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## AGENDA SNAPPER GROUPEE COMMITTEE

The Beach House Hilton Head Island  
1 South Forest Beach Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC

**Tuesday, September 15, 2015 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. &  
Wednesday, September 16, 2015 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

1. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Approval of June 2015 Minutes – Dr. Michelle Duval
3. Status of commercial & recreational catches vs. ACLs (*Attachments 1a & 1b*)
  - A. Overview – NMFS SERO  
**COMMITTEE ACTION:** take action as appropriate – Dr. Michelle Duval
4. Status of Amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
  - Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy) – sent to NMFS 12/2/14
  - Regulatory Amendment 22 (Gag & Wreckfish) – sent to NMFS 12/12/14
  - SG Am 33/Dolphin Wahoo 7 (Fillets) -- sent to NMFS 5/1/15
  - SG Amendment 34 (AMs)/Dolphin Wahoo Am 8 (Allocations) – sent to NMFS 2/27/15
  - Blueline tilefish ER request – sent to NMFS 5/6/15
  - Amendment 35 (removal of species) – sent to NMFS prior to September 14-18, 2015 meeting
5. Blueline Tilefish
  - A. SSC Report (*Attachment 2a*) – Dr. Luiz Barbieri
  - B. Regulatory amendment for new ABC/ACL
    - a. Overview of document (*Attachment 2b*) – Myra Brouwer
    - b. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Discuss, modify document, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
  - C. Amendment 38
    - a. Overview of document (*Attachment 2c*) – Myra Brouwer
    - b. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Discuss and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval

6. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (Changes to the Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
  - A. Review of public hearing comments (*Attachment 3a*) – Brian Chevront
  - B. Presentation on black sea bass pot endorsement holder fishing portfolios (*Attachment 3b*) – Kari MacLauchlin
  - C. Overview of document (*Attachments 3c & 3d*) – Brian Chevront
  - D. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Consider public comment, modify document as needed, select preferreds, and approve all actions – Michelle Duval
7. Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) Update (*Attachment 4*)
  - A. Overview – Dr. Marcel Reichert
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** take action as appropriate – Dr. Michelle Duval
8. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (hogfish)
  - A. Overview of scoping comments (*Attachment 5a*) – Myra Brouwer
  - B. Overview of document (*Attachment 5b*) – Myra Brouwer
  - C. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
9. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Golden Tilefish, Black Sea Bass, Jacks Complex)
  - A. Overview of scoping comments (*Attachment 6a*) – Myra Brouwer
  - B. Overview of document (*Attachment 6b*) – Myra Brouwer
  - C. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
10. Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (mutton snapper)
  - A. Overview of options paper (*Attachment 7*) – Myra
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss, provide guidance to staff, and approve for scoping – Dr. Michelle Duval
11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
  - A. Overview of Public Hearing II comments (*Attachment 8a*) – Gregg Waugh
  - B. Overview of document (*Attachments 8b-8d*) – Gregg Waugh
  - C. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Consider public comment, modify document as needed, select preferreds, and approve all actions – Dr. Michelle Duval
12. Joint South Florida Amendment
  - A. Overview (*Attachment 9*) – Gregg Waugh
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review and modify document as needed and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
13. Red Snapper Amendment for 2016 Season
  - A. Overview of possible approach (*Attachment 10*) – Gregg Waugh
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Discuss and provide guidance on direction and timing – Dr. Michelle Duval

14. Oculina Evaluation Team Report (**Attachment 11**)
  - A. Overview – Chip Collier
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review recommendations and comments for the Oculina Experimental Closed Area and provide guidance on timing for next review.
  
15. Approaches to monitor recreational harvest of deepwater species
  - A. Update – John Carmichael
  - B. **COMMITTEE ACTION:** discuss and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
  
16. Other Business – Dr. Michelle Duval
  
17. Adjourn – Dr. Michelle Duval

**Attachments**

- Attachment 1a.** Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs (**updated at meeting**)
- Attachment 1b.** Status of recreational catches vs. ACLs (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 2a.** Report on SSC discussion on blueline tilefish (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 2b.** Blueline Tilefish Framework Options Paper
- Attachment 2c.** Amendment 38 Options Paper
- Attachment 3a.** Regulatory Amendment 16 Public Hearings Comments Package
- Attachment 3b.** Presentation on Black Sea Bass Pot Endorsement Holder Fishing Portfolios (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 3c.** Regulatory Amendment 16 Decision Document
- Attachment 3d.** Draft Regulatory Amendment 16
- Attachment 4.** Southeast Reef Fish Survey Update presentation (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 5a.** Amendment 37 Scoping Comments Package
- Attachment 5b.** Amendment 37 Decision Document
- Attachment 6a.** Regulatory Amendment 23 Scoping Comments Package
- Attachment 6b.** Regulatory Amendment 23 Decision Document
- Attachment 7.** Amendment 41 Options Paper
- Attachment 8a.** Amendment 36 Public Comments II Package (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 8b.** Amendment 36 Decision Document (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 8c.** Draft Amendment 36 (Public Hearing version)
- Attachment 8d.** Draft Amendment 36 (DEIS version) (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 9.** Joint South Florida Amendment Decision Document (**2<sup>nd</sup> BB**)
- Attachment 10.** Approach for Allowing Limited Harvest of Red Snapper in 2016
- Attachment 11.** Oculina Evaluation Team Report

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