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Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. Introductions
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

- A. Overview -- John Carmichael
- B. Committee Action
SEDAR 38 Approvals, 2014 Schedule, 2015-16 Priorities

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, 9:00 am - 5:30 p.m.

4. ABC CONTROL RULE

- A. Overview -- Luiz Barbieri
- B. Committee Action
Consider modifications to the ABC Control rule and revised ABC recommendations

5. BLACK SEA BASS ASSESSMENT UPDATE REVIEW

- A. Presentation -- Webinar, SEFSC
- B. Committee Action

Review and provide fishing level recommendations and discussion of uncertainties.

6. SEDAR 28, COBIA AND SPANISH MACKEREL ASSESSMENT REVIEW

- A. Cobia Assessment Presentation -- Webinar, SEFSC
- B. Spanish Mackerel Assessment Presentation -- Webinar, SEFSC
- B. Committee Action
Review and provide fishing level recommendations and discussion of uncertainties.

7. SAFMC ANNUAL RESEARCH PRIORITIES

- A. Overview -- John Carmichael
- B. Committee Action
Review and comment on priorities

8. ASSESSMENT PEER REVIEW PROCESS

- A. Overview
- B. Committee Action
Recommend a process for reviewing non-SEDAR stock assessments

Thursday, April 11, 2013, 9:00 am - 3:00 p.m.

9. FISHERY INDEPENDENT REEF FISH SAMPLING

- A. Presentation on Sampling Efforts: Marcel Reichert, SC DNR

10. SNAPPER-GROUPER REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14

- A. Status and Overview -- Myra Brouwer
- C. Committee Action
Review and comment on proposed actions and analyses

11. CORAL AMENDMENT 8

- A. Status and Overview -- Anna Martin
- C. Committee Action
Review and comment on proposed actions and analyses

12. UPDATE on AMENDMENTS and ACTIONS

- A. Snapper-Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16
- B. Snapper-Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17
- C. Snapper-Grouper Amendment 22
- D. Snapper-Grouper Amendment 30
- E. Coastal Migratory Pelagic Amendment 19
- F. Coastal Migratory Pelagic Amendment 20
- G. Coastal Migratory Pelagic Framework Action
- H. Comprehensive Ecosystem Based Amendment 3
- I. Dolphin-Wahoo Amendment 5

13. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT

16. NEXT MEETING

17. ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

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