

# REVISED OVERVIEW

## Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

Hutchinson Island Marriot  
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The Committee will: (A) receive an overview of the Coral Advisory Panel meeting; (B) receive an overview of the Habitat Advisory Panel meeting; (C) review the report from the Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting; (D) review Coral Amendment 8; and (E) receive an update on ecosystem activities in the South Atlantic.

### **A. Coral Advisory Panel meeting report (Attachment 2)**

The Coral Advisory Panel met in North Charleston, SC on May 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A joint session was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> with the Habitat Advisory Panel to discuss management measures in Coral Amendment 8. Based on Council guidance during the December 2012 meeting, the joint session of the Coral and Habitat Advisory Panels was held to discuss recommendations for modifying Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (CHAPCs) and review the completed Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) analysis associated with the deepwater shrimp fisheries as it pertains to actions in Coral Amendment 8. Areas of proposed modification in Coral Amendment 8 pertain to Oculina Bank HAPC, transit through Oculina Bank HAPC, Stetson-Miami Terrace CHAPC, and Cape Lookout CHAPC. Chairs of the Law Enforcement, Snapper Grouper, and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels were invited to participate in the discussion during the joint session on May 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee will review the report from the Coral AP meeting.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

### **B. Habitat Advisory Panel meeting report (Attachment 3)**

The Habitat Advisory Panel met in North Charleston, SC on May 7-8<sup>th</sup>, 2013. A joint session was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> with the Coral Advisory Panel to discuss management measures in Coral Amendment 8 (see above). The Committee will review the report from the Habitat AP meeting.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

### **C. Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting report (Attachment 4)**

The Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel met on May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013 in North Charleston, SC. The Advisory Panel meeting was held to discuss recommendations for modifying CHAPCs, measures currently being developed through Coral Amendment 8. The Advisory Panel reviewed the completed VMS analysis associated with the rock shrimp fishery as it pertains to actions in Coral Amendment 8. The Committee will review the recommendations that were developed during the meeting.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

**D. Coral Amendment 8 (Attachments 5-7)**

The Committee will receive an update on development of Coral Amendment 8. During the December 2012 meeting, the Committee chose to delay approval for public hearings until staff have received the updated VMS data representing historic deepwater shrimp fishery activity back to 2003. The Committee also provided guidance to convene the Coral, Habitat and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels again to review VMS data analyses upon completion. The VMS data representing all years the requirement has been in place for the rock shrimp fishery has been integrated into the analysis. Staff will present spatial information on habitat mapping and fishery activity for the CHAPC alternatives in Coral Amendment 8. The Committee is asked to select preferred alternatives and approve Coral Amendment 8 for public hearings.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** The Committee will select preferred alternatives, consider approval of Coral Amendment 8 for public hearings and provide guidance to staff as appropriate.

**E. Ecosystem Activities**

The Committee will receive updates on the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association, South Atlantic Alliance, Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership, South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative, SEAMAP, Council Ecosystem Tools, and other ecosystem activities.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide guidance to staff as appropriate.