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REVISED AGENDA SNAPPER GROUPEE COMMITTEE

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201 Arnold Road
St. Simons Island, GA

**Tuesday, March 3, 2015 - 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. &
Wednesday March 4, 2015 - 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

1. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Approval of December 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. Amendment 29 (ORCS)
 - B. Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
 - C. Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy grouper)
 - D. Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish)
 - E. Amendment 33 (Fillets)
 - F. Amendment 34 (Comprehensive AMs)
6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Short-term Visioning, Hogfish, Jacks Complex, Almaco jack trip limits, Size Limits on Deepwater Species, and Red Grouper; *Attachment 2*)
 - A. Overview – Myra Brouwer/Amber Von Harten
 - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** provide guidance on items to include and timing – Dr. Michelle Duval

7. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Harvest Tag Program; *Attachment 3*)
 - A. Status of amendment – Myra Brouwer
 - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval

8. Report from Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team (ALWTRT) Meeting (*Attachment 4*)
 - A. Overview – Kari MacLauchlin
 - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval

9. Regulatory Amendment 16 (Black Sea Bass Pot Closure; *Attachments 5a-5d*)
 - A. Overview of document – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** modify document and choose preferred alternatives for all actions – Dr. Michelle Duval

10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs; *Attachment 6*)
 - A. Overview of document – Gregg Waugh
 - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** review, modify, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval

11. System Management Plan for Deepwater MPAs (*Attachment 7*)
 - A. Overview of draft plan – Gregg Waugh
 - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** review, modify as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval

12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 35 (Removing Species and Golden Tilefish Endorsements Issue; *Attachments 8a-8c*)
 - A. Review of public hearing comments – Myra Brouwer
 - B. Overview of document – Myra Brouwer
 - C. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** review, modify, and approve all actions – Dr. Michelle Duval

13. Discussion of blueline tilefish landings north of North Carolina (*Attachments 9a-9d*)
 - A. Presentation on blueline tilefish landings – Dr. Jack McGovern, NMFS SERO
 - B. Legal issues – Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA General Counsel
 - C. Overview of decision document – Myra Brouwer
 - D. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** consider emergency or interim action, provide guidance to staff on amendment development and timing – Dr. Michelle Duval

14. Other Business – Dr. Michelle Duval

15. Adjourn – Dr. Michelle Duval

Attachments

- Attachment 1a.** Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs
Attachment 1b. Status of recreational catches vs. ACLs
Attachment 2. Amendment 37 Discussion Paper
Attachment 3. Amendment 22 Discussion Paper
Attachment 4. Summary Report from ALWTRT meeting

- Attachment 5a.** Regulatory Amendment 16 Decision Document
- Attachment 5b.** Draft Regulatory Amendment 16 – Updated version
- Attachment 5c.** Regulatory Amendment 16 revised analyses from SERO
- Attachment 5d.** IPT Comments on Draft Regulatory Amendment 16
- Attachment 6.** Amendment 36 Decision Document
- Attachment 7.** Draft System Management Plan for Deepwater MPAs
- Attachment 8a.** Amendment 35 Public Comments package
- Attachment 8b.** Draft Amendment 35 + appendices
- Attachment 8c.** Amendment 35 Decision Document
- Attachment 9a.** Blueline Tilefish Landings (Feb 18, 2015)
- Attachment 9b.** MAFMC Letters to SAFMC and Mid-Atlantic state directors
- Attachment 9c.** Blueline Tilefish Decision Document

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