



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA SNAPPER GROUPER COMMITTEE

Hilton Cocoa Beach Oceanfront
1550 N. Atlantic Avenue
Cocoa Beach, FL

Tuesday, June 14, 2016 1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. &
Wednesday, June 15, 2016 8:30 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

1. Approval of Agenda – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Approval of March 2016 Snapper Grouper Committee Minutes – Dr. Michelle Duval
3. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs (*Attachments 1a & 1b*)
 - A. Overview of Landings – NMFS SERO
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval
4. Status of Amendments Under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - Amendment 35 (removal of species and golden tilefish endorsements) – sent to NMFS on 9/10/15
 - Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline tilefish, Yellowtail snapper & Black sea bass bag limit) – sent to NMFS on 3/4/16
 - Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure) – sent to NMFS on 3/4/16
 - Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
5. Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) Update for 2015 (*Attachment 2*)
 - A. Presentation by Dr. Joey Ballenger (SCDNR)
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval
6. Catch and Discards within the Commercial Snapper Grouper Vertical Hook-and-Line Sector (*Attachment 3*)
 - A. Presentation by Frank Helies (Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc.)
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval

7. Cooperative Bottom Long Line Survey to Augment Fisheries Independent Reef Fish Data Collection in the Deepwater Snapper Grouper Fishery (*Attachment 4*)
 - A. Presentation by Frank Helies (Gulf and South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation, Inc.)
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval
8. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report (*Attachment 5*)
 - A. Overview – Kenny Fex
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval
9. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report (*Attachment 6*)
 - A. Overview – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval
10. Report on red snapper mortality in 2015 and 2016 fishing season (*Attachments 7a-7d*)
 - A. Overview – NMFS SERO/SEFSC
 - B. **Committee Action:** take action as necessary – Dr. Michelle Duval
11. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish; *Attachments 8a-8d*)
 - A. Overview of decision document (*Attachment 8a*) – Myra Brouwer
 - B. **Committee Action:** modify document as appropriate and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton snapper; *Attachments 9a & 9b*)
 - A. Overview decision document (*Attachment 9a*) – Myra Brouwer
 - B. **Committee Action:** modify document as appropriate and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
13. Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper; *Attachments 10a & 10b*)
 - A. Overview – Chip Collier & Gregg Waugh
 - B. **Committee Action:** provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
14. Vision Blueprint Amendment(s) (*Attachment 11*)
 - A. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - B. **Committee Action:** provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
15. Control Date/Limited Entry for the For-Hire Permits in Snapper Grouper, CMP, & Dolphin/Wahoo Fisheries (*Attachment 12a & 12b*)
 - A. Background – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - B. **Committee Action:** provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
16. Other Business – Dr. Michelle Duval
17. Adjourn – Dr. Michelle Duval

Attachments:

- Attachment 1a.** Summary of Commercial Landings
- Attachment 1b.** Summary of Recreational Landings
- Attachment 2.** SERFS update 2015 presentation
- Attachment 3.** Commercial discards presentation (GSAFF)
- Attachment 4.** Cooperative bottom longline survey presentation (GSAFF)
- Attachment 5.** Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report – April 2016
- Attachment 6.** Scientific and Statistical Committee Report – May 2016
- Attachment 7a.** Report on 2015 total red snapper removals
- Attachment 7b.** Report on 2016 ACL for red snapper and season length projections
- Attachment 7c.** Presentation on 2016 red snapper season
- Attachment 7d.** SEFSC explanation of declining MSY estimates in red snapper assessments
- Attachment 8a.** Amendment 37 (hogfish) Decision Document
- Attachment 8b.** Amendment 37 (hogfish) Draft Environmental Impact Statement
- Attachment 8c.** Recreational Decision Tools - Hogfish
- Attachment 8d.** Commercial Decision Tool - Hogfish
- Attachment 9a.** Amendment 41 (mutton snapper) Decision Document
- Attachment 9b.** Draft Amendment 41 (mutton snapper)
- Attachment 10a.** Red snapper data synopsis
- Attachment 10b.** Red snapper management options paper
- Attachment 11.** Vision Blueprint Amendment(s) Discussion Paper
- Attachment 12a.** For-Hire Limited Entry Discussion Paper
- Attachment 12b.** Southeast Region Headboat Survey Reporting, Length Frequency Distribution, and Size Limit Compliance

Snapper Grouper Committee

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