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September 16-20, 2013

{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 16

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

9:00 A.M. to 9:15 A.M.

Swearing-In of new Council members/Dr. Roy Crabtree

9:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Council Member Visioning Workshop/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)

1. Presentation of the Logic Model
2. Review and Discuss the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Strategic Plan
3. Review SAFMC Snapper Grouper Objectives - **ACTION**
4. Provide direction to staff on "next steps" and scheduling of Port Meetings - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 2)

1. Review public hearing comments on Coral Amendment 8
2. Final review of Amendment 8 - **ACTION**
3. Develop Committee recommendation for approval of Amendment 8 and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
4. Update on ecosystem activities

2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/John Jolley (TAB 3)

1. Status of commercial catches versus ACLs - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus ACLs - NMFS SERO
3. Review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 public comments
4. Final review of Amendment 5 - **ACTION**
5. Develop Committee recommendation for approval of Amendment 5 and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
6. Discuss issue of bringing fillets from the Bahamas into the US EEZ - **ACTION**

Monday, September 16

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

SEDAR Committee/David Cupka (TAB 4)

1. SEDAR activities update and Committee action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Develop guidance to SEDAR Steering Committee members for both the SEDAR process and 2015 assessment priorities as appropriate - **ACTION**
3. Develop recommendations for SEDAR 38 participants - **ACTION (CLOSED SESSION)**

Tuesday, September 17

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

1. Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches vs. ACLs - NMFS SERO
3. Report on total removals of red snapper in 2012 from the U.S. South Atlantic - NMFS SEFSC
4. Committee discussion as appropriate - **ACTION**
5. Status of Amendments under formal review - NMFS SERO
 - Regulatory Amendment 13/EA (MRIP adjustments)
 - Regulatory Amendment 15/EA (yellowtail snapper, gag and red snapper)
 - Regulatory Amendment 18/EA (vermillion snapper and red porgy)
 - Amendment 27/EA (Nassau grouper, blue runner, framework and crew size)
 - Amendment 28/EA (red snapper framework)
 - Regulatory Amendment 19/EA (black sea bass)
6. Briefing on deployment of artificial reef material in the Charleston Deep Reef MPA (*Attachment 3*) - SCDNR staff

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 5)

7. Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multi-Species)
 - Review public hearing comments
 - Final review of Regulatory Amendment 14 - **ACTION**
 - Develop Committee recommendation for approval of Regulatory Amendment 14 and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
8. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS Revisions to Control Rule)
 - Committee provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
9. Overview Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track recreational harvest)
 - Committee provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
10. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of BSB Pot Closure)
 - Committee take action and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 18

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

11. Overview of Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 (MPAs and HAPCs for Speckled Hind & Warsaw Grouper)
 - Review Purpose and Need - **ACTION**
 - Select sites that meet the criteria of reconfiguration and target speckled hind and Warsaw grouper spawning - **ACTION**
 - Provide guidance to staff on timing - **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 ACLs for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia - NMFS SERO
3. Committee discussion as appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 19
 - Review of Public Hearing Comments
 - Develop Committee recommendations for modification to the amendment as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Develop Committee recommendation for approval of Mackerel Amendment 19 and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
5. Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20
 - Review of Public Hearing Comments
 - Develop Committee recommendations for modification to the amendment as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Develop Committee recommendation for approval of Mackerel Amendment 20 and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
6. South Atlantic Mackerel Framework
 - Review of Public Hearing Comments
 - Develop Committee recommendations for modification to the Framework as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Develop Committee recommendation for approval of the South Atlantic Mackerel Framework and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**

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 19

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 7) (Closed Session)

1. Review motions from June 2013 meeting for appointment recommendations and take action as necessary - **ACTION**
2. Review current advisory panel policies from other Councils and provide recommendations for term limits - **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Protected Resources Committee/David Cupka (TAB 8)

1. Status of SERO Protected Resources Division ongoing consultations/SERO
2. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Proposed Rule/SERO
3. Presentation of information on right whale biology/behavior used to estimate interactions, and the large whale/trap pot co-occurrence model/SERO
4. ESA Working Group update
5. Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Executive Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 9)

1. Status of Council CY 2013 funding
2. Status of our CY 2013 budget expenditures
3. Update on Joint Committee on South Florida Management Issues workshops - **ACTION**
4. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
5. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Data Collection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

1. Status of Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment (For-hire reporting in SAFMC's area) - NMFS SERO
2. Report on how compliance will be implemented in For-Hire Reporting & Dealer Amendments - NMFS SEFSC/SERO/NOAA OLE
3. Status of Framework for Headboat Reporting in the Gulf - NMFS SERO
4. Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit Amendment
 - Review public hearing comments
 - Review changes to the amendment
 - Develop Committee recommendation for approval of the Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit Amendment and accompanying codified text for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
5. Presentation on Sample Sizes for Individual Species (targets and what was achieved)/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith - SEFSC
6. Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**
7. Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment
 - Presentation on the details of the commercial electronic logbook pilot project/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith - SEFSC
 - Committee guidance to staff and action as appropriate - **ACTION**
8. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - Overview of the results of GMFMC Actions
 - Committee guidance to staff and action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Thursday, September 19

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

4:00 P.M. until public comment is completed

4:00 - 4:15

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of June 2013 Minutes/David Cupka

Elections - Chairman and Vice Chairman

Presentations

4:30 P.M.

Public comment will be accepted on the following items scheduled for Council action at this meeting:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 14 (multiple species)**
 - (2) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 (ABC/ACL, AM modifications, framework and trip limits)**
 - (3) Coral Amendment 8 (Coral HAPCs and transit through the Oculina HAPC)**
 - (4) Mackerel Amendment 19 (bag limit sales and permits)**
 - (5) Mackerel Amendment 20 (boundaries and timing)**
 - (6) Mackerel Framework (transfer at sea/trip limits)**
 - (7) Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Generic Dealer Permit Amendment**
- Following comment on these specific items, public comment will be accepted regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The Chairman, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.**

Friday, September 20

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

8:00 - 8:15

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

8:15 - 8:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 5)

- Approve/Disapprove Regulatory Amendment 14 for formal Secretarial review- **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

8:30 - 8:45

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 6)

- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 19 for formal Secretarial review- **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Amendment 20 for formal Secretarial review- **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove the South Atlantic Mackerel Framework for formal Secretarial review- **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 20

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

- 8:45 - 9:00 Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)
- Approve/Disapprove SA/GM Generic Dealer Permit Amendment for formal Secretarial review- **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:15 Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 2)
- Approve/Disapprove Coral Amendment 8 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/John Jolley (TAB 3)
- Approve/Disapprove Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Council Member Visioning Workshop Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 1)
- Consider recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 4)
- Approve the following:
SEDAR 38 Participants - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations for appointment/reappointment of AP members and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30 Protected Resources Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 9)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
 - Take action on the South Florida Management issues as appropriate issue - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 20

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

- 10:45 - 11:15 Presentation on the US/Bahamas Border Issue/U.S State Department (Attachment 1)
- 11:15 - 11:45 Presentation on Amendment 7 to the Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan/Tom Warren -NOAA Fisheries HMS Division (Attachment 2)
- 11:45 - 12:00 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 3)
- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 4) - **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 12:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 5)
- Update on bycatch data collection activities
 - Update on headboat data entry
- 12:15 - 12:45 Agency and Liaison Reports
- 12:45 - 1:00 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 6)

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