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September 10-14, 2012

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{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

Monday, September 10

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 1)

1. Swearing in of new Council members/Dr. Roy Crabtree
2. Status of CE-BA 3
3. Review list of items for CE-BA 4
4. Develop recommendations for CE-BA 4 - **ACTION**
5. Update on Ecosystem Activities

3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Shrimp Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 2)

1. SSC report
2. Overview of Shrimp Amendment 9 public hearing comments
3. Develop committee recommendations - **ACTION**
4. Committee approve for formal review - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

SEDAR Committee/David Cupka (TAB 3)

1. SEDAR activities update - **ACTION**
2. Presentation on the SSC ORCS workshop - **ACTION**
3. Develop guidance for the SEDAR Steering Committee representatives - **ACTION**
4. Overview of SEDAR 32 (gray triggerfish and blueline tilefish)
5. Approve schedule - **ACTION**
6. Make appointments to SEDAR 32 (closed session) - **ACTION**

Tuesday, September 11

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 4)

1. Update on Oculina research activities
2. Presentation on “Catch and Discard Characterization for Red Snapper, Warsaw Grouper and Speckled Hind”/GSAFF
3. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
4. Status of recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SEFSC
5. Status of amendments under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Status of red snapper emergency action request
 - Regulatory Amendment 12/EA (golden tilefish ACL adjustment)
 - Resubmittal of Action 4 in Amendment 18A
 - Amendment 20A/EA (Wreckfish ITQ)
6. Consider an emergency rule request to delay the start of the golden tilefish season - **ACTION**
7. Amendment 18B/EA (Golden Tilefish) Discuss status of MPAs and HAPCs development for speckled hind and warsaw grouper - **ACTION**
 - Overview of public workshops input
 - Update on SSC discussions
 - Provide Committee guidance to staff - **ACTION**
 - Hold CE-BA 3 and include MPA and/or HAPC provisions?
 - Include MPA and/or HAPC provisions in CE-BA 4?
 - Develop a separate action for MPA and/or HAPC provisions?

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 4)

8. Overview for Regulatory Amendment 13 (Adjustments of Snapper Grouper ACLs Based on MRFSS/MRIP Calibration)
 - Provide committee guidance to staff - **ACTION**
9. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (development of red snapper tag program)
 - Develop Committee guidance to staff on actions/alternatives - **ACTION**

Tuesday, September 11

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 4)

10. Regulatory Amendment 14 (mutton snapper, greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, BSB, vermilion snapper)
 - Overview of management history and current regulations for each species
 - Develop Committee guidance on timing and actions to move forward - **ACTION**
11. Discuss the blue runner issue - **ACTION**
12. Discuss the Council's vision for the Snapper Grouper fishery in the future - **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 12

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

1. NMFS presentation on results from current bycatch monitoring (including %observer coverage and %logbook coverage)/SEFSC
2. NMFS presentation on the Quota Monitoring System/SEFSC
3. Review public hearing comments for the joint South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico generic dealer permit and other Gulf of Mexico actions
4. Finalize recommendations for the dealer permit and other GOM actions and approve for formal review - **ACTION**
5. Review public hearing comments for commercial vessel, for-hire vessel, and discard reporting actions in CE-BA 3
6. Finalize Committee recommendations for CE-BA 3 and approve for formal review - **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 6)

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for species under quota management/NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus quotas for species under quotas/NMFS SEFSC
3. Update on joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 19 - **ACTION**
4. Modify Amendment 19 as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
5. Update on Gulf and South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 20 - **ACTION**
6. Modify Amendment 20 as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
7. Review public input on the SA Mackerel Framework Amendment and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 12

5:30 P.M. Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman David Cupka

Thursday, September 13

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (Closed session) (TAB 7)
1. Review AP applications and develop recommendations for appointments/reappointments - **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Golden Crab Committee/David Cupka (TAB 8)
1. Briefing on the Golden Crab permit holders meeting - **ACTION**
2. Overview of Amendment 6
3. Modify the amendment as appropriate and approve for formal review - **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Executive Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 9)
1. Status of CY 2012 budget expenditures
2. Discuss joint south Florida management issues - **ACTION**
3. Other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

1:30 - 2:00 Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of June 2012 Minutes/David Cupka

Elections of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award

Presentations

2:00 Public comment will be accepted on Shrimp Amendment 9, the Joint South Atlantic and Gulf dealer permit action, CE-BA 3, an emergency rule request to delay the start of the golden tilefish season and Golden Crab Amendment 6, followed by public comment regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment. Persons with similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.

3:30 - 4:00 Presentation on the changes in the EEZ boundary between the United States and the Bahamas (Attachment 1)

Thursday, September 13

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

4:00 - 4:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 4)

- Address Committee recommendation relative to requesting an emergency rule to delay the golden tilefish season - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

4:30 - 5:00

Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

- Approve the joint South Atlantic and Gulf dealer permit for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve CE-BA 3 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

5:00 - 5:15

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 6)

- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

5:15 - 5:30

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 1)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 14

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

8:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

8:30 - 8:45

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello
(Closed Session)

8:45 - 9:00

Shrimp Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 2)

- Approve Shrimp Amendment 9 for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:00 - 9:15

SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 3)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 14

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

9:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

- 9:15 - 9:30 Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)
- Approve Golden Crab Amendment 6 for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 AP Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of members and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 Executive Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)
- Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 3) - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:45 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 4a - 4c)
- Status of bycatch data collection activities (4a)
 - Progress report on headboat data entry (4b)
 - Dolphin and Wahoo landings update (4c)
- 10:45 - 11:00 Outreach Update: Marine Resource Education Program (Attachment 5)
- 11:00 - 12:00 Agency and Liaison Reports (Attachment 6)
- 12:00 - 12:30 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 7)

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