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## Scientific and Statistical Committee

October 28 - 30, 2014  
Crowne Plaza  
4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard  
North Charleston, SC 29418

### Briefing Book DRAFT AGENDA

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

#### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28 2014, 1:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.**

##### **1. INTRODUCTION**

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

##### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **3. SEDAR ACTIVITIES**

- A. Program Updates
- B. Committee Action  
*Black & Goliath grouper and yellowtail snapper proposals*  
*SAFMC assessment priorities*

##### **4. MRIP CALIBRATION WORKSHOP REPORT**

Overview: John Carmichael, SAFMC

##### **5. 2015 NATIONAL SSC WORKSHOP**

Update Report: Luiz Barbieri

##### **6. ABC CONTROL RULE WORKSHOP REPORT**

- A. Workshop Recommendations – Luiz Barbieri, SSC
- B. Committee Action

*ABC control rule modifications*

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29 2014, 9:00 AM - 5:00 P.M.**

**7. HOGFISH ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

- A. Assessment Presentation – Mike Murphy, FL FWCC
- B. Committee Action  
*Review, provide fishing level recommendations, discuss uncertainties*

**8. MUTTON SNAPPER ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

- A. Assessment Presentation – Joe O’Hop FL FWCC
- B. Committee Action  
*Review, provide fishing level recommendations, discuss uncertainties*

**9. KING MACKEREL ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

- A. Assessment Presentation -- John Walter, SEFSC
- B. Review Panel Perspective – Jim Berkson, SSC
- C. Committee Action  
*Review, provide fishing level recommendations, discuss uncertainties*

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 2014, 9:00 AM - 3:00 P.M.**

**10. SNAPPER GROUPER REGULATORY AMENDMENT 16**

- A. Overview – Myra Brouwer, SAFMC
- B. Analysis of black sea bass fishing and right whale interactions – Nick Farmer, SERO
- C. Committee Action  
*Review and provide guidance on methodology and appropriateness for management action*

**11. BAG LIMIT ANALYSIS**

- A. Methods Presentation – Nick Farmer, SERO
- B. Gag Bag Limit Evaluation – Nick Famer, SERO
- C. Committee Action  
*Provide guidance on general analytical approaches and reporting standards  
Provide recommendations on gag analysis*

**12. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE**

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS & PUBLIC COMMENT**

**15. NEXT MEETING**

**16. ADJOURN**

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