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The SEDAR Committee of the Whole of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council convened in the Ballroom of the Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel, Orlando, Florida, June 11, 2010, and was called to order at 10:40 o'clock a.m. by Chairman Duane Harris.

MR. HARRIS: The first item is the approval of the agenda. Any objection to approving the agenda? Seeing none, the agenda is approved. Approval of the minutes of the last meeting; is there any objection to approval of the minutes? Seeing none, the minutes are approved. The next item is SEDAR approvals; that is Attachment 1 under Tab 8, and, John Carmichael, I will turn it over to you for an overview.

MR. CARMICHAEL: We have some additional appointments for the Goliath grouper assessment and review workshop and the spiny lobster assessment workshop and review workshop. Recall Goliath and the spiny lobster are being reviewed within the same week and the same place, so there is some overlap in these individuals.

These are appointments from the SSC to fill some vacancies and some needs that we had identified. From Attachment 1, the SAFMC SEDAR Administrative Update, for Goliath grouper assessment workshop, the participant that has agreed is Anne Lange. For the review we have Matt Cieri and Carolyn Belcher; and as the review panel chair we have Luiz Barbieri. We need those appointments and note that some may be impacted by what you've done at the SSC Selection Committee. Would you like to take Goliath and then spiny lobster, perhaps?

MR. HARRIS: Yes, go ahead.

MR. CARMICHAEL: Okay, so we'll need motions for those appointments; appointment to the assessment workshop and review; and you can break those up if so choose.

DR. CHEUVRONT: I would like to make a **motion that we appoint Anne Lange to the assessment shop, Carolyn Belcher to the review workshop and assign Luiz Barbieri as the review panel chair for SEDAR 23, Goliath grouper.**

MR. HARRIS: Second by Robert Boyles. Discussion of the motion? Is there objection to the motion? **That motion is approved.**

MR. CARMICHAEL: Okay, the next is the Spiny Lobster Update. For the assessment workshop we have Anne Lange; and for the review workshop we have Matt Cieri, Carolyn Belcher and Luiz Barbieri. Now, remember of this is an ad hoc subcommittee meeting with a subcommittee of the Gulf.

MR. CUPKA: I would **move that we appoint Anne Lange to the assessment workshop; and Carolyn Belcher and Luiz Barbieri as review panelists.**

MR. HARRIS: Second by Ben. Discussion of the motion? Is there objection to the motion? Seeing none, **that motion is approved.** Back to you, John.

MR. CARMICHAEL: Those are the appointments that we needed to do. Also in this document you have some updates on some appointments that were made and replacements that were brought in for the data workshop of SEDAR 24 just for your information. There have some slight modifications to various schedules of projects that are underway.

We have provided those for your review, but I don't believe there is a specific need for a motion to approve these. It is just to keep you informed of what has been going on. There was a slight change in the timing of the Spiny Lobster Update; the assessment workshop, to deal with when their fishery was occurring down there, which was worked out with Florida. I just want to bring that to your attention. That is the administrative issues for SEDAR.

There was one other thing that was brought up and I'm not sure where this stands. There was a lot of discussion of Nelson Ehrhardt as a potential participant in spiny lobster. He has not been appointed so I just wanted to bring that to your attention. Either you or the Gulf could perhaps consider appointing him or you could direct to see if he is interested and available. He was mentioned as having a lot of research involvement, and he may be someone worth considering.

MR. HARRIS: Is there any discussion on what John just said about Nelson Ehrhardt; is there any desire to have staff follow up and see if he is available; and if he is, appoint him to that workshop?

MR. BOYLES: Mr. Chairman, I will make that in the form of a motion.

MR. HARRIS: Is there a second to the motion? Second by Ben. Discussion of the motion?

MR. BOYLES: **The motion was to have staff contact Nelson Ehrhardt to determine his interest and availability to participate in spiny lobster; and if so, to appoint him.**

MR. HARRIS: That motion was seconded. David, did you have discussion?

MR. CUPKA: Well, I just was going to ask – I just thought he was going to make the first part and have staff see if he is interested. Given the timing, I wasn't sure if we would have time to come back for an appointment if he said yes, but I guess this would be contingent upon his availability and agreement to serve.

MR. HARRIS: Okay, you've heard the motion. Is there any objection to the motion? Seeing none, **that motion is approved.**

MR. CARMICHAEL: The final action is a followup from our last meeting. We have discussed the need to track conflicts of interest or at least identify and begun working on a form that would disclose potential conflicts of interest. We probably need some more time to get this, I would think. A form like this can have sensitivities associated with it.

Some of the issues we will need to decide are what becomes of those forms and where are they submitted, who evaluates them, what do you do if a potential conflict is observed, and who would decide what really constitutes a significant conflict. I think this is a developing issue and certainly an issue that can be discussed at the SEDAR Steering Committee as well. I think, just to open it up, if anybody has had an opportunity to get in that and have some further direction to staff, we would welcome it, and then we can hold this on the agenda for a later meeting.

MR. HARRIS: You have heard the recommendation; is there any objection to proceeding as John has recommended? Okay, seeing none, then that is the direction to staff. Did you have anything else; is there any other business?

MR. CARMICHAEL: Yes, sir, I did. One thing we will have to do is the SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting will be meeting via conference call in about two weeks, in late June. The issue they're going to discuss is the schedule of assessments for 2011. Their meeting was scheduled to be with the CCC, as we discussed, did not happen.

The South Atlantic should be prepared with some recommendations to the steering committee for things that should be assessed in 2011. My advice is that we consider a number of update assessments based on the fact that we've pushed some updates back that were scheduled for this year so that we could deal with a number of benchmark assessments; on the top of that list, of course, being red snapper.

What comes to my mind and most immediately is golden tile, which the terminal year of that assessment was 2002. Red porgy has been updated once. The terminal year of that update is 2004. Snowy grouper was on the update list for this year and was bumped. Its terminal year is 2002. Gag has a terminal year of 2004. The other issue we've heard a lot about is golden crab as something that may deserve some attention, but that may be dependent upon what the science center is able to put before the SSC based on the information that we have.

MR. HARRIS: Is there any desire to provide some recommendations to the SEDAR Steering Committee? Brian.

DR. CHEUVRONT: Before we do that, I would like to get a clarification. I believe black sea bass is scheduled for 2011; is that correct?

MR. CARMICHAEL: Black sea bass is scheduled to start this year. We had a communication from the team at the science center just before this meeting that they're in a position now to start talking about the scheduling. They're interested in getting the data

scoping call held for that probably in July if we can, so we're ready to get moving on black sea bass, with hopes of having it to you perhaps by March of 2011.

DR. CHEUVRONT: So that doesn't need to be included in any of this because that is going to go ahead, anyway, right?

MR. CARMICHAEL: That is correct; that is already on the schedule and would not need to be included here.

MR. HARTIG: Well, I would **move that we make golden tilefish a high priority for an update assessment.**

MS. MERRITT: I agree with Ben; the Golden Tile AP or Workgroup were pretty adamant about getting an assessment, as well as the workgroup of the Wreckfish AP. If I'm not mistaken, John, is the wreckfish scheduled like in 2013?

MR. CARMICHAEL: There is a wreckfish on the schedule now and it is around 2013.

DR. CHEUVRONT: John, you gave us the list of five species; golden tilefish, red porgy, snowy grouper, gag and golden crab. Is it possible that we could get all of these done?

MR. CARMICHAEL: Well, golden crab would not be an update because there hasn't been a SEDAR assessment conducted of that, but the other four are all updates. We have discussed in the past about being able to do as many as four updates in a single year. I think Bonnie will speak up if they think that is more than they can handle at this point, but that has been our working maximum.

DR. PONWITH: What I need to do is go back and consult in terms of those species and the availability of leads for each of those updates. I will go back and consult; and by the time we have the SEDAR Steering Committee – in advance of the SEDAR Steering Committee, I will give you feedback to guide that discussion.

MR. HARRIS: If there is no desire to make any changes based on the discussion we have had, then the SEDAR Steering Committee will go forth with those four updates and discuss golden crab and where we stand with that and see what could possibly happen with golden crab. Any other discussion on that issue? John.

MR. CARMICHAEL: I expect wreckfish, also – I just called up the SEDAR schedule and wreckfish is scheduled for 2013; golden crab was scheduled for 2015, so obviously we want to get on those sooner. Just FYI, for 2012 the plan is that we do the coastal migratory pelagics, cobia, king and Spanish mackerel, so we would like to do all of those together as an FMP unit in 2012, so that is your long-term plan.

MR. HARRIS: Remind us of the date of the SEDAR Steering Committee conference call.

MR. CARMICHAEL: June 21<sup>st</sup>.

MR. HAYMANS: Just for my information, is there any issue with a council member attending the review workshop, the SEDAR 24 review workshop in the audience?

MR. HARRIS: Is there any issue with that?

MR. HAYMANS: Well, is that okay?

MR. HARRIS: Sure, that's okay. If it is a paid council member, we have to assign you to that, but if you're a state agency person, yes, you're certainly welcome to attend.

MR. CARMICHAEL: SEDAR reviews like all meetings are public meetings and anyone is welcome to attend. If you want reimbursement from the council or travel expenses, well, then, that is an issue to take up.

MR. HARRIS: Okay, okay is there any other business to come before the SEDAR Committee, John?

MR. CARMICHAEL: No, sir, that is all we have for today.

MR. HARRIS: Any other business on behalf of the council? Do we need a timing-and-task motion; I don't think we do. Okay, then the SEDAR Committee is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 10:53 o'clock a.m., June 11, 2011.)

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