818
Fax: 305-296-6962
- G. September 14-18, 2015
The Beach House Resort
1 South Forest Beach Drive
Hilton Head Island, SC 29928
Phone: 800-315-2621 or 843-785-5126/Fax: 843-785-7763
- H. December 7-11, 2015 – Atlantic Beach, North Carolina; hotel cutoff 11/7/15
Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
Reservations: 800-222-8733; Phone: 252-240-1155
Fax: 252-240-1452

XVII.SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM JUNE 2014 MEETING

Items from the committee reports (Timing & Task motion) from the last Council meeting will be inserted here.

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. Direct staff to conduct another review of the Oculina Closed Area Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
2. Direct staff to continue to develop Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure) and prepare the amendment for review at the September 2014 meeting.
3. ✓ Direct staff to prepare Amendment 29 (ORCS & Gray Triggerfish) for approval for Secretarial review at the September 2014 meeting.
4. ✓ Direct staff to prepare Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish) for public hearings in August 2014 and Council's final review at the September 2014 meeting.
5. ✓ Request the SEFSC to provide the average weight by year for wreckfish for 2015 through 2020 to convert lbs ww to numbers of fish. This is needed by June 30, 2014 to complete analyses for the public hearing document to be reviewed at the September 15-19, 2014 Council meeting.
6. ✓ Direct staff to prepare Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish) for review & approval for public hearings at the September 2014 meeting.
7. ✓ Direct staff to prepare Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy grouper) for public hearings in August 2014 and Council's final review at the September 2014 meeting.
8. ✓ Direct staff to revise the scoping document for Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) for scoping in August 2014 and Council's review at the September 2014 meeting.
9. ✓ Direct staff to revise the scoping document for Amendment 35 (Removing Species) for scoping in August 2014 and Council's review at the September 2014 meeting.
10. ✓ Direct staff to work with NOAA GC and SERO staff to address the golden tilefish longline endorsement issue and report back to the Council at the September 2014 meeting.

B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Anna/Roger

1. Approved policy statements - distribute and post to website by June 30, 2014.
2. Work with the Habitat AP to further refine existing and develop new SAFMC EFH policy statements for consideration at the December 2014 Council meeting.
3. ✓ Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 meeting.

C. Golden Crab – Brian

1. Convene a meeting of the GC AP in the fall of 2014 for them to make recommendations regarding changes to the AGCFAs. Bring the findings back to the Council at the December 2014 Council meeting.

D. Mackerel – Kari

1. √PREPARE FRAMEWORK AMENDMENT 2 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST 2014.
2. √CONTINUE WORK ON THE OPTIONS PAPER FOR AMENDMENT 24 TO PRESENT IN DECEMBER 2014.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian

For DW8/SG 34:

- √Public hearings in August 2014.
- Distribute to MAFMC & NEFMC for them to publicize/hold public hearings and provide comments to SAFMC.
- √SAFMC reviews public hearing comments, modify and approve all actions in September 2014.
- Approve for formal review in December 2014.
- Submit for formal review in December 2014.
- Target date for regulations to be in place in 2015.

F. Shrimp – Chip

1. none

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1. none

H. SEDAR – John to add

1. √Submit Annual Research and Monitoring Plan
2. √Arrange change in SEDAR 41 Schedule to allow SSC consideration in Spring 2015.

I. SSC Selection - John

1. √Draft and distribute SSC appointment letters.
2. √Add SSC selection committee to September 2014 meeting.

J. AP Selection – Kim to add

1. √WRITE A LETTER TO NMFS SCIENCE CENTER TO REQUEST A SCIENCE CENTER LIAISON (NON-VOTING) TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.
2. READVERTISE THE SC SEAT ON THE MACKEREL ADVISORY PANEL.

K. Data Collection – Gregg

1. Directed staff to expand the discussion in CE-BA 3 on species-specific observer coverage as required by the ACCSP minimum data standards and to bring the document back at the June 2014 meeting for further consideration.
2. √Requested a presentation on the status of work in the northeast on the approach to cover observer costs for the June 2014 meeting; Council staff and NOAA GC are to provide updates. Presentation moved to September 2014 meeting.
3. √Direct staff to attend the MRIP Calibration Workshop, September 8-10, 2014 in Charlotte, NC
4. √Direct staff to arrange presentations on Northeast by-catch reporting for the September 2014 Council meeting.
5. √Direct staff to assist in preparing the Council's comments on the Electronic Technology Implementation Plan. Done 6/30/14.
6. √Direct staff to work with ACCSP on developing a commercial logbook electronic data entry form. Gregg Waugh will be the staff person working on this and NMFS SERO and SEFSC will appoint an individual to work on this along with Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC).
7. √Direct staff to continue working on the charterboat logbook technical sub-committee to complete the report for the December 2014 meeting. A status report will be presented at the September 2014 meeting.

L. Protected Resources – Kari

1. None.

M. Full Council – Bob

1. Letter to NOAA Chief Scientist on issues with the blueline assessment and ACL and lack of data/date systems to provide the necessary data.
2. Others?

XVIII. September 15-19, 2014 – Charleston, SC

The Charleston Marriott Hotel

170 Lockwood Boulevard

Charleston, SC 29403

Phone: 1-800-968-3569 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-0276

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4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY **8/25/2014 AT noon**
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 8/25/2014.
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 8/25/2014.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (All Final Items) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 9/8/2014.

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

Bob – memo to Roy [Note: **see committees & Council presentations** below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]
Done _____.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below.** We also need to have the recreational catch data for non-snapper grouper species. Done

Informal Q & A with Roy & Ben – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm
Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Thursday beginning at ????? pm

- A. SSC Selection Committee (**Closed**) (John) (TAB 1) – Monday 9:00 am – 9:30 am**
 - (1) SSC Appointments
 - (2) Other items?
- B. SEDAR (John) (TAB 2) – Monday 9:30 am – 10:30 am**
 - (1) SEDAR Activities Update
 - (2) SEDAR Administrative actions: as needed
- C. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 3) – Monday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon**
 - (1) Structure of SG AP
 - (2) Other items?

- D. HMS Committee (Brian) (TAB 4) – Monday 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**
- (1) Shark interactions with other fisheries
 - (2) Other items?
- E. Protected Resources Committee (Kari) (TAB 5) – Monday 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm**
- (1) Update on ongoing Consultations
 - (2) Future Role and Function of Protected Resources Committee
 - (3) Coral
 - (4) Others??
- F. Golden Crab Committee (Brian) (TAB 6) – Monday 4:00 pm – 4:30 pm**
- (1) Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - a. Overview of public hearing comments & document – Brian
 - b. Committee review, revise and approve actions for golden crab – Committee chair
 - (2) Others?
- G. Information & Education Committee (Amber) (TAB 7) – Monday 4:30 pm – 5:00 pm**
- (1) Report from I & E AP
 - (2) Summary of SAFMC-hosted Science Communication Workshop
 - (3) Other items?
- H. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 8) – Tuesday 8:30 – 11:00 am**
- (1) Status of Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit – NMFS SERO
 - (2) Status of ET Implementation Plan – NMFS SERO
 - (3) Presentation on Bycatch Amendments in NEFMC/MAFMC – Jason Ditton, MAFMC
 - (4) Status of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - A. Background (**Overview**) – Gregg Waugh
 - B. Demonstration of System Developed by ACCSP (**Attachment 4**) – Mike Cahall/[Francine Karp](#), ACCSP
 - C. Committee Discussion and Guidance on Options/Timing – Mel Bell
 - (5) Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study
 - A. SEFSC Presentation on the status of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project (**Attachment 5**) – Brett Pierce, SEFSC
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action: As may be necessary – Mel Bell
 - (6) Joint South Atlantic & Gulf Council Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - A. Overview of Gulf Council Action, status, and next steps (**Attachment 6**) – Gregg Waugh
 - B. Report on Technical Committee meeting (**Attachment 7**) – Mike Errigo
 - C. Committee Discussion and Action: Provide guidance and approval for next steps – Mel Bell
- I. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 9) – Tuesday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Budget
 - (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities – draft items for 2014

- (3) South Florida Issues
- (4) Others?

J. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 10) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
- (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
 - b. Emergency Rule
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSSTs)
- (5) Visioning – comments by sector & preparation for October Visioning Council meeting
- (6) Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee modifies document, chooses preferred alternatives if possible, and provides guidance – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)
 - a. Status of document – Myra
 - b. Committee discussion and guidance – Michelle Duval
- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS & Gray Triggerfish)
 - a. Overview of public hearing comments & document – Myra
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and approves for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
 - a. Overview of public hearing comments & document – Myra
 - b. Request extension of emergency rule – Michelle Duval
 - c. Committee reviews, modifies, and approves for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (10) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper)
 - a. Overview of public hearing comments & document – Myra
 - b. Committee modifies document and approves for formal review – Michelle Duval
- (11) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)
 - a. Overview of document – Myra
 - b. Committee reviews and approves for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- (12) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - a. Overview of scoping comments – Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance – Michelle Duval
- (13) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species)
 - a. Overview of scoping comments and document – Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance – Michelle Duval
- (14) Golden Tilefish Endorsement Issues/Options

- a. Overview – Myra
- b. Committee reviews, modifies, provides guidance – Michelle Duval

K. Joint Snapper Grouper/Dolphin Wahoo Committee (Brian) (TAB 11) – Thursday 8:30 am – 10:00 am

- (1) Status of Recreational & Commercial Catches – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 5 – NMFS SERO
- (3) Operator Permit Presentation (Dolphin/Wahoo & Rock Shrimp) – NMFS SERO
- (4) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33
 - a. Overview of public hearing comments & document – Brian
 - b. Committee review, revise and approve for formal review – Anna Beckwith
- (5) Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - a. Overview of public hearing comments & document – Brian
 - b. Committee review, revise and approve all actions – Anna Beckwith

L. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 12) – Thursday 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (3) Status of Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20A – NMFS SERO
- (4) Status of Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20B – NMFS SERO
- (5) Status of South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Action 2013 – NMFS SERO
- (6) Status of CMP Framework Amendment 1 – NMFS SERO
- (7) CMP Framework Amendment 2
 - a. Review public hearing input – Kari
 - b. Approve for formal review – Ben Hartig
- (8) CMP Amendment 26 (Separating permits for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel into separate jurisdictions)
 - a. Overview of white paper – Kari
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance – Ben Hartig

M. Habitat Committee (TAB 13) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- (1) Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC) – SERO
- (2) Status of Coral Grant – Chip Collier
- (3) Committee Discussion & Action as needed – Wilson Laney
- (4) Status of Habitat Policy Statements – Roger
- (5) Committee Discussion & Action as needed – Wilson Laney

N. Ecosystem Committee (TAB 14) – Thursday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- (1) Status of FEP work - Roger
- (2) Potential Projects/Collaboration – Roger
- (3) Committee Discussion & Action as needed – Doug Hayman
- (4) Update on Ecosystem Activities – Roger

- O. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**
- P. Public Comments – Thursday beginning at 4:00 p.m.**
- Q. Council Session (TAB 15) – Thursday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm and Friday 8:30 am – 3:15 pm**
 - I. Presentations - ????**
 - 1.**
 - II. Final Council Action and Comment:**
 - (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS & Gray Triggerfish)**
 - (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)**
 - (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy)**
 - (4) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets)**
 - (5) CMP Framework Amendment 2**
 - III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings**
 - (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)**
- IV. Committee Reports & Other Items**
 - [Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION)?????]
 - A. SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB 1) – ACTION**
 - B. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION**
 - C. HMS Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION**
 - D. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION**
 - E. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION**
 - F. Golden Crab Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION**
 - G. Information & Education Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION**
 - H. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION**
 - I. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 9) – ACTION**
 - J. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION**
 - K. Joint Snapper Grouper/Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION**
 - L. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION**
 - M. Habitat Committee Report (TAB 13) – ACTION**
 - N. Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 14) – ACTION**
 - O. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):**
 - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs**
 - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site**
 - (e) Other issues?**
 - N. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):**

- (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
 - (b) Progress reports on headboat data entry
 - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- O. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

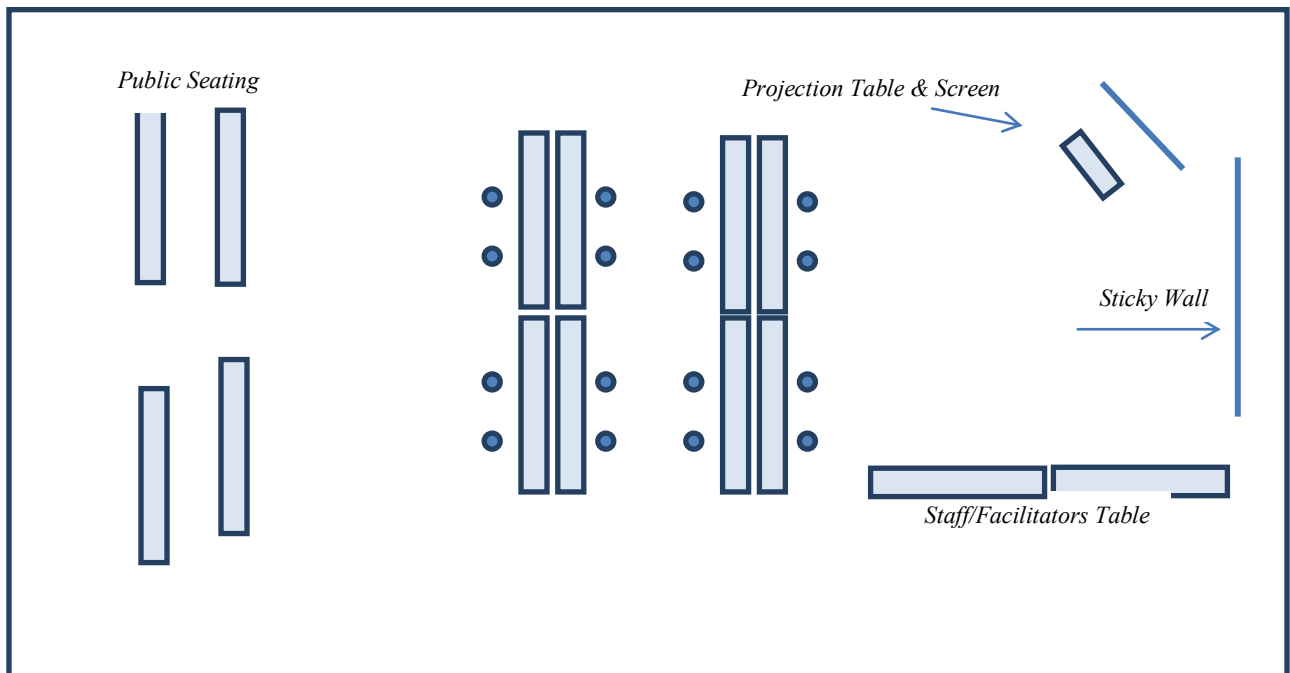
XIX. October 14 (1 p.m.) - 16 (3 p.m.), 2014 Council Visioning Workshop – North Charleston, SC - DRAFT

Crown Plaza Hotel, North Charleston; **hotel cutoff 9/13/14.**

Council staff will facilitate the Council Visioning Workshop and lead the Council through discussions and brainstorming exercises to develop short and long-term goals, objectives and strategies for management of the snapper grouper fishery. Utilizing the input received from the port meetings conducted in early 2014, Council will identify key issues in the fishery, discuss and develop solutions to solving the key issues, and prioritize the issues into short and long-term goals and objectives.

Meeting set-up:

- Tables arranged in clusters
- Breakout group discussions
- Assigned seating; Participants rotate seats in the morning and afternoon



General Schedule:

Tuesday, October 14th –

- Start at 1:00PM; End at 5:00PM; Public Comment 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- Staff debriefing from 5:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, October 15th –

- Start at 8:30AM – 12:00PM;
- Lunch from 12:00PM – 1:30PM;
- Start 1:30PM – 5:00 PM; Public Comment 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM
- Staff debriefing from 5:00-6:00PM
- Social at 6:00 PM

Thursday, October 16th –

- Start at 8:30AM – 12:00PM;
- Lunch from 12:00PM – 1:30 PM;
- Public Comment 1:30 PM – 2:00 PM
- Wrap-up from 2:00PM – 3:30 PM

Meeting Purpose & Objectives:

- To develop a draft visioning document with topic oriented goals, objectives, and strategies for management of the snapper grouper fishery.

Participants: Council members

Meeting Facilitator: Amber Von Harten

Breakout Group Facilitators: SAFMC Technical Staff

- Chip Collier – Discards/Bycatch
- Kari Maclauchlin – Regional Management
- Myra Brouwer – Reporting/Data Collection
- John Carmichael – Predictable Seasons/ Year-round fishing/Access to the fishery
- Roger Pugliese – Habitat/Ecosystem
- Brian Chevront – Allocations

Facilitation Method:

1. Each topic will be presented by the technical staff member assigned to the topic.
Staff will provide:
 - Discussion paper on topic?? (Kari has an example)
 - Overview of the topic
 - History of the Council's work on the topic
 - Trigger questions for the purpose of stimulating discussion in breakout groups
2. Council works in breakout groups to brainstorm/discuss each topic and develop solutions to address the topic.

- Break out groups will brainstorm key issues surrounding the topic first and then develop solutions.
 - Technical staff will be present at each table to answer questions, help with discussions and record the overall discussion from the group.
3. Breakout group results for each topic will be brought back to the entire group, discussed and prioritized by short and long term objectives.
- Results will be compiled on the sticky wall, grouped and categorized and then prioritized using the dot technique.

XX. December 1-5, 2014 – New Bern, NC - DRAFT

DoubleTree by Hilton New Bern/Riverfront

100 Middle Street

New Bern, NC 28560

Phone: 1-800-326-3745 or 252-638-3585/Fax: 252-638-8112

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[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

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Done _____.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below.** We also need to have the recreational catch data for non-snapper grouper species. Done _____

Informal Q & A with Roy & Ben – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm
Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Thursday beginning at ????? pm

A. Council Member Visioning Workshop (TAB 1) Monday 9:00 am - noon: What do we want our snapper grouper fishery to look like?

- (1) Continued Council Discussion on Vision – Michelle Duval, SG
Committee Chair
- (2) Preferred Actions/Alternatives to be Implemented – Michelle Duval
- (3) Draft Vision/Strategic Plan
 - a. Overview – Amber
 - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval
- (4) Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 37 (short-term items) Scoping Document
 - a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee Action – Michelle Duval

- B. Joint Habitat/Ecosystem Committee (TAB 2) – Monday 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm**
- (1) Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC) – SERO
 - (2) Status of Coral Grant – Council Staff
 - (3) Committee Discussion & Action as needed – Wilson Laney
 - (4) Status of Habitat Policy Statements – Roger
 - (5) Committee Discussion & Action as needed – Wilson Laney
 - (6) Status of FEP work – Roger
 - (7) Potential Projects/Collaboration – Roger
 - (8) Committee Discussion & Action as needed – Doug Hayman
 - (9) Update on Ecosystem Activities – Roger
- C. Protected Resources Committee (Kari) (TAB 3) – Monday 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Update on ongoing Consultations
 - (2) Coral
 - (3) Others??
- D. AP Selection Committee (Kim) (TAB 4) (Closed) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 10:30am**
- (1) Review applicants & make appointments to Aps
 - (2) Any changes to policies
 - (3) Others?
- E. SEDAR (John) (TAB 5) (Portions Closed) – Tuesday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) SEDAR Activities Update
 - (2) SEDAR Administrative actions: SEDAR XX approvals and appointments
 - (3) SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report – Ben Hartig
 - (4) Report on SSC assessment Planning workshop
- F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 6) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**
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 - (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
 - (3) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
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 - a. Status of document – Myra
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- (8) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - a. Overview of document – Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
- (9) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species)
 - a. Overview of document – Gregg
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval

G. Joint Snapper Grouper/Dolphin Wahoo Committee (Brian) (TAB 7) – Thursday 8:30 am – 10:00 am

- (1) Status of Recreational & Commercial Catches – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets) – NMFS SERO
- (3) Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - a. Overview of document – Brian
 - b. Committee review, revise and approve for formal review – Anna Beckwith

H. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 8) – Thursday 10:0 am – 12:00 noon

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
- (4) Status of Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20B – NMFS SERO
- (5) Status of South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Action 2013 – NMFS SERO
- (6) Status of CMP Framework Amendment 1 – NMFS SERO
- (7) Status CMP Framework Amendment 2
- (8) CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations)
 - a. Overview of document – Kari
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance – Ben Hartig
- (9) CMP Amendment 26 (Separating permits for king mackerel and Spanish mackerel into separate jurisdictions)
 - a. Overview of document – Kari
 - b. Committee reviews, modifies, and provides guidance – Ben Hartig

I. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 9) – Thursday 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- (1) Budget
- (2) Council Follow-up and Approve 2014 Priorities – Gregg

- (3) South Florida Issues
- (4) Others?

J. Golden Crab Committee (Brian) (TAB 10) – Thursday 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- (1) Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
 - a. Overview – Brian
 - b. Committee review and approve for formal review – Committee chair
- (2) AP Report
- (3) New Amendment??
- (4) Others?

K. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 11) – Thursday 3:30 – 5:00 pm

- (1) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) – scoping document
- (2) Final ET Implementation Plan
 - a. Overview – NMFS SERO
 - b. Committee review and approval – Mel Bell
- (3) Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Overview – Gregg
 - b. Committee review and approval – Mel Bell
- (4) Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study – SEFSC
- (5) GMFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - a. Overview & results from Technical Committee – Gregg/Mike
 - b. Committee guidance – Mel Bell

L. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

M. Public Comments – Thursday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

N. Council Session (TAB 12) (with public comment period) – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

I. Presentations - ????

1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

- (1) Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment
- (2) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 24 37 (short-term items from visioning) – Scoping
- (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species) – Public Hearings
- (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB Pots) – Public Hearings
- (4) Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – Public Hearings

(5) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch) – Scoping

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION)??????]

- A. Visioning Workshop Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- B. Joint Habitat/Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- C. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- D. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- E. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. Joint Snapper Grouper/Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- H. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- I. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 9) – ACTION
- J. Golden Crab Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- K. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION
- L. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - (e) Other issues?
- N. NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
 - (b) Progress reports on headboat data entry
 - (c) Status of Recreational Catches versus ACLs
- O. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

**XXI. March 2-6, 2015 – St. Simons Island, GA - VERY ROUGH
DRAFT**

To be added after September meeting

XXII. 2014 PRIORITIES & TIMING – Exhibit #1 shows most recent Council-approved activity schedule (Approved at December 2013 meeting).

The following items are listed in priority order. Note: Multiple Items are listed with the same Priority #.

1. *Visioning Workshops With Fishermen (Snapper Grouper Fishery) – Amber/Myra*

- A. √Port Meetings – February through April 2014
- B. √Comments accepted through May 30, 2014
- C. √Council reviews comments – June 2014
- D. Council work on Vision/Strategic Plan– September 2014
- E. Council Visioning Workshop – October 14-16, 2014
- F. Council revisions/approval of Draft Vision/Strategic Plan – December 2014
- G. Public input on Council's Draft Vision/Strategic Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery – during January/February public hearings/webinars

2. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSST Revisions) – Myra*

- A. √At the December 2013 meeting, the Council directed staff to develop a regulatory amendment to modify the MSST for blueline tilefish and other species with low natural mortality rates and bring to the March 2014 meeting for final review and approval.
- B. √Council to review public comments and the amendment at March 2014 meeting and approve for formal review.
- C. √Send to Secretary of Commerce on March 2014. Done 3/27/14. Appendix corrected and document resubmitted on 4/1/14.
- D. √Proposed rule published on 8/1/14.
- E. Final rule published on _____.
- F. Regulations effective _____.

2. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area 10 Year Evaluation) – Anna*

- A. √Council discussed at December 2013 meeting and provided guidance.
- B. √Evaluation Team Appointed and meet via webinar – January through March 2014
- C. Draft report reviewed by APs and SSC – April 2014; changed to October 2014
- D. √Council reviews, modifies, and approves Evaluation Report – June 2014
- E. √Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and provides guidance – June 2014
- F. Evaluation Report revised and distributed – July 2014

3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS revisions to Control Rule) – Myra

- A. √Council discussed at June 2013 meeting and provided guidance.
- B. √Decision document reviewed and provide guidance September 2013.
- C. √Review amendment and approve for public hearings December 2013.
- D. √Public hearings January 2014.
- E. √Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – March 2014
- F. √Council modified the document and changed the timing in June 2014.
- G. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – ~~June~~ September 2014
- H. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- I. Proposed rule published on _____.
- J. Final rule published on _____.
- K. Final regulations effective _____.

4. Joint Mackerel Amendment 20B(20) (Boundaries & Transit) – Kari

- A. √SAFMC reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – March 2012
- B. √SSC input at April 3-5, 2012 meeting in Savannah, GA
- C. √AP reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – April 24-25, 2012
- ~~D. √Approve for public hearings at June. At the June 2012 meeting, the Council made changes and requested a Joint SA/GM Mackerel Committee meeting be held prior to public hearings.~~
- ~~E. Public hearings in August 2012; now likely in January/February 2013.~~
- ~~F. Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in September 2012. Now likely in March 2013.~~
- G. √Joint SA/GM meeting March 2013
- H. √SSC and AP review April 2013
- I. √Approve for public hearings June 2013
- J. √Public hearings August 2013
- K. √Approve for formal review September 2013
- L. √Approve for formal review December 2013
- M. √GMFMC Approve for formal review February 2014
- N. √SAFMC Approve for formal review March 2014
- O. √Send to Secretary of Commerce 5/20/14
- P. Proposed rule published on _____.
- Q. Final rule published on _____.
- R. Final regulations effective _____.

4. ~~Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17/EA or EIS (MPAs for Speckled Hind & Warsaw Grouper) Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – Gregg/Roger~~

- A. √At the September meeting, NMFS offered to give a presentation on reorienting existing MPAs to target speckled hind/warsaw grouper at December meeting
- B. √Council discussed at December 2012 meeting and directed staff to hold another MPA Expert Work Group meeting prior to the March 2013 meeting.
- C. √MPA Expert Work Group meeting. Done 2/4-6/13.
- D. √Council to review report at March 2013 meeting and provide guidance to staff on options and timing for development of regulatory amendment. At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed the second MPA Expert Working Group report and minority report. The Committee/Council decided to bring the MPA issue back to the Snapper Grouper Committee at the September 2013 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff is to develop a draft Purpose & Need statement and indicate which of the sites in the report are reconfigurations and which target spawning sites.
- E. √Council provide guidance to staff on Purpose & Need, options, and timing at September 2013 meeting.
- F. √Council reviews scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013. At the December meeting, the Council moved scoping to August 2014.
- G. √Council approves document for scoping – June 2014
- H. √Scoping August 2014.
- I. Council reviews scoping comments and provides guidance – September 2014.
- J. Council reviews document and approves for public hearings – December 2014.
- K. Public hearings – January 2015.
- L. Council reviews public hearing comments and approves actions – March 2015.
- M. Council reviews final document and approves for formal review – June 2015.
- N. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- O. Proposed rule published on _____.
- P. Final rule published on _____.
- Q. Final regulations effective _____.

4. ~~Snapper Grouper Amendment 21/EA or EIS (Outcome of Visioning) – Myra~~

- A. Work on this amendment will begin in late 2014/early 2015 after the visioning process is complete and the Council has approved their Vision/Strategic Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery.

Council staff suggests retiring Amendment 21 and addressing short-term visioning issues in Amedment 37.

5. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16/EA (Black Sea Bass) – Myra*

- A. ✓Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at June 2013 meeting
- B. ✓Options reviewed at September 2013 Council meeting
- C. ✓SSC & AP review – October & November 2013
- D. ✓Approve for scoping – December 2013
- E. ✓Scoping – January 2014
- F. ✓Review scoping comments & provide guidance – March 2014
- G. ✓Council modified timing at the June 2014 meeting
- H. Review/modify document and approve for public hearings – ~~June~~ December 2014
- I. Public hearings – ~~August 2014~~ January 2015
- J. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – ~~September 2014~~ March 2015
- K. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – ~~December 2014~~ June 2015
- L. Send to Secretary of Commerce by ~~December 12, 2014~~. Done _____.
- M. Proposed rule published on _____.
- N. Final rule published on _____.
- O. Final regulations effective _____.

5. *Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Gregg*

- A. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council appointed John Carmichael/Mike Errigo as the SAFMC representatives on the subcommittee working on the technical aspects of separating charterboats from the MRIP sampling program.
- B. ✓At the December 2013 meeting, the Council indicated their intent to remove charterboats from the MRIP reporting system and have charterboats report catches electronically at a minimum of weekly as is being implemented for headboats. Further, it is the Council's intent that this information be updated on the SERO's website on some regular period.
The Council also directed staff to draft a letter from the SAFMC/GMFMC asking the other agencies/partners to appoint representatives to the committee prior to the Council's March 2014 meeting.
- C. ✓Letter sent by _____. Done 2/4/14.
- D. Technical subcommittee work during 2014 and develop a recommendation to present to the Council in December 2014 or March 2015.

6. *✓Coral Amendment 9 – Anna/Chip*

- A. ✓At the December 2013 meeting, the Council directed staff to prepare maps of the suggested coordinates for a modification and to bring the new options to the Council at the March 2014 meeting.
- B. ✓Council review and provide guidance at March 2014 meeting. Council determined no need to move forward at this time.

**7. Joint SA/GM Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework
Amendment 1 (Spanish Mackerel) – Kari**

- A. √At the December 2013 meeting, the Council approved the document for public hearings.
- B. √Public hearings – January 2014
- C. √SAFMC approves – March 2014
- D. √GMFMC approves – April 2014
- E. √Document sent to NMFS – by April 30, 2014
- F. √Proposed rule published 7/31/14
- G. Final rule published _____
- H. Final regulations effective _____

**7. Snapper Grouper Amendment 32/EA or EIS (Blueline
Rebuilding Program, ACL & Management Measures) – Myra**

- A. √Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – December 2013. Determine whether emergency action is warranted and provide guidance on timing and actions/alternatives to be included.
- B. √Council approved an emergency rule request
- C. √Emergency rule request sent to NMFS – 12/17/13
- D. √Letter to SEFSC requesting additional projection – John by _____. Done 12/16/13.
- E. √SSC reviews projections at April 2014 meeting and provides report to Council for 1st BB
- F. √SEFSC provides revised projections as necessary for 1st BB; 2nd BB at the latest
- G. √January – May – IPT/Staff work on amendment
- H. √Draft Amendment 32: review, modify & approve for public hearings – June 2014 Council meeting
- I. √Public Hearings – August 2014
- J. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve for formal review – September 2014
- K. Send document to NMFS for formal review – September 2014
- L. Proposed rule published _____
- M. Final rule published _____
- N. Final regulations effective _____

8. Generic AM/Dolphin Allocation Amendment – Brian

- A. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- B. √Scoping Webinar if EIS – February 3, 2014
- C. √Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – March 2014
- D. √Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – June 2014
- E. √Public hearings – August 2014

- F. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve all actions – September 2014
- G. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – December 2014
- H. Document submitted to NMFS – December 2014
- I. Proposed rule published _____
- J. Final rule published _____
- K. Final regulations effective _____

8. *System Management Plan (Amendment 14 MPAs) –*

Gregg/Roger

- A. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to work on a System Management Plan for the existing 8 MPAs. An outline was presented at the meeting and this item will be worked on in 2014.
- B. xIPT work on items in the outline – January – May 2014
- C. ✓Council modified the timing at the June 2014 meeting
- D. ✓Status report to Council and Council provides guidance – June 2014
- E. IPT work on items in the outline – ~~January~~ ~~May~~ July through ~~September~~ November 2014
- F. Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment – December 2014
- G. Public input during public hearings/scoping – January/February 2015
- H. Council reviews public input and provide guidance – September 2014
- I. IPT works on document – ~~July~~ September through November 2014
- J. Council reviews revised SMP and approves for public hearings – December 2014
- K. Public input during public hearings/scoping – ~~August 2014~~ January 2015
- L. Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP – ~~September 2014~~ March 2015
- M. IPT revise document as necessary – ~~September/October 2014~~ March 2015
- N. Snapper Grouper AP input – April 2015
- O. SSC review – ~~October 27–30, 2014~~ May 5-7, 2015
- P. Council review input and approves Final SMP – ~~December 2014~~ June 2015
- Q. Distribute to Council members, Advisory Panels, SSC, NMFS, others

8. *Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment*

33 (Fillets from Bahamas) – Brian

- A. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council directed Council Staff/IPT to prepare the amendment for final approval at the December 2013 meeting.
- B. ✓At the December 2013 meeting, the Council provided guidance to staff to revise the document, add snapper grouper items (Joint Amendment) and provided guidance on timing.
- C. ✓IPT addresses issues and revises document – January/February 2014
- D. ✓Council updated on progress – March 2014
- E. ✓IPT completes document – March through May 2014
- F. ✓Council reviews, modifies, and approves for public hearings – June 2014
- G. ✓Public hearings – August 2014

- H. Council reviews public input, revises document as necessary, and approves for formal review – September 2014
- I. Document revised based on Council actions/guidance
- J. Send for formal review – by October 31, 2014
- K. Target for regulations to be in place by Summer 2015
- L. Proposed rule published _____
- M. Final rule published _____
- N. Final regulations effective _____

9. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper & Mutton Snapper) – Myra*

- A. √Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – June 2014.
Provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included.
- ~~B. If New Framework Procedure is implemented: Draft ACL Adjustment Procedure document: review, modify & conduct public hearing at June 2014 meeting; approve for review and implementation – June 2014 Council meeting~~
- ~~C. Document submitted to NMFS – July 2014~~
- D. √If Existing Framework Procedure must be used: Draft Existing Framework Document: review, modify & approve for public hearings – June 2014
- E. √Public Hearings – August 2014 (See XIII. 4. Dates and Locations for August 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
- F. Review public hearing comments, modify amendment as necessary, and approve for formal review and implementation – September 2014
- G. Document submitted to NMFS – October/November 2014
- H. Proposed rule published _____
- I. Final rule published _____
- J. Final regulations effective _____

9. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan II - Roger*

- A. Work to begin in late 2013 and continue into 2014 and 2015
- B. Council receives presentation on FEP II development and completion timeline – December 2014

10. *Snapper Grouper Amendment 22/EIS (Recreational Tag Program to track harvest) – Myra*

- A. Proposed timing – goal is to implement for 2014 or 2015 fishing year.
- B. √Appoint IPT Team members
- C. √NMFS determined EIS
- D. √Options Paper for June 2013 Council meeting; Council provides guidance
- E. √Options Paper for September 2013 Council meeting; Council provides guidance
- F. √Council reviews document and provides guidance – December 2013

At the December 2013 meeting, the Council suspended work on this amendment until NOAA GC provides a determination whether the recreational tag program is considered a LAPP.

- G. √NOAA GC determines if considered a catch share program and results presented to Council – March 2014
- H. √Review/modify amendment and provide guidance on actions/alternatives/timing – March 2014
- I. √Progress delayed due to NOAA GC review
- J. Review/modify amendment and approve for public hearings – ~~June 2014~~
- K. Public hearings – ~~August 2014~~
- L. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment and approve all actions – ~~September 2014~~
- M. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – ~~December 2014~~
- N. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- O. Proposed rule published on _____.
- P. Final rule published on _____.
- Q. Final regulations effective _____.

11. *Joint SA/GM Amendment 24 (Allocations) – Kari*

- A. √Council discusses items to include – September 2013
- B. √Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- C. √Scoping In-Person – January 2014
- D. GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014
- E. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- F. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in June 2014 and GMFMC in June 2014?
- G. Public hearings – SAFMC in August 2014 and GMFMC in July/August 2014?
- H. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in September 2014 and GMFMC in August/October 2014?
- I. Document submitted to NMFS – October/November 2014
- J. Proposed rule published on _____.
- K. Final rule published on _____.
- L. Final regulations effective _____.

12. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 - Anna*

- A. √SAFMC reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – March 2012
- B. √SSC input at April 3-5, 2012 meeting in Savannah, GA
- C. √APs reviews Scoping Document/Options Paper – April & May 2012
- D. √~~Approve for public hearings at June~~. At the June meeting, the Council made the following changes:
 - a. Moved Coral HAPC issues to CE-BA 4

- b. Moved the MPA issues to CE-BA 4
 - c. Modified, added VMS requirement, and approved the Data Collection actions/alternatives for public hearings
- E. ✓Public hearings in August.
- F. ✓Review hearing comments, modify and ~~approve for formal review~~ in September 2012.
- G. ✓At the September 2012 meeting, the Council made the following changes:
 - a. Moved Coral HAPC issues to Coral Amendment 7 which was later corrected to Coral Amendment 8
 - b. Moved the MPA issues to Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17
 - c. Modified CE-BA 3 and directed staff to have the Gulf Council review at their October meeting and prepare the amendment for final SAFMC review at the December 2012 meeting
- H. ~~Modify and approve for formal review in December 2012.~~
- I. ✓At the December 2012 meeting, the Council made the following changes:
 - a. Moved Action 1. For-hire Reporting in the SAFMC to a separate Generic SA/GM Joint Amendment; directed staff to work with the Gulf Council on a separate Generic GM/SA Joint Amendment to address additional headboat reporting requirements; and directed staff to track the Gulf Council's work on charterboat reporting
 - b. Moved Action 2. Commercial Reporting to a separate Generic SA/GM Joint Amendment
 - c. Moved Action 3. VMS to a separate Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
 - d. Directed staff to modify CE-BA 3 with the remaining action addressing bycatch reporting and prepare for final approval at the March 2013 meeting
- J. ✓~~Review and approve for formal review at March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~ At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. The Council requested an analysis from NOAA GC to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- K. ✓Council receives NOAA GC presentation and provides guidance on next steps at September 2013 meeting. Postponed to the December 2013 meeting. Postponed to the March 2014 meeting.
- L. Progress delayed and anticipate approving for scoping in December 2014
- M. Review and approve for formal review at ~~March 2014~~ meeting
- ~~N. Send to Secretary of Commerce April/May 2014~~
- O. Proposed rule published on _____.
- P. Final rule published on _____.
- Q. Final regulations effective _____

13. Joint SA/GM Amendment 26 (Permit Split) – Kari

- A. ✓Council discusses items to include – September 2013

- B. ✓Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- C. ✓Scoping In-Person – January 2014
- D. GMFMC scoping in _____ 2014
- E. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- F. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in June 2014 and GMFMC in June 2014?
- G. Public hearings – SAFMC in August 2014 and GMFMC in July/August 2014?
- H. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in September 2014 and GMFMC in August/October 2014?
- I. Document submitted to NMFS – October/November 2014
- J. Proposed rule published on _____.
- K. Final rule published on _____.
- L. Final regulations effective _____.

13. *Joint SA/GM Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment – Gregg*

- A. ✓At the December 2012 meeting, the Council moved commercial logbook reporting from CE-BA 3 and directed staff to develop a joint amendment with the Gulf Council.
- B. ✓Gulf Council approved at their February 2013 meeting
- C. ✓SAFMC provide guidance at March, June & September 2013 meeting on approach and timing
- D. ✓At the September 2013 meeting, the Council requested the SEFSC provide updates at each Council meeting on progress of the commercial electronic logbook pilot study and directed staff to defer work on the amendment until the pilot is completed.

14. *✓Shrimp Closure Work (if required in 2014) – Anna*

- A. ✓The new process allows States to request action by NMFS directly so this should not require any work on the Council's part.
- B. ✓Cold weather event closure in federal waters off SC was implemented February 14, 2014 and the commercial fishery is reopening May 1, 2014.

15. *Calico Scallop FMP –*

- A. Periodically catches occur and the Council may at some point in the future address this fishery.

Added but not ranked:

A. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species)

B. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)

Council's		2014											
Priorities	SAFMC CY 2014 SCHEDULE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Ap	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(December 2013)	FMPS/AMENDMENTS/FRAMEWORKS												
1	Visioning Workshops with Fishermen		Port Meetings				O			O			O/AS
2	√Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSST)			P/A/F	S								
2	Snapper Grouper Amendment 13A (OECA 10 Year Evaluation)						O/A	S					
3	Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS Rev to Control Rule & Gray Trigger MMs)	P		A			F	S					
4	Joint Mackerel Amendment 20B (Boundaries & Transit & Fishing Year)			A/F	S								
4	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 MPAs (Speckled Hind/Warsaw)						AS		Ps	O			O/Ah
4	Snapper Grouper Amendment 21 (Outcome of Visioning) - 2015												AS
5	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (Remove BSB Pot Closure)	Ps		O			Ah		P	A			F/S
	Proposed changes in timing for SG RA 16			O			O			O			Ah
5	Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting Amendment - 2015												
6	Coral Amendment 9 (Potential Modification to Coral HAPC) - TO BE DETERMINED									O			
7	Joint SA/GM Mackerel Framework 2014 (Spanish Mackerel)	P		A/F	S								
7	Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 (BlueLine Rebid, ACL & Mgmt Measures)			O			Ah		P	A/F/S			
8	Generic Accountability Measure/Dolphin Allocation Amendment		Ps	O			Ah		P	A			F/S
8	System Management Plan for SG Amendment 14 MPAs			D			O		IP	O			F/S
8	Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 (Fillets)			D			Ah		P	A/F	S		
9	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper & Mutton Snapper)			D			Ah		P	A/F/S			
9	Fishery Ecosystem Plan (Update #1)												D
10	Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Recreational Tag Program to Track Harvest)			D			Ah		P	A			F/S
11	Joint SA/GM Amendment 24 (Allocations)	Ps		O			Ah		P	A/F/S			
12	Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment #3 (Bycatch only)			A/F	S								
13	Joint SA/GM Amendment 26 (Permit Sale)	Ps		O			Ah		P	A/F/S			
13	Joint SA/GM Generic Commercaill Logbook Amendment (on hold pending pilot project)												
14	Shrimp Closure Work (states can request directly to NMFS)												
15	Calico Scallop FMP												
	Added but not ranked:												
	Snapper Grouper Amendment 34 (Removing species)						Ah			O			Ah
	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 22? (Gag and Wreckfish)												
	D = Plan development; AS = Approve for public scoping; Ps = Public Scoping												
	O = Develop options/review options paper; Ah = Approve for public hearing												
	P = Public hearing; IP = Informal public hearing; N = NMFS informal review												
	A = Council approve; F = Final Review; NDC = NMFS determination of complet for DEIS filing												
	S = Submit for Secretarial review												

Exhibit 1. Council-approved activity schedule as of December 2013 meeting.