

REVISED OVERVIEW

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

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The Committee will: (A) receive an update from SEFSC on the status of catches versus quota for octocorals; (B) receive an update on the status of CE-BA 2; (C) receive an overview of the FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary strategic plan review from Sean Morton, Sanctuary Superintendent; (D) review the CE-BA 3 decision document and provide guidance to staff; and (E) receive an update on ecosystem activities.

A. Status of landings for octocorals (Attachment 1)

The Council will receive an update from SEFSC on the status of landings for octocorals.

B. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 2 (Attachment 2)

The Committee will receive an update on the status of CE-BA 2 that was submitted in June. The Final Rule published on December 30th, 2011 and regulations were effective on January 30th, 2012.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff as necessary.

C. FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary Strategic Plan Review

Sean Morton, FL Keys National Marine Sanctuary Superintendent, will present the Sanctuary's Strategic Review plans. He will also discuss the Sanctuary Advisory Council's recommendation to designate Snapper Ledge as a Sanctuary Preserve Area.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff as necessary on Council involvement in the Sanctuary's strategic review.

D. Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (CE-BA 3) (Attachments 3-5 & 7-8)

Council staff will review the measures currently included in the CE-BA 3 decision document (**Attachment 7**), which includes a summary of public scoping comments. Roger Pugliese will provide an overview of spatial information on habitat distribution and fishery operation (VMS) associated with the Coral AP proposed CHAPC extensions and will review modifications of these areas based on public scoping input (**Attachment 8**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff on items for inclusion in CE-BA 3 and direction on further development and analysis of CE-BA 3.

E. Ecosystem Activities

Roger Pugliese will provide updates on the Southeast Coastal Ocean Observing Regional Association, South Atlantic Alliance, Southeast Aquatic Resource Partnership, South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative, SEAMAP, and Council Ecosystem Tools.