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## REVISED AGENDA SNAPPER GROUPEL COMMITTEE

Doubletree by Hilton New Bern/Riverfront  
100 Middle Street  
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**Tuesday, December 2, 2014 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. &  
Wednesday December 3, 2014 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

1. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Approval of September 2014 Minutes – Dr. Michelle Duval
3. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs (*Attachment 1a*) – NMFS SERO
4. Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs (*Attachment 1b*) – NMFS SERO
5. Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
  - A. Regulatory Amendment 14 (Multiple Species)
  - B. Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSSTs)
  - C. Amendment 29 (ORCS & gray triggerfish)
  - D. Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
  - E. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy grouper)
6. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report (*Attachment 2*) – Jim Attack
7. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report (*Attachment 3*) – Dr. Marcel Reichert
8. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pot Closure; *Attachments 4a-4h*)
  - A. Overview of Regulatory Amendment Decision Document (*Attachment 4a*) – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - B. Presentation on analyses requested by Council (*Attachment 4b*) – Dr. Mike Errigo
  - C. Presentation on SERO analyses (*Attachment 4e*) – Dr. Nick Farmer, SERO
  - D. Presentation on Protected Species Issues (*Attachment 4f*) – Barb Zoodsma & Bob Hoffman, SERO PR

- E. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** modify document, choose preferred alternative, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 9. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag and Wreckfish; *Attachments 5a-5d*)
  - A. Overview of public comments and amendment – Myra Brouwer
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** review, modify, and approve for formal review – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track harvest; *Attachment 6a & 6b*)
  - A. Presentation on NCDMF catch card program – Doug Mumford, NCDMF
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss & provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs; *Attachments 7a-7c*)
  - A. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - B. Presentation on Observations of Spawning Activity – Dr. Will Heyman, LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc.
  - C. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** review, modify as needed, select preferred alternatives, if appropriate, and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species and Golden Tilefish Endorsements Issue; *Attachments 8a & 8b*)
  - A. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** review, modify as appropriate, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 13. Other Business – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 14. Adjourn – Dr. Michelle Duval

**Attachments**

- Attachment 1a.** Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs (updated version in 2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 1b.** Status of recreational catches vs. ACLs (updated version in 2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 2.** Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report
- Attachment 3.** Scientific and Statistical Committee Report (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 4a.** Regulatory Amendment 16 Decision Document (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 4b.** SAFMC Staff presentation Addressing Council’s Request (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 4c.** Evaluation of black sea bass trap gear closure alternatives in Regulatory Amendment 16
- Attachment 4d.** SERO presentation on Regulatory Amendment 16 analyses (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 4e.** NMFS SERO Protected Species Presentation (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 4f.** Draft Regulatory Amendment 16 + appendices
- Attachment 4g.** REVISED Evaluation of black sea bass trap gear closure alternatives in Regulatory Amendment 16
- Attachment 4h.** Marine Mammal Commission Letter (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 5a.** Public comments on Regulatory Amendment 22 (updated version in 2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 5b.** Regulatory Amendment 22 Decision Document (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 5c.** Draft Regulatory Amendment 22 + appendices (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 5d.** Regulatory Amendment 22 codified text (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)

- Attachment 6a.** NCDMF presentation on catch card program (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 6b.** NCDMF report on catch card program (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 7a.** Presentation on Observations of Spawning Activity (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 7b.** Amendment 36 Decision Document
- Attachment 7c.** Amendment 36 Charts
- Attachment 8a.** Amendment 35 Decision Document (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)
- Attachment 8b.** Draft Amendment 35 + appendices (2<sup>nd</sup> BB)

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