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## AGENDA

### Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting

Renaissance Orlando Hotel Airport  
5445 Forbes Place  
Orlando, FL

**Wednesday, June 11, 2008 — 1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**Thursday, June 12, 2008 — 8:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

1. Approval of Agenda – Mac Currin
  2. Approval of March 2008 Meeting Minutes – Mac Currin
  3. SEDAR Assessment Results (**Attachments 1-3**)
    - A. Red Snapper – Dr. Kyle Shertzer, NOAA Fisheries SEFSC
    - B. Greater Amberjack – Dr. Erik Williams, NOAA Fisheries SEFSC
    - C. Mutton Snapper – Joe O’Hop, FFWCC
- Note: The AP will join the Snapper Grouper Committee at 1:30 to hear the SEDAR presentations & SSC report and then return to their meeting to discuss and take action.*
4. SSC Report on SEDAR assessments, Snapper Grouper Amendments 15B, 16 & 17 – Carolyn Belcher
  5. *Oculina* Monitoring Report (**Attachments 4 & 5**)
    - A. Outreach – Kim Iverson
    - B. Research and Monitoring – Myra Brouwer
  6. Pre-Closure Survey of Proposed MPAs in Amendment 14 (**Attachment 6**) – Dr. Andy David and Stacey Harter, NOAA Fisheries, Panama City Laboratory

7. Gray's Reef Draft Environmental Assessment Concerning Spearfishing Activities (**Attachment 7**) –
  - A. Overview – Dr. George Sedberry, Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary
  - B. Committee Action – Review Action to Prohibit Spearfishing
  
8. Catch Characterization and Discards within the Snapper Grouper Vertical Hook-and-Line Fishery – Dr. Mike Jepson, Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation/Dr. Scott Raborn, LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc.
  
9. Conversion of Recreational Landings in Weight to Numbers for Snowy Grouper (**Attachment 8**) – Dr. Tom Jamir, NOAA Fisheries, SEFSC
  
10. Amendment 15B (**Attachments 9-12**)
  - A. Updated Economic and Social Impact Analysis – Dr. Stephen Holiman, NOAA Fisheries SERO
  - B. Overview of SDEIS Comments – Dr. Stephen Holiman, NOAA Fisheries SERO
  - C. Summary of AP comments – Mark Marhefka/Charlie Phillips
  - D. Committee Action: Review Final Document with New Analysis, Modify as Necessary, and Approve for Secretarial Review – Mac Currin
  
11. Amendment 16 (Gag and Vermilion) (**Attachments 13-17**)
  - A. Review Public Comments – Gregg Waugh
  - B. Summary of AP comments – Mark Marhefka/Charlie Phillips
  - C. Committee Action: Modify Document as Necessary, Approve All Actions in the Amendment, and Approve for Secretarial Review (Final Review at September 2008 Meeting If Necessary) – Mac Currin
  
12. Amendment 17 (**Attachments 18-19**)
  - A. ACL Presentation and Status of Proposed Rule/Guidelines – Galen Tromble, NOAA Fisheries, Headquarters
  - B. Overview of Options Paper – Rick DeVactor
  - C. Summary of AP comments – Mark Marhefka/Charlie Phillips
  - D. Committee Action: Provide Direction to Staff for Options to be Developed – Mac Currin
  
13. Amendment 18 (**Attachments 20-24; 27**)
  - A. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - B. Review Public Input from Scoping – Gregg Waugh
  - C. Summary of AP comments – Mark Marhefka/Charlie Phillips
  - D. Committee Action: Consider Emergency Action/Interim Measures and Provide Direction to Staff for Options to be Developed – Mac Currin
  
14. Other Business – Mac Currin
  
15. Adjourn – Mac Currin

- Attachment 1. SEDAR 15 Report – South Atlantic Red Snapper**
- Attachment 2. SEDAR 15 Report – South Atlantic Greater Amberjack**
- Attachment 3. SEDAR 15A Report – South Atlantic Mutton Snapper**
- Attachment 4. *Oculina* Outreach Report**
- Attachment 5. *Oculina* Research & Monitoring Study**
- Attachment 6. Pre-Closure Survey of Proposed MPAs in Amendment 14 Report**
- Attachment 7. Gray’s Reef NMS Information**
- Attachment 8. Snowy Grouper Conversion Factor Analysis**
- Attachment 9. Amendment 15B**
- Attachment 10. Amendment 15B SDEIS**
- Attachment 11. Comments on Amendment 15B SDEIS**
- Attachment 11B. Comments on the Amendment 15B SDEIS Received After the First Briefing Book Mail-out**
- Attachment 11C. Comments on the Amendment 15B SDEIS Received After the Second Briefing Book Mail-out (will be e-mailed on 6/10/08)**
- Attachment 12. Amendment 15B Proposed Rule**
- Attachment 13. Amendment 16**
- Attachment 14. Amendment 16 Public Hearing Presentation**
- Attachment 15. Amendment 16 Public Hearing Minutes (to be mailed 6/2/08)**
- Attachment 16. Amendment 16 Written Comments**
- Attachment 16B. Amendment 16 Written Comments Received After the First Briefing Book Mail-out**
- Attachment 16C. Amendment 16 Written Comments Received After the Second Briefing Book Mail-out (will be e-mailed on 6/10/08)**
- Attachment 17. Summary of Public Comments on Amendment 16 (to be mailed 6/2/08)**
- Attachment 18. Amendment 17 Options Paper**
- Attachment 19. Amendment 17 ACL & AM Discussion Paper**
- Attachment 20. Amendment 18 Scoping Document**
- Attachment 21. Amendment 18 Scoping Presentation**
- Attachment 22. Amendment 18 Scoping Meeting Minutes (to be mailed 6/2/08)**
- Attachment 23. Amendment 18 Written Comments**
- Attachment 23B. Amendment 18 Written Comments Received After the First Briefing Book Mail-out (to be mailed 6/2/08)**
- Attachment 24. Summary of Public Scoping Comments on Amendment 18 (to be mailed 6/2/08)**
- Attachment 25. Presentations**
- Attachment 26. Comment Letters Concerning Snapper Grouper Issues**
- Attachment 27. Red Snapper Management Measures**

DATE:	<u>4/5/2008</u>
FISHERY:	<u>Snapper Grouper</u>
SUBJECT:	<u>Briefing Materials</u>
STAFF	<u>DeVictor</u>
SOURCE:	<u>SAFMC</u>

**Snapper Grouper Committee Members:**

Mac Currin (Chair)	Brian Chevront
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