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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 14

WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

1. Recap of June 2015 Visioning Workshop
2. Review public input on draft Vision Blueprint and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
3. Discuss planning for October Council Visioning Workshop and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 2)

1. Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem modeling and EFH updates - **ACTION**
2. Discuss the gear stowage language in Coral Amendment 8 and the rulemaking to implement the amendment - **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)

1. South Atlantic Protected Resource-Related Updates/SERO PRD Staff
2. Overview of the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Biological Opinion/SERO PRD Staff - **ACTION**
3. Status of the ESA/MSA Integration Agreement - **ACTION**
4. Update on USFWS Protected Resources Issues

Monday, September 14

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Dolphin and Wahoo/SERO - **ACTION**
2. Presentation on recent landings and Quota Monitoring Issues in 2014 and 2015/SERO/SEFSC - **ACTION**
3. Overview of commercial catches and past consideration of trip limits
 - Committee discussion/guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Tuesday, September 15

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5) (Closed Session)

1. Review staff retirement health insurance proposal - **ACTION**
2. Update on the Executive Director search

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 6) (Closed Session)

1. Review AP applications and recommend appointments - **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

SEDAR Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 7) (Partially Closed Session)

1. Appoint goliath grouper reviewers for the SEDAR 47 Review Workshop - **ACTION (Closed)**
2. Approve the Terms of References for the golden tilefish update and goliath grouper workshop - **ACTION**
3. Review and approve SAFMC Research Plan - **ACTION**
4. Headboat data evaluation update/SEFSC
5. Develop 2017-2019 assessment priorities - **ACTION**

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

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

1. Status of recreational and commercial catches vs. ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendment under Formal Review/NMFS SERO
 - CMP Framework Amendment 2
3. Status report on Gulf Council mackerel actions - **ACTION**
4. Review CMP Amendment 26 actions and alternatives, modify the amendment as necessary and select preferred alternatives - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Tuesday, September 15

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

1. Status of commercial and recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO - **ACTION**
2. Status of actions under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy grouper)
 - Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag and Wreckfish)
 - Amendment 33 and 34 (Fillets and Generic AMs/Dolphin allocations)
 - Amendment 35 (Species removal)
 - Blueline Tilefish Emergency Action Request
3. Develop Blueline Tilefish Regulatory Amendment (new ABC/ACL)
 - SSC review report
 - Overview of draft document
 - Committee discuss, modify document, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**
4. Review the Blueline Tilefish Amendment 38 Options Paper
 - Committee discussion and develop guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 16

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

5. Overview of Regulatory Amendment 16 (black sea bass pot closure)
 - Review public hearing comments
 - Develop recommendations for modifying the document, choose preferred alternatives as appropriate and approve all actions in the amendment - **ACTION**
6. Overview of Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS)/Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
7. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (hogfish)
 - Review scoping comments
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
8. Overview of Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (golden tilefish, black sea bass and jacks complex)
 - Review scoping comments
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
9. Overview of Amendment 41 (mutton snapper)
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff and approve for scoping - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Wednesday, September 16

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

10. Overview of Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
 - Review Public Hearing II comments and develop recommendations for modifying the document as appropriate and approve all actions in Amendment 36 - **ACTION**
11. Overview of Joint South Atlantic and Gulf South Florida Amendment
 - Develop recommendations for modifying the document as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
12. Overview and possible approach for a Red Snapper Amendment for the 2016 season
 - Review document and provide guidance to staff on direction and timing and approve for public scoping/hearing - **ACTION**
13. Oculina Evaluation Team report
 - Review recommendations and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
14. Update on approaches to monitor recreational harvest of deepwater species
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

5:30 P.M.

Public comment will be accepted regarding any 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.

Thursday, September 17

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 10) (Partially Closed Session)

1. Citizen Science Workshop Appointments - **ACTION (Closed Session)**
2. Status of Bycatch work/NMFS SEFSC
3. Presentation on National Observer Program/Jane DiCosimo NMFS HQ
4. Overview of CE-BA 3 (Bycatch)
 - Discuss and provide guidance for staff on content and timing - **ACTION**
5. Overview of Implementation Plan for Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - Committee review and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
6. Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study/NMFS SEFSC
7. Overview of GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - Review document, modify as appropriate, select preferred alternatives for all actions, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**

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

Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 11)

1. Presentation on the use of operator permits in the southeast as it relates to law enforcement operations/NMFS SERO LE
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Thursday, September 17

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Executive Finance Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

1. Status of CY 2015 budget expenditures
2. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
3. Discuss webinar format used in recent public input sessions and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
4. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

3:30 - 4:00

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of June 2015 Minutes/Ben Hartig
Elections - Chair and Vice Chair
Presentations - Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

4:00 - 4:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 9)

- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Blueline Tilefish Framework Action for public hearings - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove all actions in Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove all actions in Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 for public Scoping - **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Red Snapper Amendment for public scoping/hearing - **ACTION**

4:30 - 4:45

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

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

4:45 - 5:00

AP Selection Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)

- Appoint/reappoint advisory panel members - **ACTION**
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

5:00 - 5:15

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

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

5:15 - 5:30

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 2)

- Consider Committee recommendations relative to gear stowage language in Coral Amendment 8 - **ACTION**
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, September 18

- 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon** **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**
- 8:30 -8:45 Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00 SEDAR Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)
- Appointment goliath grouper reviewers and a SSC panelist for the SEDAR 41 Assessment Workshop - **ACTION**
 - Approve the Terms of References for the golden tilefish update and goliath grouper workshop - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:15 Executive Finance Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 10)
- Approve/Disapprove the GMFMC/SAFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment for public hearings - **ACTION**
 - Appoint Citizen Scientist workshop participants - **ACTION**
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 -10:00 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 Personnel Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)
- Approve/disapprove the staff retirement health insurance plan - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30 SERO Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)
- 10:30 - 10:45 Review Experimental Fishing Permit requests as appropriate (Attachments 2a, 2b and 2c) - **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:15 SEFSC Report/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)

Friday, September 18

11:15 - 12:00

Agency and Liaison Reports (Attachment 4)

12:00

Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)

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