



PRELIMINARY DRAFT 2014
SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS
SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

Prepared for September 2013 Council Meeting

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TIMING:

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Distribute to NMFS SERO by: _____. Done _____.

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SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on _____.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done _____. 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:

Draft by _____. Done _____.

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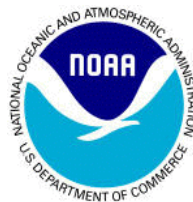


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I. SNAPPER GROUPER

1. **Amendment 13A (*Oculina* Experimental Closed Area) - Anna**

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 prior to each Council meeting. A report coordinated by Kim (Outreach) and Anna (Research and Monitoring) will be due to Gregg for each Briefing Book deadline.
 - a. Committee &/or Council review and potential action for follow-up at each Council meeting.
 - b. Distribute results of review to Evaluation Team, SSC, and APs.
 - c. Council staff to follow-up with actions as necessary after each meeting.
- 2) **Council meeting deliverables:**
 - a. √Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 2/8/13 for March 2013 meeting.
 - b. √Ann and Kim to provide to Gregg by 5/17/13 for June 2013 meeting.
 - c. Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 8/23/13 for September 2013 meeting.
 - d. Anna and Kim to provide to Gregg by 11/8/13 for December 2013 meeting.
- 3) √Add *Oculina* LE to website with links to GC cases, press releases, VHF channel to report violations, etc. in report. (Kim). Done. Reports continue to be posted as they are received.
- 4) ***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.

- 5) **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
- 6) **Proposed Timing:**
- a. Request SEFSC present research/assessment results to date at December 2013 meeting
 - b. Request NOAA OLE present law enforcement results to date at December 2013 meeting
 - c. Request Council staff to present outreach results to date at the December 2013 meeting
 - d. Evaluation Team prepares report – January through March 2014
 - e. Draft Report reviewed by Advisory Panels (SG, Habitat, Coral, I&E, & Law Enforcement) – April/May 2014
 - f. Draft Report reviewed by SSC – April 2014
 - g. Evaluation Team revises report based on reviews – April/May
 - h. Final Report provided for briefing book by May 19, 2014 and presented to Council – June 2014

2. *Amendment 21 Outcome of Visioning – Myra*

(Vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, black sea bass, gag, greater amberjack, red grouper, and black grouper – trip limit actions, effort and participation reduction and endorsement actions, catch share program for quota species except snowy grouper. To include ITQ, cooperative, RFA, CDQ components, and regional or state by state quota analysis)

Note: Trip limits for vermilion snapper, black sea bass, gag, and greater amberjack moved to Regulatory Amendment 9 at March 2010 Council meeting.

Note: At the March 2011 meeting the Council removed the Catch Share items from this amendment.

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 DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL BEGAN THE VISIONING PROCESS.

3. Amendment 22/*EA or EIS?* (Recreational Tag Program to Track Harvest) – Myra

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 Chevront, Kari Maclauchlin, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (Coral issues), and John Carmichael.
- √b. NMFS SERO Team: Kate Michie (NMFS Lead), Andy Strelcheck, Rick Devictor, 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 determines EA or 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 will be published in the summer of 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 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.

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a. Options Paper: review & provide guidance – September 2013 Council meeting
- b. Draft Amendment 22: review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013 Council meeting
- c. Public Hearings – January 2014
- d. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – March 2014
- e. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – June 2014

4. Amendment 27/EA (Blue Runner, Yellowtail/Mutton/Nassau Management Authority & Framework) - Myra

[Note: CE-BA 2 included SG Amendment 23 and the Comprehensive ACL Amendment included SG Amendment 25.]

Note: SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by May 4, 2013. Done 5/23/13.

5. Amendment 29/*EA or EIS?* (~~Allocations & ORCS Revisions to Control Rule~~) - Myra

[Note: CE-BA 2 included SG Amendment 23; the Comprehensive ACL Amendment included SG Amendment 25; CEBA 3 is Am26; Mgmt. Authority, Fmwk & Blue runner is Am 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.

- A. IPT Members
 - a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese, John Carmichael (SSC & Data), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (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), Anne Marie Eich (Technical Writer), Denise Johnson (Economist), Christina Package (Social Scientist), Andrew Herndon and Adam Brame (Protected Resources), Otha Easley (Law Enforcement), David Keys (NEPA), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
 - c. NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Andrews and Jakob Tetzlaff (Biologists), Larry Perruso (Social Scientist).
 - d. NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- B. Team Conference Call – TBD.

NMFS determines EA or EIS.

Proposed 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
- 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

6. ***Amendment 31/EA or EIS? (Blueline Tilefish) - Myra***

[Note: Stock assessment indicates overfished and overfishing. NMFS previous advice is to address species in a separate amendment when there is a rebuilding program and an EIS is usually required. We will have 2 years from the date of the letter from NMFS informing the Council that blueline are overfished to complete the amendment and for regulations to be effective.]

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS

- A. IPT Members
 - a. SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Kari MacLauchlin, Roger Pugliese, John Carmichael (SSC & Data), Mike Errigo (Data), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
 - b. NMFS SERO Team:
 - c. NMFS SEFSC Team:
 - d. NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello.
- B. Team Conference Call – TBD.

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a. SSC reviews assessment – October 2013
- b. Scoping Webinar if EIS – November
- 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. Draft Amendment 31: review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013 Council meeting
- e. Public Hearings – January 2014
- f. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve all actions – March 2014
- g. Review final amendment and approve for formal review – June 2014

7. *Regulatory Amendment 14/EA - Myra*

Note: Regulatory Amendment 14 is scheduled for final approval at the September 2013 meeting and will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in September/October 2013.

8. Regulatory Amendment 16/EA or EIS? – Myra/Kari

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, Kari Maclauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Anna Martin (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 Hernden (Protected Resources), David Keys (NEPA), Otha Easley (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

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

Proposed 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. Scoping Webinar – January/February 2014
- d. Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and choose preferred alternative; approve for public hearings – March 2014
- e. Public hearings – April?
- f. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve for formal review – June 2014
- g. If EA required, Draft Regulatory Amendment 16: review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013 Council meeting
- h. Public hearings – January 2014
- i. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve for formal review – March 2014 (this timing would give 6 months for review & implementation prior to November 2014 when the pot closure is effective)

9. *Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs)/EA or EIS? – Gregg/Roger*

- 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

- 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 meeting to develop a purpose and need and potentially consider options for reconfigurations and spawning. Staff were 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, Anna Martin (Coral), and Mike Errigo (Data).
- b. √NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (NMFS Lead), Karla Gore (Biologist), Nick Farmer (Data), Jack McGovern (Biologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), David Dale (HCD), Otha Easley (OLE), Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR), David Keys (NEPA), and Scott Sandorf (Regulations writer).
- c. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison (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:

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

- 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 –

<p><u>February 4 (1pm) – 6(noon), 2013</u> Crown Plaza 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-744-4422</p>

- 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 were 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.

Proposed Timing 2013/14: 3 Options for Committee/Council to review in September 2013:

OPTION 1. DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 17 DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING; APPROVE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS (ASSUMING ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT) AT THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING; CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN JANUARY 2014; REVIEW COMMENTS AT THE MARCH 2014 MEETING TO APPROVE ACTIONS; AND FINAL REVIEW TO APPROVE FOR SECRETARIAL REVIEW AT THE JUNE 2014 MEETING.

OPTION 2. DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 17 DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING; APPROVE FOR SCOPING (ASSUMING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS NECESSARY) AT THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING; CONDUCT SCOPING MEETINGS IN JANUARY 2014; REVIEW SCOPING COMMENTS AT THE MARCH 2014 MEETING TO APPROVE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS; CONDUCT SEPARATE PUBLIC HEARINGS DURING APRIL/MAY 2014; REVIEW COMMENTS AT THE JUNE 2014 MEETING TO APPROVE ACTIONS; AND FINAL REVIEW TO APPROVE FOR SECRETARIAL REVIEW AT THE SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING.

OPTION 3. DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE A DRAFT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 17 DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING; APPROVE FOR SCOPING (ASSUMING AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT IS NECESSARY) AT THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING; CONDUCT SCOPING MEETINGS IN JANUARY 2014; REVIEW SCOPING COMMENTS AT THE MARCH 2014 MEETING TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR MORE COMPLETE ANALYSES; REVIEW ANALYSES AND APPROVE FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE JUNE 2014 MEETING; CONDUCT PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST 2014; REVIEW COMMENTS AT THE SEPTEMBER 2014 MEETING TO APPROVE ACTIONS; AND FINAL REVIEW TO APPROVE FOR SECRETARIAL REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER 2014 MEETING.

10. *Regulatory Amendment 19/EA (Black Sea Bass) – Gregg/Myra*

Note: SAFMC sends to NMFS by 5 pm on May 14, 2013. Done 5/20/13. Revision to No Action ACT value and resent on 5/22/13. Proposed Rule published 7/2/13; comments due by 8/1/13.

11. Framework (Snowy Grouper & Mutton Snapper)/EA or EIS? – Myra

Note: The snowy grouper assessment was an update and the mutton snapper assessment is being conducted by Florida. Both are scheduled for review by the SSC in October 2013.

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS

Proposed Timing 2013/14 (assuming neither is overfished):

- a. SSC reviews assessment – October 2013
- b. Council receives assessment results and SSC recommendations – December 2013.
Provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included.
- c. If New Framework Procedure is implemented: Draft New Framework Document; review, modify & conduct public hearing at March 2014 meeting; approve for review and implementation – March 2014 Council meeting
- d. Document submitted to NMFS – April 2014
- e. If Existing Framework Procedure must be used: Draft Existing Framework Document; review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013
- f. Public Hearings – January
- g. Review public hearing comments, modify amendment as necessary, and approve for formal review and implementation – March 2014
- h. Document submitted to NMFS – March/April 2014

12. Comprehensive Accountability Amendment (SG, CMP, D/W, & GCrab) - Myra

The Council has previously indicated they wanted such an amendment. Guidance is requested on content and timing at the September 2013 meeting. Given the heavy workload early in 2014, this amendment should be discussed for the August 2014 or January 2015 round of public hearings.

II. ECOSYSTEM

1. *Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger*

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. Habitat Advisory Panel Sub Panel Chairs tasked with coordinating with Roger and Pace in identifying leads and team members for core sections on species and habitats
 - c. Ecosystem Committee input on updates or revisions to the structure which would improve use and effectiveness of FEP II – December 2013
 - d. Evaluate how amendments can incorporate this information by reference to reduce size of documents.
- D. FEP II Development Timing and General Process:
 - a. Development will be facilitated around spring (March) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014).
 - b. March –November (2014)- EFH/FEP Technical Workshops 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
 - c. Teams selected and review initiated March 2014-June 2014
 - d. Preliminary Sections revised and Volumes Updated June 2014-November 2014
 - e. November 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting Review Revise and develop recommendation on FEP II Sections and Volumes
 - f. December 2014 Council receive presentation on FEP II development and completion timeline

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 May 7, 2013 meeting 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.
- B. Initiate Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
 - a. Habitat Advisory Panel during November 2013 meeting facilitate coordination with regional partners in preparation in conjunction with other ongoing efforts.

3. *Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management related Meetings/Coordination (2013/14)*

The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings/coordination are scheduled for 2013:

- 1) ✓Habitat and Environmental Advisory Panel Meeting; portion joint with Coral AP to review Coral Amendment 8
- 2) ✓SEAMAP Bottom Mapping Workgroup Meeting– March 4, 2013 from 1-6 pm; concurrent with SAFMC
- 3) ✓GSAA Executive Planning Team Meeting March 13-14, 2013 Raleigh, NC
- 4) ✓SALCC Steering Committee Meeting March 19-21, 2013
- 5) ✓SECOORA Member and Board Meeting May 13-15, 2013 Jacksonville, FL
- 6) ✓SARP Steering Committee June 4-6, 2013 Memphis Tenn.
- 7) ✓Society for Conservation GIS July 16-18, 2013 Monterey, CA
- 8) ✓South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 29-30, 2013
- 9) Oceans 2013 September 23-26, 2013
- 10) SARP Steering Committee/SEAFWA Meeting October 14-17, 2013
- 11) Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting November 5-7, 2013 FWRI, St. Petersburg FL
- 12) SALCC Conservation Blueprint Workshop November 29, 2013 Savannah, GA

4. *Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 – Anna*

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. 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. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

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 – Anna Martin (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), Brian Chevront (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); Otha Easley (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA); Anne Marie Eich (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.**
 - a. (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**

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

- 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

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

- 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. 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.
- 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.**

III. Coral Amendment 8/EA – Anna

1. *Coral Amendment 8/EA – Anna*

Coral Amendment 8/EA is scheduled for final approval at the September 2013 meeting and will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in September/October 2013.

2. *Oculina Evaluation Team’s 10-Year Report – Anna*

The report is scheduled to be presented to the Council at the June 2014 meeting. The Council is to review all regulations within the Oculina Experimental Closed Area. At the June meeting, the Council will provide guidance on any necessary actions and timing.

IV. MACKEREL

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

Note: Mackerel Amendment 19(20A) is scheduled for final approval by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and the GMFMC at their October 2013 meeting. The Amendment, if approved by both Councils, will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in October 2013.

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

Note: Mackerel Amendment 20(20B) is scheduled for final approval by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and the GMFMC at their October 2013 meeting. The Amendment, if approved by both Councils, will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in October 2013.

3. *SAFMC Framework - Kari*

Official title: South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Action 2013

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

4. South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Action 2014 – EA or EIS?– Kari

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.

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS

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
- g. Draft Framework Document: review amendment/comments, modify & approve for review and implementation – March 2014 Council meeting
- h. Document submitted to NMFS – March 2014

**5. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC ALLOCATION AMENDMENT 24/EA or EIS?
- Kari**

IPT Team

- a. SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. GMFMC Team:
- c. NMFS SERO Team:
- d. NMFS SEFSC Team:
- e. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS

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 Webinar – SAFMC in January/February 2014 and GMFMC in January/February 2014
- d. Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?
- e. Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in June 2014 and GMFMC in June 2014?
- f. Public hearings – SAFMC in August 2014 and GMFMC in July/August 2014?
- g. Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in September 2014 and GMFMC in August/October 2014?
- h. Document submitted to NMFS – October/November 2014

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 work ongoing evaluating rope marking.

VI. SHRIMP – Anna

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.

VII. GOLDEN CRAB – Brian

No activity anticipated in 2014

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.

2. *Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment (For-hire Reporting in the SAFMC's Area of Jurisdiction) - Gregg*

Note: This amendment was sent to the Secretary of Commerce for formal review on April 23, 2013.

3. *Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Headboat Reporting Amendment Gulf Regulatory Amendments - Gregg*

Note: This was address headboat reporting in the GMFMC and include compliance requirement and paper logbook in the event of extreme circumstances in the Gulf and South Atlantic.

Note: This amendment was sent to the Secretary of Commerce for formal review in August? 2013.

4. Joint SAFMC/SAFMC 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 26.

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

- a. SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Brian Chevront, 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
- vi.

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.

5. 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 Chevront, 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),
- d. NMFS SEFSC –
- e. ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello
- f. MRIP –
- g. HMS –

Timing – work with Gulf Council to determine timing.

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

Need to appoint SAFMC staff representative and request other organizations make appointments.

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 is scheduled for final approval by the SAFMC at the September 2013 meeting and, if approved, will be sent to the Secretary of Commerce in September/October 2013.

2. *Dolphin Fillet Issue - Brian*

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS

Committee/Council provide guidance on how to handle and timing. Three options if the decision is to move forward:

- a. ~~Dolphin/Wahoo Framework—this would be the fastest and a document could be prepared for the December 2013 meeting, hold a hearing and give final approval all at the December 2013 meeting. Send to NMFS December 2013 or January 2014.~~
- b. Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 7/**EA or EIS?** – would not likely be in place for 2014
 - i. **If EIS required**, Draft Amendment x: review, modify & approve for scoping – December 2013 Council meeting
 - ii. Scoping Webinar – January/February 2014
 - iii. Review scoping comments, review/modify actions/alternatives, and choose preferred alternative; approve for public hearings – March 2014
 - iv. Public hearings – April?
 - v. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve for formal review – June 2014
 - vi. **If EA required**, Draft Amendment 7: review, modify & approve for public hearings – December 2013 Council meeting
 - vii. Public hearings – January 2014
 - viii. Review public hearing comments, review/modify amendment, and approve for formal review – March 2014
- c. Generic Allocation Amendment – add this issue but would not likely be in place for 2014 – SEE TIMING FOR GENERIC ALLOCATION AMENDMENT

X. GENERIC ALLOCATION AMENDMENT/EA or EIS? – 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:
- c. NMFS SEFSC –
- d. NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

Items to be addressed:

- a. Snapper grouper allocations for all species
- b. Dolphin/wahoo allocations

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS

Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a. Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping – December 2013.
- b. Scoping Webinar if EIS – January/February 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

XI. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE – John

1. *SSC Spring Meeting – April 2014.*

Note: At the December 2012 meeting, the Council provided guidance that the SSC is to review analyses and assessment information in amendments but are 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.

Meeting Location: Charleston

Steps and Draft list of items:

- (i) meeting requests: 11/1
- (ii) TO request: John: 3/1
- (iii)FR notice – JOHN: Andrea: ----
 - Agenda Topics due to John: February4
 - BB materials due to John:
- (iv) Briefing materials sent by – Admin
- (v) TOPICS
 - a) Draft Oculina Experimental Closed Area Report ??
 - b) Research and Monitoring plan

2. *Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Meeting – April 2014*

(Kari/Brian)

3. *SSC Fall Meeting – October 2014*

Meeting Location: Charleston

Steps and Draft list of items:

- (i) Meeting request: John:
- (ii) TO Request: John: ; Notice sent to participants –; John
- (iii)FR notice – JOHN: Andrea
- (iv) Agenda Topics due to John:
- (v) BB materials due to John: 1
- (vi) Briefing materials sent by ----- Admin
- (vii) TOPICS
 - a) Atlantic king mackerel assessment recommendations
 - b) SEDAR participants, schedules, TORS for 2015 assessments

4. *SSC Spring 2015 Meeting - April*
5. *Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Meeting – April 2015*
6. *SSC Fall 2015 Meeting - October*
7. *SSC Conference Call – as needed*

XII. 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 are generally scheduled in August.

1. Dates and Locations for January 2014

A. Draft dates and requested locations:

Scoping/Hearings from 4-7 pm

Recommendations for Public Hearings/Scoping:

1. Staff presentations be scheduled on the hour and ½ hour and publicize which amendment will be presented when.
2. Scoping – do these via webinar only.

<p><u>January 21, 2014</u> Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330</p>	<p><u>January 22 or 23, 2014</u> New Bern Riverfront Convention Center 203 South Front Street New Bern, NC 28563 Phone: 252-637-1551</p>
<p><u>January 27, 2014</u> Hilton Key Largo 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><u>January 28, 2014</u> Doubletree by Hilton Oceanfront 2080 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><u>January 29, 2014</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Sailsbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222</p>	<p><u>January 30, 2014</u> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043</p>

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

B. Amendments:

1. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Recreational Tag to Track Harvest) (Myra) – public hearings
2. Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS Revisions to Control Rule) (Myra) – public hearings
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 31 (Blueline Tilefish Rebuilding Program) (Myra) – public hearings
4. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) (Gregg/Roger) – public hearings*
5. Snapper Grouper Framework (Snowy Grouper & Mutton Snapper) (Myra) – public hearings
6. South Atlantic CMP Framework Action (Atlantic Spanish Mackerel ACL) (Kari) – public hearings
7. Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 7 (Dolphin Fillets from Bahamas) (Brian) – public hearings

- 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 – Snapper Grouper
 - 4. Room #3 – Mackerel & Dolphin/Wahoo
 - 5. Room #4 – MPAs (SG Reg Am 17)
- D. Federal Register Notice
 - a. NOI documents filed –
 - b. Publish notice –
- E. 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. SGAmend22Comments@safmc.net
 - ii. SGAmend29Comments@safmc.net
 - iii. SGAmend231Comments@safmc.net
 - iv. SGRegAmend17Comments@safmc.net
 - v. SGFrameworkComments@safmc.net
 - vi. SpanishMackFrameworkComments@safmc.net
 - vii. DWAmend7Comments@safmc.net
 - e. Presentations done by 1/10/14.
 - f. Video presentation done by 11/13/14.
- F. Informal Q & A with Council Staff on January 15/16, 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.
- G. Staff attending – Myra, Kari, Brian & Gregg all sites; Julie (Administrative) & Kim/Amber (I&E) all sites.
- H. Council chairs – **draft**
 - a. NC – Michelle (chair); Anna Beckwith & Jack Cox likely attending
 - b. SC – Mel (chair); Chris and David likely attending
 - c. GA – Doug (chair); Charlie and Zack likely
 - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – Ben (chair) and John likely attending
 - e. Key Largo – Ben (chair) and John likely attending

2. Dates and Locations for April 2014

- A. Draft dates and requested locations:
Public hearing will be held from 4-7 pm except N. Charleston from 5:30-7pm due to SG AP??

Recommendations for Public Hearings/Scoping:

1. Staff presentations be scheduled on the hour and ½ hour and publicize which amendment will be presented when.
2. Scoping – do these via webinar only.

<p><u>April 15, 2014</u> Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330</p>	<p><u>April 17, 2014</u> New Bern Riverfront Convention Center 203 South Front Street New Bern, NC 28563 Phone: 252-637-1551</p>
<p><u>April 21, 2014</u> Hilton Key Largo 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><u>April 22, 2014</u> Doubletree by Hilton Oceanfront 2080 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><u>April 23, 2014</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Sailsbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222</p>	<p><u>April 24, 2014</u> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043</p>

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- B. Amendment(s):
 1. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) (Gregg/Roger) – public hearings*
- C. Rooms Needed – large area plus 1 room for presentation and recording
- D. Federal Register Notice
 a. NOI documents filed –
 b. Publish notice –
- E. Document/presentation preparation
 a. Public Hearings – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 i. Summary document posted on 3/21/14
 ii. Video presentation posted on 3/21/14
 iii. Regulatory Amendment 17 posted on 3/21/14 or 3/28/14 at latest
 b. Comments due by 5 pm on May 5, 2014.
 c. Email addresses: SGRegAmend17Comments@safmc.net
 d. Presentations done by 3/21/14.
- F. Informal Q & A with Council Staff on April 8, 2014 at 6 pm:
 a. Informal Q&A Session with Council staff; Gregg will give 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.

G. Staff attending:

- a. Tech staff – Gregg
- b. Admin staff – Julie
- c. I & E – Kim will attend SC and New Bern/Amber will attend FL

H. Council chairs – draft

- a. NC – Michelle (chair); Anna Beckwith & Jack Cox likely attending
- b. SC – Mel (chair); Chris and David likely attending
- c. GA – Doug (chair); Charlie and Zack likely
- d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – Ben (chair) and John likely attending
- e. Key Largo – Ben (chair) and John likely attending

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

Recommendations for Public Hearings/Scoping:

1. Staff presentations be scheduled on the hour and ½ hour and publicize which amendment will be presented when.
2. Scoping – do these via webinar only.

<p><u>August 5, 2014</u> Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330</p>	<p><u>August 6 or 7, 2014</u> New Bern Riverfront Convention Center 203 South Front Street New Bern, NC 28563 Phone: 252-637-1551</p>
<p><u>August 11, 2014</u> Hilton Key Largo 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553</p>	<p><u>August 12, 2014</u> Doubletree by Hilton Oceanfront 2080 North Atlantic Ave. Cocoa Beach, FL 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222</p>
<p><u>August 13, 2014</u> Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Sailsbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222</p>	<p><u>August 14, 2014</u> Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043</p>

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- B. Amendments:
1. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs) (Gregg/Roger) – public hearings
 2. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC CMP Amendment 24 (Gulf Kings & South Atlantic Spanish) (Kari) – public hearings
 3. Generic Allocation Amendment (Snapper Grouper & Dolphin/Wahoo) (Brian) – public hearings
- 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 Reg Am 17 (MPAs)
 4. Room #3 – Mackerel Amendment 24
 5. Room #4 – Generic Allocation Amendment
- D. Federal Register Notice
- 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 addresses:
 - i. SRegAm17Comments@safmc.net
 - ii. MackAm24Comments@safmc.net
 - iii. AllocationComments@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 Reg Am 17– 7/28/13
 - ii. Mackerel Am 24– 3 together on 7/29/13
 - iii. Generic Allocation Amendment– 7/30/13
- F. Staff attending hearings – Gregg, Kari & Brian all sites; Julie (Administrative) all sites; and Kim & Amber (I&E) all sites.
- G. Council chairs – **draft**
 - a. NC – Michelle (chair); Anna Beckwith & Jack Cox likely attending
 - b. SC – Mel (chair); Chris and David likely attending
 - c. GA – Doug (chair); Charlie and Zack likely
 - d. Jacksonville/Cocoa Beach – Ben (chair) and John likely attending
 - e. Key Largo – Ben (chair) and John likely attending

XIII. 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. September 16-20, 2013 – Charleston, South Carolina; hotel cutoff 8/16/13
The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC 29403
Phone: 1-800-228-9290 or 843-723-3000/Fax: 843-723-0276
- B. December 2-6, 2013 – Wilmington, North Carolina; hotel cutoff 11/1/13
Hilton Wilmington Riverside
301 North Water Street
Wilmington, NC 28401
Phone: 1-800-445-8667 or 910-763-5900/Fax: 910-343-6124
- C. 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
- D. 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
- E. 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
- F. 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
- G. March 2-6, 2015
- H. June 8-12, 2015
- I. September 14-18, 2015
- J. December 7-11, 2015

XIV. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM MARCH 2014 & PRIOR MEETINGS

Tech staff – please update and insert new items from the committee reports from the last Council meeting.

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

A.

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

1.

C. Golden Crab – Brian

1.

D. Mackerel – Kari

1.

E. Dolphin Wahoo – Brian

1.

F. Shrimp – Anna

1.

G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1.

H. SEDAR – John

1.

I. SSC Selection - John

1.

J. AP Selection - Kim

K. Data Collection – Gregg

1.

M. Full Council – Bob

1.

**XV. September 16-20, 2013 – Charleston, SC – DRAFT;
final in Briefing Book**

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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1. HOTEL CUT-OFF – 8/16/13 @ 5 pm local time.
2. BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO GREGG BY 8/21/2013 AT NOON.
3. TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 8/22/2013
4. INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME AND READY FOR CD BURNING/HARD COPYING BY 8/27/2013 AT noon
5. EMAIL COUNCIL AGENDA AND OVERVIEW DOCUMENTS TO COUNCIL, NMFS & NOAA GC BY 8/27/2013.
6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 8/29/2013.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (All Final Items) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 9/9/2013.

[_____ – GMFMC liason]

Bob – memo to Mike McLemore/Monica [Note: How we are meeting bycatch requirements. Presentation to Data Collection Committee]

Done _____.

Bob – memo to Roy [Note: **see committees & Council presentations** below.

Done _____.

Bob – memo to Bonnie [Note: **see committee & Council presentations below.**

Done _____

**Informal Q & A with Roy & David – Wednesday evening beginning at 5:30 pm
Public Comment Period (Agenda Items) – Thursday beginning at 4 pm.**

A. New Council Member Swearing-In – Dr. Roy Crabtree

B. Council Member Workshop (TAB 1) Monday 9:00 am - noon: What do we want our fisheries to look like?

(1) Presentations:

- a) Review Objectives – Kari/Amber
- b) Logic Model – Amber

(2) Council Discussion – Michelle Duval, SG Committee Chair

- (3) Direction to Staff on Next Steps & Port Meetings– Michelle Duval
- C. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Anna) (TAB 2) – Monday 1:30 – 2:30 pm**
 - A. Review of Public Hearing Comments – Anna
 - B. Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC) – Anna
 - a. Overview – Anna
 - b. Committee Action & Approve Amendment 8 for formal review – Doug Haymans
 - c. Committee Action & Approve Codified Text for Amendment 8 – Doug Haymans
 - C. Update on Ecosystem Activities – Anna Martin/Roger Pugliese, SAFMC Staff
- D. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee (Brian) (TAB 3) – Monday 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**
 - (1) Review of Public Hearing Comments – Brian
 - (2) Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 5 (ABC/ACL, AM Modifications, Framework & Trip Limits) – Brian
 - a. Overview – Brian
 - b. Committee Action & Approve Amendment 5 for formal review – Vice-Chair John Jolley
 - c. Committee Action & Approve Codified Text for Amendment 5 – Vice-Chair John Jolley
- E. SEDAR (John) (TAB 4) – Monday 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm**
 - (1) SEDAR Activities Update
 - (2) SEDAR Administrative actions (possible SEDAR 38 (king mackerel) recreational AP appointment)
 - (3) 2015 Assessment Priorities
 - (4) Long term assessment planning and priorities
- F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 5:30 pm and Wednesday 8:30 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) Committee Action as Necessary – Michelle Duval
 - (4) Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 13/EA (MRIP Adjustments)
 - b. Regulatory Amendment 15/EA (Yellowtail Snapper, Gag Trigger & Red Snapper)
 - c. Amendment 28/EA (Red Snapper Framework)
 - d. Regulatory Amendment 18/EA (Vermilion & Red Pogy)
 - e. Amendment 27/EA (Nassau Grouper, Blue Runner, Fmwk & #Crew)
 - f. Regulatory Amendment 19/EA (Black Sea Bass)
 - (5) Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multi-Species)
 - a. Review of Public Hearing Comments – Myra

- b. Overview of Amendment
 - c. Committee Action & Approve Regulatory Amendment 14 for formal review – Michelle Duval
 - d. Committee Action & Approve Codified Text for Regulatory Amendment 14 – Michelle Duval
- (6) Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS Revisions to Control Rule)
- a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)
- a. Overview of Options – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance – Michelle Duval
- (8) Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of BSB Pot Closure)
- a. Overview of Amendment – Myra/Kari
 - b. Committee Action & Guidance – Michelle Duval
- (9) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs and HAPCs for Speckled Hind & Warsaw Grouper)
- a. Overview – Gregg/Roger
 - b. Purpose & Need – Committee Action – Michelle Duval
 - c. Selection of Sites that meet criteria of reconfiguration and target spawning – Committee Action – Michelle Duval
 - d. Provide guidance on timing – Committee Action – Michelle Duval
- (10) Others???

G. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 6) – Wednesday 1:30 pm – 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
- (4) Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 19
- a. Review of Public Hearing Comments – Kari
 - b. Overview of Amendment
 - c. Committee Action & Approve Amendment 19 for formal review – Ben Hartig
 - d. Committee Action & Approve Codified Text for Amendment 19 – Ben Hartig
- (5) Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20
- a. Review of Public Hearing Comments – Kari
 - b. Overview of Amendment
 - c. Committee Action & Approve Amendment 20 for formal review – Ben Hartig
 - d. Committee Action & Approve Codified Text for Amendment 20 – Ben Hartig
- (6) South Atlantic Mackerel Framework
- a. Review of Public Hearing Comments – Kari
 - b. Overview of Framework
 - c. Committee Action & Approve Framework for formal review – Ben Hartig

d. Committee Action & Approve Codified Text for Framework – Ben Hartig
(7) Other items?

- H. AP Selection (Kim) (TAB 7) (Closed) – Thursday 8:30 am – 9:30 am**
- (1) Review applicants & make appointments to APs
 - (2) Any changes to policies
 - (3) Others?
- I. Protected Resources Committee (Kari) (TAB 8) – Thursday 9:30 am – 11:00 am**
- (1) Status of ongoing consultations
 - (2) Presentation on Biology/Behavior and Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Proposed Rule, and BSB Pot/Right Whale Co-occurrence Model
 - (3) ESA Working Group update
 - (4) Others?
- J. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 9) – Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Budget
 - (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - (3) Others?
- K. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 10) – Thursday 1:30 – 3:30 pm**
- (1) Status of Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment (For-hire reporting in SAFMC's area) – NMFS SERO
 - (2) Status of Framework for Headboat Reporting in the Gulf – NMFS SERO
 - (3) Re-approval of Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit Amendment & Codified Text
 - a. Review public hearing comments
 - b. Review changes to the amendment
 - c. Approve amendment for formal review
 - d. Approve codified text for formal review
 - (4) How the South Atlantic Council is meeting the MSA requirement for a bycatch monitoring program – NOAA GC
 - (5) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - a. Status – Anna
 - b. Committee guidance – Michelle Duval
 - c. Overview & results of GMFMC Actions – Gregg
 - d. Committee guidance and approval for formal review? – Michelle Duval
 - (6) SEFSC Presentation on Sample Sizes for Individual Species – Targets & What was achieved
 - a. Presentation – Bonnie Ponwith
 - b. Committee discussion and action – Michelle Duval
 - (7) Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment – Gregg
 - a. SEFSC Presentation on the details of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project – Bonnie Ponwith
 - b. Committee guidance and action – Michelle Duval

- (8) GMFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Gregg
 - a. Overview & results of GMFMC Actions – Gregg
 - b. Committee guidance – Michelle Duval

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

M. Council Session (TAB 11) (with public comment period) – Thursday beginning at 4:00 pm

I. Amendments for Final Council Action and Public Comment:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
- (2) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 (ABC/ACL, AM Modifications, Framework & Trip Limits)
- (3) Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC)
- (4) Mackerel Amendment 19 (Bag limit sales & Permits)
- (5) Mackerel Amendment 20 (Boundaries & Timing)
- (6) Mackerel Framework (Transfer at Sea/Trip Limits)
- (7) Joint Dealer Amendment
- (8) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch reporting)

II. Elections – Friday 8:30 am

III. Presentations

- 1. Tom Swatzel
- 2. Presentation of Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for 2012
- 3. Chair/Vice Chair

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- A. Visioning Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- B. Joint Habitat/Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- C. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- D. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- E. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- H. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- I. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 9) – ACTION
- J. Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- K. NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on _____ for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (a) Status of Recreational and Commercial Catches versus ACLs

- (b) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - (e) Other issues?
- K. 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
- L. Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

XVI. December 2-6, 2013 – Wilmington, NC – DRAFT –

Hilton Wilmington Riverside
301 North Water Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

Phone: 1-800-445-8667 or 910-763-5900/Fax: 910-343-6124

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6. BRIEFING BOOK CDs MAILED (**VIA OVERNIGHT**) BY 11/14/2013.
7. SECOND BRIEFING BOOK CD (All Final Items) – READY FOR BURNING/COPYING AT 9 A.M. AND MAILED (**OVERNIGHT**) ON 11/25/2013.

[_____ – GMFMC liason]

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 & David – 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 fisheries to look like?
- (1) Presentation by ???????
 - (2) Council Discussion – Michelle Duval, SG Committee Chair
 - (3) Direction to Staff – Michelle Duval
- B. Council Member Data Workshop (TAB 2) Monday 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm:**
- (1) ACCSP
 - (2) Regional Electronic Monitoring Input for NOAA’s Policy on Electronic Technologies & Fishery-Dependent Data Collection – George LaPointe
 - (3) SEFSC Commercial Quota Monitoring Program – SEFSC; discuss with Dr. Ponwith

- C. Habitat Committee (Roger) (TAB 3) – Tuesday 8:30 am – 9:30 am**
- (1) Report on November 5-6, 2013 Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel Meeting - Roger
 - (2) Update on Ecosystem Activities
 - a. Review Updated and New Habitat Policy Statements developed in cooperation with the Habitat Advisory Panel - Roger
- D. Ecosystem-Based Management Committee (Anna) (TAB 4) – Tuesday 9:30 am – 10:30 am**
- (1) Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit Through Oculina HAPC) – SERO
 - (2) Report on November 5-6, 2013 Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel Meeting - Roger
 - (3) Update on Ecosystem Activities
 - a. Review Updated and New Habitat Policy Statements developed in cooperation with the Habitat Advisory Panel – Roger
- E. Protected Resources Committee (Kari) (TAB 5) – Tuesday 10:30 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Update on ongoing Consultations
 - (2) ESA Workgroup Report
 - (3) Sturgeon
 - (4) Coral
 - (5) Right Whales & Black Sea Bass
 - (6) Nassau 2Grouper
- F. SEDAR (John) (TAB 6) (Portions Closed) – Tuesday 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**
- (1) SEDAR Activities Update
 - (2) SEDAR Administrative actions: SEDAR 41 approvals and appointments; Gag update approvals
 - (3) SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report – David Cupka
 - (4) 2016 - 2018 Assessment Priorities
- G. AP Selection Committee (Closed) (Kim) (TAB 7) – Tuesday 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**
- (1) Review applicants & make appointments to APs
 - (2) Any changes to policies
 - (3) Others?
- H. SSC Selection Committee (Portions Closed) (John) (TAB 8) – Tuesday 4:30 pm – 5:30 pm**
- (1) Review applicants & make appointments to SSC and SEP
 - (2) Any changes to policies
 - (3) Others?

I. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 9) – Wednesday 8:30 am – 5:30 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. Amendment 27/EA (Mgmt Authority/Fmwk/Crew Size)
 - b. Regulatory Amendment 19/EA (Black Sea Bass)
 - c. Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
5. Advisory Panel Report
6. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
7. Oculina Experimental Close Area Presentations
 - a. Council Staff – Outreach
 - b. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement
 - c. SEFSC – Research/Assessment
 - d. Direction to Staff – Michelle Duval
8. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance on timing and next steps – Michelle Duval
9. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest)
 - a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance & approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (Allocations & ORCS)
 - a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance & approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 31 (Blueline Tilefish)
 - a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance & approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
12. Snapper Grouper Framework (Snowy Grouper & Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Overview – Myra
 - b. Committee provide guidance & approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval
13. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs)
 - a. Presentations on Snapper Grouper Amendment 14 MPAS
 - i. Council Staff – Outreach
 - ii. Office of Law Enforcement – Law Enforcement
 - iii. SEFSC – Research/Assessment
 - b. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 17 – Gregg
 - c. Committee provide guidance & approve for public hearings – Michelle Duval

- J. Mackerel Committee (Kari) (TAB 10) – Thursday 8:30 am – 11:00 am**
- (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 19 – NMFS SERO
 - (4) Status of Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20 – NMFS SERO
 - (5) Status of South Atlantic Mackerel Framework – NMFS SERO
 - (6) Spanish Mackerel Framework – approve for public hearings
 - (7) CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations) – approve for scoping
- K. Executive/Finance (Bob/Mike) (TAB 11) – Thursday 11:00 am – 12:00 noon**
- (1) Budget
 - (2) Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - (3) Others?
- L. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee (Brian) (TAB 12) – Thursday 1:30 – 2:30 pm**
- (1) Status of Recreational & Commercial Catches – NMFS SERO
 - (2) Status of Amendment 5 – NMFS SERO
 - (3) Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 7 – overview and approve for public hearings
- M. Data Collection Committee (Gregg) (TAB 13) – Thursday 2:30 – 5:00 pm**
- (1) Status of Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit – NMFS SERO
 - (2) Status of Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment (For-hire reporting in SAFMC’s area) – NMFS SERO
 - (3) Status of Gulf Framework for For-Hire Reporting – NMFS SERO
 - (4) CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - a. How the SAFMC is meeting its bycatch requirements under MSA - NOAA GC
 - b. CE-BA 3 Overview – Anna
 - c. Committee guidance and approval for formal review – Michelle Duval
 - (5) Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment – Gregg
 - a. Overview & results of GMFMC Actions – Gregg
 - b. Committee guidance and approval for next steps – Michelle Duval
 - (6) GMFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Gregg
 - a. Overview & results of GMFMC Actions – Gregg
 - b. Committee guidance on role/involvement of SAFMC – Michelle Duval
- N. Personnel Committee (Closed) (Bob) (TAB 14) – Friday 8:00 am – 9:00 am**
- (1) Review applicants & make appointments to APs
 - (2) Any changes to policies
- O. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman David Cupka – Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.**

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

Q. Council Session (TAB 15) (with public comment period) – Friday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

I. Presentations - ????

1.

II. Final Council Action and Comment:

(1) CE-BA 3

III. Council Approval for Scoping and/or Public Hearings

(1)

IV. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- A. Visioning Workshop Report (TAB 1) – ACTION
- B. Data Workshop Report (TAB 2) – ACTION
- C. Habitat Committee Report (TAB 3) – ACTION
- D. Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB 4) – ACTION
- E. Protected Resources Committee Report (TAB 5) – ACTION
- F. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 6) – ACTION
- G. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 7) – ACTION
- H. SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB 8) – ACTION
- I. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 9) – ACTION
- J. Mackerel Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- K. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 11) – ACTION
- L. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Report (TAB 12) – ACTION
- M. Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 13) – ACTION
- N. 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

XVII. March 3-7, 2014 – Savannah, GA - DRAFT

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

The following items are listed in priority order. Note: Two items are listed as Priority #9.

THIS SECTION WILL BE UPDATED AFTER THE DECEMBER 2013 MEETING WHEN THE COUNCIL WILL APPROVE THE 2014 ACTIVITY SCHEDULE WITH PRIORITIES.

1. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 19/EA (Black Sea Bass) – Gregg/Myra

- A. √At the March 2013 meeting, the Council directed staff to develop a regulatory amendment to address the SEDAR results for black sea bass and to schedule a special Council meeting via webinar on May 13, 2013.
- B. √Council to review public comments and amendment at May 13, 2013 meeting and approve for formal review.
- C. √Send to Secretary of Commerce on May 14, 2013. Done 5/20 and revised and resubmitted on 5/22.
- D. √Proposed rule published on 7/2/13.
- E. Final regulations effective _____ (target is prior to season closing during 2013).

2. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 14/EA– Myra

- A. √Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at June meeting
 - a. Greater amberjack – fishing year
 - b. Gray triggerfish – size limit & measurement (FL vs TL)
 - c. Black sea bass – fishing year – recreational and commercial
 - d. Vermilion snapper – commercial fishing year & recreational AMs.
 - e. Grouper aggregate recreational bag limit – increase the gag bag limit within the aggregate
 - f. Gag commercial trip limit
 - g. Hogfish – minimum size limit
- A. √Council review and provides guidance at March 2013 meeting
- B. √AP & SSC reviews in April 2013
- C. √Council Approves for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
- D. Public hearings August 2013
- E. Public comment at September 2013 meeting
- F. Council final approval at September 2013 meeting
- G. Send to Secretary of Commerce October 30, 2013
- H. Proposed rule published on _____.
- I. Final regulations effective _____

3. Joint SA/GM Commercial Logbook Reporting 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 2013 meeting on approach and timing
- D. SSC input at _____ meeting in _____
- E. APs reviews _____
- F. Approve for public hearings at _____
- G. Public hearings in _____
- H. Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in _____
- I. Send for formal review in _____
- J. Proposed Rule published on _____.
- K. Final regulations effective _____.

4. Joint Mackerel Amendment 19 (Permits & Sale) – 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; now likely in January/February 2013.~~
- F. ~~Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in September. 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. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- M. Proposed rule published on _____.
- N. Final regulations effective _____.

5. ~~Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16/EA (Golden Tilefish) – Myra~~

- A. ~~√~~Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at September 2012 meeting
- B. ~~√~~Options reviewed at March 2013 Council meeting
- C. ~~√~~SSC & AP review – April 2013
- D. ~~Approve for public hearings – June 2013 Council meeting~~
- E. ~~Public hearings – August 6-16, 2013~~
- F. ~~Review public hearing Council final approval at March 2013 meeting~~
- G. ~~Send to Secretary of Commerce by March 31, 2013. Done _____.~~
- H. ~~Proposed rule published on _____.~~
- I. ~~Final regulations effective _____.~~

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 –~~
- D. ~~Approve for public hearings –~~
- E. ~~Public hearings –~~
- F. ~~Review public hearing Council final approval at meeting~~
- G. ~~Send to Secretary of Commerce by March 31, 2013. Done _____.~~
- H. ~~Proposed rule published on _____.~~
- I. ~~Final regulations effective _____.~~

6. ~~Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5/EA (ABC/ACL adjustment, Allocations, Sale & Framework) – Brian~~

- A. ~~√~~Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at September meeting
- B. ~~√~~Council review at December meeting and approve for scoping
- C. ~~√~~Scope in January
- D. ~~√~~Review comments and provide guidance at March 2013 meeting
- E. ~~√~~Approve for public hearings at June 2013 meeting
- F. ~~Public hearings in August 2013~~
- G. ~~Council final approval at September 2013 meeting~~
- H. ~~Send to Secretary of Commerce by October 30, 2013. Done _____.~~
- I. ~~Proposed rule published on _____.~~
- J. ~~Final regulations effective _____.~~

7. ~~Snapper Grouper Amendment 30/EIS (VMS) – Gregg/Roger~~

- ~~A. At the December 2012 meeting, the Council moved VMS from CE-BA 3 and directed staff to develop a separate amendment to address the VMS in the commercial snapper grouper fishery.~~
- ~~B. Council to review draft amendment and approve for public hearings at March 4-8, 2013 meeting.~~
- ~~C. SSC and Snapper Grouper AP review in April 2013~~
- ~~D. Public hearings in April/May 2013~~
- ~~E. Council to review public comments and amendment at June 2013 meeting and approve for formal review.~~
- ~~F. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____~~
- ~~G. Proposed rule published on _____.~~
- ~~H. Final regulations effective _____.~~

8. *Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17/EA or EIS (MPAs for Speckled Hind & Warsaw Grouper) – 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 are 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.

9. *Joint Mackerel Amendment 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. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- M. Proposed rule published on _____.
- N. Final regulations effective _____.

9. Snapper Grouper Amendment 29/EA or EIS (Allocations, ORCS revisions) – Myra

- A. Council will discuss at June 2013 meeting.

10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Red Snapper Tag System to track harvest) – Myra

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.

- A. Proposed timing – goal is to implement for 2014 or 2015 fishing year.
- B. Appoint IPT Team members
- C. NMFS determines EA or 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 chooses preferreds and approve for public hearings at _____ Council meeting
- G. Public hearings to be held in _____
- H. Approve for formal review at _____ Council meeting

NOTE: Scoping meetings for this amendment were held in Jan-Feb 2011; use of tags to track harvest scoped in Jan-Feb 2012.

11. ~~Mackerel Regulatory Amendment XX/EA South Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013 (Atlantic King Mackerel regulations) – Kari~~

- A. ✓ Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of regulatory amendment at June meeting. First step would be informal meetings with fishermen during August 2012 public hearings.
- ~~B. Council guidance on Actions/Alternatives at September meeting~~
- ~~C. Public comment at September meeting~~
- ~~D. Public comment at December meeting~~
- ~~E. Council final approval at December meeting~~
- F. ✓ Joint SA/GM meeting March 2013
- G. ✓ SSC and AP review April 2013
- H. ✓ Approve for public hearings June 2013
- I. Public hearings August 2013
- J. Approve for formal review September 2013
- K. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- L. Proposed rule published on _____.
- M. Final regulations effective _____

12. ~~Coral Amendment 8/EA (Coral HAPCs) – Anna~~

- A. ✓ At the September 2012 meeting, the Council moved Coral HAPCs from CE-BA 3 and directed staff to develop a separate coral amendment.
- B. ✓ Council to review draft amendment and provide guidance at March 4-8, 2013 meeting.
- C. ✓ SSC and Snapper Grouper AP review in April 2013
- D. ✓ Coral/Habitat/Other AP Representatives review in May 2013
- E. ✓ Council to review draft amendment and approve for public hearings at June 10-14, 2013 meeting.
- F. Public hearings in August 2013
- G. Council to review public comments and amendment at September 2013 meeting and approve for formal review.
- H. Send to Secretary of Commerce _____
- I. Proposed rule published on _____.
- J. Final regulations effective _____.

13. ~~Fishery Ecosystem Plan II - Roger~~

- A. Work to begin in 2013
- B. Original FEP approved in 2009 and due to be updated in 2014 (every 5 years)

14. 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.
- G. ✓ At the September 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.~~ Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA3. 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.
- L. Review and approve for formal review at ~~March 4-8, 2013~~ meeting
- M. Send to Secretary of Commerce ~~December 14, 2012~~ March 29, 2013
- N. Proposed rule published on _____.
- O. Final regulations effective _____

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The following amendments have been completed in 2013, or are under Secretarial review & implementation, or are on hold, or are unranked.

√A. Snapper Grouper Amendment 18B – Myra

Amendment 18B (Golden Tilefish) - Myra

- A. √September 12-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC – provide guidance to staff/IPT
- B. √December 5-9, 2011 in Raleigh, NC - review, modify & approve for public hearings
- C. March 5-9, 2012 in Savannah, GA – review public hearing comments, modify & approve for formal review; Council modified document, added alternatives, and provided guidance to staff.
- D. √June 11-15, 2012 in Orlando, FL – review, modify, and approve for formal review.
- E. √Send to Secretary of Commerce by _____. Done _____.
- F. √Proposed Rule published on 12/19/12.
- G. √Final regulations effective by 1/1/2013.

B. Joint SA/GM Dealer Amendment – Gregg

- 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 2012
- D. √Approve for public hearings at June 2012
- E. √Public hearings in August 2012
- F. √Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in September 2012
- G. √Sent for formal review in October 2012. Done 10/30/12.
- H. √NOAA GC identified some items that the Council needed to review and approve after the document had been submitted:
 - a. SAFMC reviewed and approved at March 2013 meeting.
 - b. GMFMC review and approve at April 2013 meeting.
- I. √Re-sent for formal review in April 2013. Done 4/24/13.
- J. Notice of availability of Amendment published on _____
- K. Proposed Rule published on _____.
- L. Final regulations effective _____.

√C. Shrimp Amendment 9 – 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 2012
- D. √Approve for public hearings at June 2012
- E. √Public hearings in August 2012

- F. √Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in September 2012
- G. √Sent for formal review in October 2012. Done 11/16/12.
- H. √Notice of availability of amendment published on 3/4/13.
√Amendment approved on 5/29/13.
- I. √Proposed Rule published on 3/20/13.
- J. √Final Rule published on 6/13/13.
- K. √Final regulations effective 7/15/13.

√D. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 13/EA (Technical Adjustment to Allocations & ACLs) – Brian

- A. √Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at June meeting
- B. √Council review at ~~September~~ December meeting
- C. √Public comment at ~~September~~ December meeting
- D. √Council final approval at ~~September~~ December meeting
- E. √Send to Secretary of Commerce by December 14, 2012. Done 12/17/12.
- F. √Proposed rule published on 3/21/13 with comments due by 4/22/13.
- G. √Final rule published on 6/17/13.
- H. √Final regulations effective 7/17/13.

E. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 15/EA (Yellowtail Snapper & Gag AM) – Myra

- A. √Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at September meeting
- B. √Council review at December meeting
- C. √Public comment at December meeting
- D. √Council final approval at December meeting
- E. √Send to Secretary of Commerce by December 14, 2012. Changed to January 2013. Done 3/1/13.
- F. √Proposed rule published on 5/24/13 with comments due by 6/24/13.
- G. Final regulations effective _____.

F. Snapper Grouper Amendment 28/EA (Red Snapper Framework) – Myra

- A. √Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at September 2012 meeting initially as part of Regulatory Amendment 14 but then determined needed to be a plan amendment by NOAA GC
- B. √Council review at December 2012 meeting
- C. √Public comment at December 2012 meeting
- D. √Council final approval at December 2012 meeting
- E. √Send to Secretary of Commerce by December 14, 2012. Changed to January 2013. Done 1/24/13.
- F. √Proposed rule published on 4/29/13.
- G. Final regulations effective _____.

G. Snapper Grouper Amendment 27/EA (Yellowtail, Mutton & Nassau Management Authority and Blue Runner) – Myra

- A. ✓ Council directed staff/IPT to begin development of amendment at September 2012 meeting
- B. ✓ Council review at December 2012 meeting and approve for public hearings
- C. ✓ Public hearings in January 2013 and public comment at March 2013 meeting
- D. ✓ Council final approval at March 2013 meeting
- E. ✓ Send to Secretary of Commerce by March 31, 2013. Done 5/23/13.
- F. Proposed rule published on _____.
- G. Final regulations effective _____.

H. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18/EA (Vermilion Snapper & Red Porgy) – Gregg

- A. ✓ At the December 2012 meeting, the Council directed staff to develop a regulatory amendment to address the SEDAR results for vermilion snapper and red porgy.
- B. ✓ Council to review public comments and amendment at March 2013 meeting and approve for formal review.
- C. ✓ Send to Secretary of Commerce for Formal Review. Done 4/12/13.
- D. ✓ Proposed rule published on 5/8/13.
- E. ✓ Final regulations effective 9/5/13.

I. Golden Crab Amendment 6 – Brian

- ✓A. Scope for a Golden Crab LAP Amendment in November 2009.
- ✓B. Council provides guidance 2010
- ✓C. June 7-11, 2010 Council meeting – provide guidance to staff/team on splitting ACL/AM measures out into the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.
- ✓D. NMFS determination of EA or EIS – done by _____ 2010. EA decision.
- ✓E. September 13-17, 2010 Council meeting – status report.
- Note: Due to workload on amendments with a statutory deadline, work on Golden Crab Amendment 6 was deferred into 2011.**
- ✓F. December 6-10, 2010 Council meeting – choose preferred alternatives.
- ✓G. December 5-9-7-11, 2011 Council meeting – approve for public hearings.
- ✓H. Public hearings – Jan/Feb 2012 ~~May 2011~~
- ✓I. March 2012 ~~June 13-17, 2011~~ Council meeting – review public hearing comments and approve all actions.
- J. ✓ ~~June 2012~~ ~~September 12-16, 2011~~ Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review. Council provided guidance and revised alternatives at June meeting. Also directed staff to meet with permit holders.
- K. ✓ September 10-14, 2012 Council meeting – review complete document and approve for formal review. Council provided guidance and revised alternatives at September

meeting; also directed staff to meet with AP and bring document back at March 2013 meeting.

- L. At the March 2013 meeting, the Council approved two motions:
 - (a) For the Council to stop work on Amendment 6, including both the catch share and non-catch share actions.
 - (b) Directed staff to work with the relevant APs regarding examination of modifying the northern limit of the northern zone golden crab fishing area.
- M. ~~Send to Secretary of Commerce _____.~~
- N. ~~Final regulations implemented _____.~~

J. Joint SA/GM Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (South Atlantic Only) - Gregg

- A. At the December 2012 meeting, the Council moved for-hire reporting from CE-BA 3 and directed staff to develop a joint amendment with the Gulf Council.
- B. Gulf Council approved for formal review at their February 2013 meeting
- C. SAFMC reviews comments, modify and approve for formal review in March 2013.
- D. Send for formal review by March 31, 2013. Done 4/23/13.
- E. Proposed Rule published on _____.
- F. Final regulations effective _____.

K. Joint SA/GM Charterboat Reporting 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 2013 meeting on approach and timing
- D. SSC input at _____ meeting in _____
- E. APs reviews _____
- F. Approve for public hearings at _____
- G. Public hearings in _____
- H. Review hearing comments, modify and approve for formal review in _____
- I. Send for formal review in _____
- J. Proposed Rule published on _____.
- K. Final regulations effective _____.

L. Analysis of Voluntary IFQ

- A. Contract out? Consider using Dr. Chris Dumas, UNC Wilmington. He did contractual work for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment and is familiar with the snapper grouper fishery. It may be possible to have Dr. Dumas conduct this work during the summer.
- B. If results are available, the Scientific and Statistical Committee's Socio-Economic Panel could review this during their October 22, 2012 meeting.
- C. Results could be presented to the Council at the December 2012 meeting.

Council's		2012												2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013	2013
Priorities	SARMC CY 2012-13 SCHEDULE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
(as of March 2013)	FMPs/AMENDMENTS/Frameworks																								
Done	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 13 Adj ACLs MRFSS/MRIP Calibration												P/F/S												
2	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 14 Multiple Species									O						O			Ah		P	A/F/S			
Done	Emergency Rule for Yellowtail Snapper									S															
Done	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 15 Yellowtail Snapper, Gag Trigger & Red Snapper												P/F	S											
5	SG Reg Am 16 Golden Tilefish (2wk on & 2 off) Remove BSB Pot Closure															O			Ah			O			P/A
8	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 MPAs Speckled Hind/Warsaw												O			O							O		
Done	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 (Vermillion & Red Porgy)												O			P/F/S									
1 (Done)	Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 19 Black Sea Bass																				P/F/S				
Done	Generic Amendment: For-Hire Reporting in South Atlantic Only												A			P/F/S									
10	Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track catches of Red Snapper, Golden Tile, Snowy & Wreckfish)									O												O		O	
Done	Snapper Grouper Amendment 27 Blue Runner/Yellowtail & Mutton Management												Ah	P		A/F/S									
Done	Snapper Grouper Amendment 28 Red Snapper Framework												P/F	S											
9	Snapper Grouper Am 29 & D-W Am X (Allocations, ORCS revisions to Control Rule) 2014																				Discuss				As
7	Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 (VMS)												O			Ah	P				A/F/S				
6	Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 5 (Fmwk, ABC/ACL adj, Alloc)												AS	Ps		O					Ah	P	A/F/S		
work halted	Golden Crab Amendment 6 (Catch Shares)	P	P																		Discuss				
13	Fishery Ecosystem Plan (Update #1) - start in 2014																								As
14	Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment #3(2012), #4(2013) & #5(2014) - Bycatch	Ps	Ps	O			Ah	NDC	P/N							A/F/S									As
12	Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs & Transit thru Oculina Bank HAPC)															A				Ah	P	A/F/S			
	Shrimp Closure Work (if required; done in 2011)															A									
Done	Shrimp Amendment 9 (Closure process & MSST)	Ps	Ps	O			Ah	NDC	P/N	A/F/S															
4	Joint Mackerel Amendment 19 (Prohibit Bag Limit Sales & Permits)																				Ah	P	A/F/S		
9	Joint Mackerel Amendment 20 (Boundaries & Timing)																				Ah	P	A/F/S		
11	South Atlantic CMP Framework (Size/Bag/Trip Limits)															O					Ah	P	A/F/S		
3	Joint SA/GM Amendment (Commercial Logbooks) - timing needs to be determined																								
	Gulf Regulatory Amendment (Headboat Reporting in Gulf of Mexico only)															P/F/S					A/F/S				
	Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 (NMFS lead; Protected Resources Issues)	P	P	F/S																					
	Generic Amendment to Re-Examine Sector Allocations (2014)																								As
	Joint GM/SA Dealer Amendment	Ps	Ps				Ah	NDC	P/N	A/F	S					P/F/S						P/F/S			
	Workshops with Fishermen - start in 2012																								
	Calico Scallop FMP? (Separate FMP or Include in a Comprehensive FEP Am)																								
	Red = New Amendments added during December 2012 meeting																								
	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 completeness for DEIS Filing																								
	S = Submit for Secretarial review																								

Exhibit 1. Council-approved activity schedule as of December 2012 meeting.