

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FROM THE SAFMC SSC SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING  
Jekyll Island, GA  
March 3, 2010**

The SSC Selection Committee met in a closed session March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 at Jekyll Island, GA. The Committee discussed the following items:

1. Joint SSC-SSC Selection Committee Meeting

The Committee received an update on the October 2009 joint meeting of the SSC and the SSC Selection Committee and passed several motions addressing recommendations from that meeting. These motions included creating an SSC liaison, an SSC Coordinating Committee, and encouraging the SSC to submit nominations for membership.

2. SSC Code of Conduct

The Committee considered the need for improved guidance to SSC members regarding their interactions and deliberations within committee meetings. A formal document, or 'Code of Conduct,' specifying conduct guidelines and, potentially, consequences for violation of such policies, was not considered necessary at this time. Rather, the committee instructed staff to consider guidelines developed through other arenas, such as SEDAR and the Council employment policies, to develop language for the SSC Job Description that will provide guidance on conduct and clarify expectations. The Committee noted that the Council faces a potential crisis of declining confidence in the science supporting Council actions, and that the SSC, as a technical body of the Council, can be instrumental in preventing such decline and restoring confidence in the technical process.

3. Conflict of Interest Policies

The Committee was briefed on discussions on this topic at an earlier meeting of the SEDAR Committee and agreed that disclosure is a key component. Further consideration will be given, if necessary, upon finalization of National Standard 2 guidelines.

4. Regional Representation

The Committee reviewed recent correspondence suggesting that the SSC should have greater representation by residents of the State of Florida. It was noted that there are no obligatory seats on the SSC for any particular jurisdiction, although in practice the Council has desired to include at least one representative of the marine fisheries management agency of each state within the Council's jurisdiction.

Members agreed that the first and foremost goal of the selection committee is to appoint the most qualified individuals available when applications are reviewed. SSC composition is determined by the need to fill particular areas of expertise, such as

biological, social and economic sciences, and population dynamics. The Committee also considers knowledge of regional fisheries and species an important area of expertise.

State representatives were urged to consider members of their staff who may be helpful additions to the Committee, and advised to encourage any such individuals to apply when membership is next evaluated in June 2010. The geographic distribution of the SSC membership will likely continue to shift from year to year as the Council weighs the pool of available applicants against the necessary expertise and available seats. This has often been the case with the SSC, as some members recalled that, a few years ago, more SSC members resided in the State of Florida than in any other state in the region.

#### 5. Tasks and Timing

Staff was instructed to:

1. Solicit applicants for the SSC for consideration in June 2010.
2. Develop conduct guidance for addition to the SSC Job Description and provide an updated document for review in June 2010.
3. Develop a letter of response regarding regional representation on the SSC.
4. Request that the SSC submit nominations for SSC members.

### MOTIONS

MOTION #1. Move to create the Council SSC Liaison position and appoint Brian Chevront as Liaison.  
Boyles/Robson; Motion Approved.

MOTION #2. Move to create an SSC Coordination Committee; consisting of the SSC Chair and Vice Chair, Council Chair, SSC Liaison, designated Council staff, designee of the SEFSC Director, and designee of the SERO; to provide oversight of SSC requests and agenda topics.  
Boyles/Chevront; Motion Approved.

MOTION #3. Move that SAFMC procedures be modified to allow the SSC to submit nominations for SSC seats.  
Chevront/Boyles; Motion Approved.

**Table 1. Modified Participant list for SEDAR 24 (South Atlantic Red Snapper) containing approved SAMFC workshop appointments.**

Name	Affiliation	DW	AW	RW
<b>MOTION 6: APPOINT THE FOLLOWING SSC REPRESENTATIVES TO SEDAR 24:</b>				
John Boreman	SSC			X
Matt Cieri	SSC			X
Chip Collier	SSC	X	X	
Marcel Reichert	SSC	X		
Andy Cooper	SSC		X	
Luiz Barbieri	SSC		X	
Scott Crosson	SSC (Chair)			X
<b>MOTION 5: APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES TO SEDAR 24:</b>				
Kathy Knowlton	GA DNR	X		
Julie DeFilippi	ACCSP	X		
Erik Robilliard	GA DNR	X		
Jack Holland	NC DMF	X		
Dave Wyanski	SC DNR	X		
Stephanie McInerny or Alan Bianchi	NC DMF	X		
Julie Califf	GA DNR	X		
David Player	SC DNR	X		
Richard Cody	FL FWC	X		
Julie DeFilipi	ACCSP	X		
Jessica Stephens	SC DNR	X		
Mike Murphy or Behzad Mahmoudi	FL FWC		X	
<b>MOTION 7: APPOINT THE FOLLOWING AP REPRESENTATIVES AND ALTERNATES TO SEDAR 24:</b>				
Zack Bowen	Charter/Headboat GA	X	X	X
Steve Amick	Charter/Headboat GA	X	X	X
Rodney Smith	FL, Recreational	X	X	X

Bobby Cardin	FL, Commercial	X	X	X
Kenny Fex	NC, Commercial	X	X	X
TBD	FL, Recreational	X	X	X
AP Alternates (eligible to fill in if an above appointee cannot attend a workshop)				
Gregg DeBrango	FL, Commercial	X	X	X
Rob Harris	FL, Recreational	X	X	X
Scott Osbourn	FL, Commercial	X	X	X
Andy High	NC, Commercial	X	X	X
Mark Brown	SC, Commercial	X	X	X
<b>MOTION 8: APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO SEDAR 24:</b>				
Robert Johnson	Charter/Headboat N FL	X	X	
Rusty Hudson	Sustainable Fisheries	X		
Frank Hester	Industry Scientist	X	X	
<b>MOTION 5: APPOINT THE FOLLOWING STATE AGENCY REPRESENTATIVES TO SEDAR 24:</b>				
George Geiger		X	X	X
Charlie Phillips		X	X	X
Ben Hartig		X		