

### SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

# ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: December 3 - 7, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

SAFMC Draft Follow Up Agreement by: 12/20/18. Done. 12//18. Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 12/20/18. Done 12//18.

Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 1/4/19. Done. 1//19

SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 12/18/18.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 1/4/19. This approval is for planning purposes and it must be recognized that changing priorities within the agency may impact timing. If this should happen, NMFS staff will inform SAFMC staff as soon as possible so that appropriate adjustments can be made to the timing of deliverables, etc.

Distribute to Council members & others:

Approved Version by 1/7/19. Done 1/30/19.



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### I. SNAPPER GROUPER

Lead Staff: Myra Brouwer

#### Amendment 38 – Blueline tilefish - Roger

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council approved the following emergency request:

MOTION: DIRECT THAT THE SSC DETERMINE, AT ITS APRIL 2015 MEETING, THE GEOGRAPHIC RANGE COVERED BY THE SEDAR 32 ASSESSMENT. IF WARRANTED, REQUEST EMERGENCY ACTION TO EXTEND REGULATIONS PROPOSED IN AMENDMENT 32, ONCE THE AMENDMENT IS APPROVED, TO THE AREAS THAT THE SSC CONSIDERS ARE REPRESENTED BY THE STOCK ASSESSMENT. APPROVED BY COMMITTEE (9 IN FAVOR, 1 OPPOSED, 3 ABSTENTIONS) APPROVED BY COUNCIL (1 OPPOSED, 1 ABSTENTION)

✓SSC met April 28-30, 2015 and concluded:

• SSC Consensus: After reconsideration of the SEDAR 32 assessment and all the supplemental information provided, the SSC still agrees that the SEDAR 32 assessment applies to the entire coast wide stock and is still considered BSIA.

 $\checkmark$  SAFMC Emergency Request – send to NMFS 5/6/15. The Council's request is currently being reviewed by NMFS.

✓ The Council will review the SSC recommendation and determine how to move forward with Amendment 38 at the June 2015 meeting. At the June meeting, the Council did not discuss Amendment 38 and indicated they would address this amendment at the September 2015 meeting. At the September meeting, the Council deferred action until the genetic results are presented at the December 2015 meeting.

In September 2015, the Snapper Grouper Committee reviewed an Options Paper for a possible amendment, Amendment 38, to extend the snapper grouper fishery management unit north of the NC/VA border and adjust fishing levels for blueline tilefish to account for landings in the area north of the Council's jurisdiction. The Council had considered extending the FMU previously (during development of Amendment 18) but did not take action at the time. In September 2015, the Council opted to not move forward with development of Amendment 38 pending the completion of studies on the stock structure of blueline tilefish and to allow time for the MAFMC to develop a management strategy for blueline tilefish in their jurisdiction. Instead, actions to adjust fishing levels for blueline tilefish (based on the SSC's recommendations) and revise management measures were moved to Regulatory Amendment 25 (submitted to NMFS on 3/4/16).

#### Details to be added if the decision is to move forward

1. IPT:

a) ✓SAFMC Team: Roger Pugliese (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Mike Errigo (Data), Myra Brouwer, and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer); Denise Johnson (Economist); Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist); Heather Blough; Noah Silverman (NEPA); Jessica Stephen (Data Analyst); and Mark Fields (OLE).
✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig and Scott Crosson
✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE EA OR EIS. NMFS will determine EA or EIS based on the range of actions as determined by the Council.

Major Steps:

- a) ✓ SEDAR Stock ID Workshop recommended 1 unit stock from the Gulf through the Mid-Atlantic; Assessment defined to cover the SAFMC-MAFMC management units, from the SAFMC-GMFMC boundary to the northern extent of the species.
- b) ✓ Staff provide SEDAR working paper: Summary: Habitat and Developing Spatial Species Information for Blueline Tilefish in the South Atlantic Region
- c) ✓ SEDAR 50 Assessment dissemination to Council in September 2017
- d)  $\checkmark$  SSC review October 2017.
- e)  $\checkmark$  Results to Council December 2017.
- f) ✓ Blueline Tilefish ABC Webinar February 23, 2018
- g) ✓MAFMC SSC Blueline Tilefish ABC N. of Hatteras March 14, 2018
- h) SAFMC SSC Review Workgroup Recommendations
- i) SAFMC SSC Webinar to discuss species assessment revisions using the calibrated MRIP landings data (SEDAR 50 Blueline Tilefish) and determine if they can be used to generate new ABC recommendations. January 25, 2019.
- j) SSC Meeting actions range from reviewing new projections to the assessment or guidance in work to be conducted to develop a new ABC April 2019.

If SSC reviews new projections and provides guidance, Amendment work to begin June 2019. Otherwise development to start after new ABC is developed (Previously delayed by other priorities)

- a) Councils (South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic) agree on how to allocate ABC by Council jurisdiction. NOTE: The assessment TORS specified providing management information by Council jurisdiction. SAFMC discussion and guidance to staff at June 2019 or September 2019 meeting.
- b) Other preparatory work on draft amendment to specify management unit, parameters, and draft management measures so ready for IPT to begin analyses for September 2019 SAFMC meeting.
- c) Others???

Proposed Draft Timing 2019-20:

- a) Council guidance to prepare amendment June 2019
- b) Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping September 2019
- c) IPT/Staff conduct analyses complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- d) NOI for amendment/DEIS publishes -
- e) Scoping \_\_\_\_\_ (via webinar). FR notice due to Kim by \_
- f) Committee/Council review scoping comments, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance December 2019
- g) IPT/Staff conduct analyses complete by March 2020
- h) Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings March 2020
- i) Public Hearings Spring 2020; in person. FR notice due to Kim by
- j) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions June 2020
- k) Committee/Council approve for formal review September 2020
- 1) Document preparation for formal review:
- m) IPT leads review completed by \_
- n) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
- o) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_/20.
- p) DEIS published \_\_\_\_\_/2020. Comment period ends \_\_\_\_\_/2020.
- q) NOA published \_\_\_\_/20.
- r) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/20.
- s) Send to Council & AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
- t) Comments due by /20.
- u) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/21. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/20.
- v) Send to Council & AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
- w) Post to web site. Date posted \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- x) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/21.

#### Amendment 42 – (Sea turtle release gear and SG Framework revisions) - Christina

Staff lead: Christina Wiegand

- 1. IPT:
  - a) SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brouwer, Chip Collier, John Hadley
  - b) NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead), Kelli O'Donnell (SERO Lead on Gulf Amendment), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Adam Bailey (Reg Writer), Pat O'Pay (Protected Resources), Mike Travis (Economist), Rick DeVictor, Jeff Pulver (LAPP Branch)
  - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Joanne McNeill (biologist), Larry Perruso (economist)
  - d) NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes
  - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓ Council Guidance to prepare amendment March 2018

- b) Committee/Council review approve for scoping April 2018
- c)  $\checkmark$  FRN for scoping due: March 26. Done: 3/22/18
- d) ✓ Scoping webinars April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- e) √Council reviews scoping comments and approves actions & alternatives June 2018
- f)  $\checkmark$  Council review draft document and provides guidance and approve for public hearings December 18.
- g) FRN for public hearings due: with Council meeting FRN
- h) Public Hearings March 2019 Council meeting.
- i) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, and approve for formal review March 2019
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by

  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
    c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_\_2019. Done \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - d) Proposed Rule published /19.
  - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done

  - f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
    g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /19.
  - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done .

  - i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - k) Fishery Bulletin published on /19.

#### Amendment 45 – ABC Control Rule (Also DW Amend 14, GC Amend 11, Sargassum Amend 4, Coral Amend 11)- John C

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

#### Amendment 46 - Recreational Reporting/Permitting - Chip

(starts in December 2017)

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor, Frank Helies (SERO Lead) (Fishery Biologist), David Records (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Kevin McIntosh (Permits)
  - c) √NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, David Carter, Ken Brennan, Scott Crosson, Rob Andrews
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

- e)  $\checkmark$  NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing:
  - a) ✓Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff September 2015, December 2015, March 2016, December 2017.
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Council review draft options paper –December 2017, March 2018.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing - December 2016, June 2017
  - d) √Scoping Hearings August 2018. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR
  - e) Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives March/June/September 2018
  - f) See note above about refocusing Amendment 43 at the June 2017 meeting. Amendment 46 was refocused to recreational permitting and reporting in March 2018.
  - g) Public Hearings TBD. FR notice by
  - h) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment TBD
  - i) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review TBD
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by 11/8/18.
  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by 11/13/18.
  - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 11/19/18.
  - d) Proposed Rule published /18.
  - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done
  - f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_
  - g) Final Rule published /18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /18.
  - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_
  - j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/18.
    k) Fishery Dellations
  - k) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

#### Abbreviated Framework Amendment 2 – Vermilion Snapper and Black Sea Bass **ACLs - Brian**

At the June 2018 meeting the SAFMC directed staff to develop an abbreviated framework to just be ACL definition action actions for vermilion snapper and black sea bass.

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer
  - b) NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead) (Fishery Biologist), Tony Lamberte (Economist), Alisha DiLeone (Data), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Pat O'Pay (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)

- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, Scott Crosson
- d) NOAA GC Team: Shep Grimes
- e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing:
  - a) Council discuss vermilion snapper and black sea bass management and provide guidance to staff June 2018.
  - b) Public Hearing September 2018 at September Council Meeting in Charleston, SC.
  - c) FRN submitted /18.
  - d) At September 2018 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Abbreviated Framework Amendment 2 for Secretarial review. Date done 10/4/18.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by 1/7/18.
  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by 11/8/18.
  - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 11/9/18. Done 11/19/18.
  - d) Proposed Rule published /18.
  - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done /18.
  - f) Comments due by 18. Date done /18.
  - g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_
  - j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/19.
  - k) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.

#### Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational - Myra

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Jeff Pulver, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), Christina Package-Ward, Tony Lamberte, David Dale, Joelle Godwin (regs writer), Jenny Lee (PR)
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
  - d) √NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
  - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Timing:
  - a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment September 2016.
  - b) √Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing December 2016

- c) ✓ Scoping Hearings January/February 2017. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings. FR notice by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- d)  $\checkmark$  Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017
- e) √Actions/Alternatives with preliminary effects analysis -- June 2017. Date done 6/13/17.
- f)  $\checkmark$  Provide guidance on actions & alternatives September and December 2017
- g)  $\checkmark$  Council provides guidance and approves for public hearings March 2018. Date done 3/9/18.
- h) ✓Council reviews public hearing comments and revises actions June 2018. NOTE: Council provided guidance to re-structure amendment at June meeting. Final action now scheduled for December 2018.
- i)  $\checkmark$  Council takes final action December 2018. Date done 12/7/18.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by
  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by
  - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by early  $\overline{2019}$ . Done /19.
  - d) Proposed Rule published /19.
  - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done
  - f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19. Date done
  - g) Final Rule published /19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /19.
  - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

  - i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_\_.j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - k) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_ /19.

#### Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial - Myra

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
  - b) √NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVictor, Frank Helies, Adam Bailey (regs writer), Mike Jepson, Mike Travis, Jennifer Lee, David Dale, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), Jeff Pulver (LAPP), Nick Farmer
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
  - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Timing:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  Council guidance to prepare amendment September 2016.
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing - December 2016

- c) ✓ Scoping Hearings January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice by December 19, 2016.
- d) ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives - March 2017
- e) √Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis -- June 2017. Date done 6/13/17.
- f) Provide guidance on actions & alternatives and updated analyses September and December 2017
- g)  $\checkmark$  Council provides guidance and approves for public hearings March 2018. Date done 3/9/18.
- h) ✓Council reviews public hearing comments and approves all actions June 2018
- i)  $\checkmark$  Council takes final action September 2018. Date done 10/4/2018.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  IPT leads review completed by 11/8/18.
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Council chair reviews document & codified text by 12/18/18.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review. Done 1/24/19.
  - d) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/19.
  - e) Comments due by  $/1\overline{9}$ .
  - f) Final Rule published /19. Fishery Bulletin published on /19.

  - g) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.h) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - i) Fishery Bulletin published on /19.

#### 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint – Evaluation Plan – Amber Von Harten/Myra Brouwer (co-leads)

The 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint was adopted in December 2015. An Evaluation Plan was included as part of the Blueprint. The evaluation schedule is outlined below:

- 1. Objectives of the Evaluation & Review
  - a) Ensure that management actions (and others) that are developed are helping achieve the vision for the snapper grouper fishery.
  - b) Allows flexibility to adapt management strategies (and others) to accommodate changes in the fishery.
  - c) Continue stakeholder engagement with the Vision Blueprint process.
  - d) Consider stakeholder support on short-term action items developed in 2016-2017 and how these actions have impacted stakeholders.
  - e) Consider stakeholder feedback on how to approach long-term action items, items not considered in 2015 and emerging issues in the fishery.
  - f) Allow new Council members to become familiar with the Vision Blueprint.
- 2. Annual Review

- a) Purpose: Allow the Council to conduct an internal review of progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- b) ✓ Council review and discussion of progress report at December 2016 Council meeting.
- c) ✓ Provide a written update and webinar to the public about progress to date on implementation of the Vision Blueprint.
- d) ✓Webinars to update the public are scheduled for 10 am and 6 pm on November 21
- e) ✓Webinar FRN notice due to Kim on October 20, 2016. Date done 10/13/16.
- 3. Biennial Review (refer to section XXI.A.25 for specific guidance from December 2018)
  - a) ✓Purpose: Mid-term review of progress on the implementation of the Vision Blueprint and stakeholder perceptions.
  - b) ✓Timing: during SG AP Fall 2018 meeting. Council review: December 2018
  - c) Tasks:
    - Review the short-term action items from each goal to determine what outcomes were achieved in 2016-2018;
       Provide opportunity for public input on outcomes of short-term action items (survey, webinars/comment stations, etc.)
- 4. Comprehensive Review
  - a) Purpose: Review and update the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint and Appendices.
  - b) Timing: January June 2020; Adoption of 2021-2026 Vision Blueprint in December 2020
  - c) Tasks:
    - i. Solicit public input on items in the existing blueprint (short- and long-term action items and items not considered in 2015) and any new ideas.
    - ii. Use a similar port meeting approach to collect public input and revise the Vision Blueprint based on stakeholder and Council member input.
  - d) Draft Timing:
    - i. December 2016, provide an update to Council and the public on the progress made towards implementing the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint. Date done\_\_\_\_\_.

## Regulatory Amendment 28 - Golden tilefish (ACL revision and hook & line component season start date) - Brian

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer

- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO Lead), Tony Lamberte, Christina Package-Ward, Jeff Pulver, Mike Larkin, Joelle Goodwin (Reg Writer), David Dale, Mary Wunderlich
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams, Larry Perruso
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes
- e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing:
  - a) ✓Council discuss golden tilefish management and provide guidance to staff December 2017.
  - b) ✓ Public Hearings June 2018 at Council meeting.
  - c) ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review June 2018
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  IPT leads review completed by 6/22/2018.
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Council chair reviews document & codified text by 6/29/30.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by July 2018. Done 8/6/18.
  - d) ✓ Proposed Rule published \_\_9/27/18
  - e)  $\checkmark$  Comments due by 10/12/18.
  - f)  $\checkmark$  Final Rule published 12/4/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 12/4/18.
  - g)  $\checkmark$  Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done 12/4/18.
  - h)  $\checkmark$  Post to web site. Date done 12/4/18.
  - i)  $\checkmark$  Regulations effective 1/4/19.
  - j) Fishery Bulletin published on 12/4/18.

#### Regulatory Amendment 29 - Best Fishing Practices & Powerheads – Christina

Staff lead: Christina Wiegand

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (lead), Brian Cheuvront, Mike Errigo, Myra Brouwer, John Hadley, Chip Collier
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead), David Records (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Joelle Godwin (Regs Writer), Pat O'Pay (Protected Resources), Alisha Gray-DiLeone (LAPP Branch), Rick DeVictor, Kurtis Gregg (EFH)
  - c) √NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried (biologist), Scott Crosson (economist)
  - d) NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello
  - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment March 2018
  - b) √Scoping draft paper presented to Council June 2018
  - c) ✓ Scoping August 7-8, 2018.
  - d) ✓Council reviews scoping comments and approves actions and alternatives to be analyzed – September 2018

- e) Council review draft framework document and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings - March 2019
- f) Public Hearings April/May 2019.
- g) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review - June/September 2019
- 2. Document preparation for formal review:

  - a) IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
    b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
    c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_\_ 2018. Done \_\_\_\_/18.
  - d) NOA published \_\_\_\_\_/18; comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/18.
  - e) Proposed Rule published /18.
  - f) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_\_\_\_\_
  - h) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /18.
  - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

  - j) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
    k) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/18.
    l) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

#### **Regulatory Amendment 30 – Red grouper rebuilding – John Hadley**

Staff lead: John Hadley

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Hadley (SAFMC Lead), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese, and Mike Errigo
  - b) VMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO Lead), Rick DeVictor, Joelle Godwin, Mike Jepson, Denise Johnson, Alisha Gray-DiLeone, Jessica Stephen, Jennifer Lee, David Dale, Nikhil Mehta,
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Larry Perruso
  - d) ✓NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes
  - e) √NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a)  $\checkmark$  Council Guidance to prepare amendment March 2018.
  - b) ✓Council review draft amendment document, provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – June 2018.
  - c) ✓ Public Hearings September 2018 at Council meeting.

  - d) SSC webinar \_\_\_\_\_ 2019.
    e) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – June 2019.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by

  - a) If I leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
    b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
    c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_2019. Done \_\_\_\_/19.

- d) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/19.
- e) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19. Date done \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Post to web site. Date done \_
- j) Regulations effective September 2019. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- k) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.

## Regulatory Amendment 31 – Recreational AMs (also DW Reg 2 & CMP Framework 7) - Brian

See Recreational AMs amendment under Generic Amendments

#### Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program Review - Brian

Staff: Brian Cheuvront

- 1. IPT (Draft):
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Myra Brouwer
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (SERO Lead), Rick DeVictor, Mike Travis, Jessica Stephen, Janet Miller, Britni LaVine, Alisha Gray-DiLeone, Mike Jepson
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson, David Gloeckner
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shep Grimes
  - e) √NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018:
  - a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment June 2017
  - b) ✓Committee/Council review draft program review document December 2017. (The Council was unable to discuss the Wreckfish ITQ at the December 2017 meeting and deferred it to March 2018.)
  - c) Committee/Council review draft program review document and public comment March and December 2018
  - d) Committee/Council gives final guidance for draft program review document March 2019
  - e) Committee/Council approve for formal review March/June 2019

#### System Management Plans

Lead Staff: Chip Collier & Roger Pugliese

The System Management Plans (SMP) are intended to increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources found within the Oculina

Experimental Closed Area (OECA), Deepwater Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZs).

#### SG Amendment 13A (Oculina Experimental Closed Area) – Chip Collier

- 1. An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed review in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:
  - a) On-Going Monitoring Via e-mail, review material and develop status reports for Council meetings as information becomes available.
  - b) Quarterly Law Enforcement Reports reports will continue to be posted as they are received.
  - c) Oculina Evaluation Plan (March 22, 2005) established an evaluation team and deliverables/timing. The Evaluation team will meet as necessary. This team will have representatives from the following groups who are knowledgeable of the Oculina Experimental Closed Area:
    - Law Enforcement
    - Outreach experts
    - Research scientists
    - Non-governmental Organizations
    - Commercial fishermen
    - Council staff
    - Recreational fishermen

A report, written by the team, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

- 2. 2014 5-Year Evaluation Plan
  - a) ✓ Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2015 meeting.
  - b) ✓ Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2014 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 5 years, once the entire area has been mapped.
  - c) ✓ Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team November 12, 2014 via webinar from 1-4 pm
  - d)  $\checkmark$  SSC Review April 2015
  - e) ✓ Council sees final report June 2015
  - f) ✓ Council reviews final report September -> December 2015 -> March 2016
  - g)  $\checkmark$  Document revised and posted to website. Date done March 28, 2016
  - h) Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- 3. Next Evaluation Plan (2019)
  - a) Council reviews, modifies, and approves at September 2019 meeting.

- b) Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – September 2019 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 2019, when the entire area should be mapped.
- c) Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team –
- d) SSC Review –
- e) Council sees final report –
- f) Council reviews final report –
- g) Document revised and distributed –\_\_\_\_
- h) Also included with the Council's annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- i) Next review: \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) - Chip Collier

In 2009, the Council designated eight Deepwater MPAs in Snapper Grouper Amendment 14. The Deepwater SMP was developed to provide a framework to review the enforcement, outreach and education, research and monitoring, and administrative efforts in the Deepwater MPAs and track progress in each area. The final SMP contains the proposed management action items, metrics for tracking progress, and background details for the eight MPAs. The SMP was adopted in March 2016.

The evaluation report, written by the working group, will be presented to all relevant Advisory Panels (Habitat, Coral, Snapper Grouper, Information and Education, Law Enforcement, and Marine Protected Areas Advisory Panels) and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee in 2021. Those groups will be asked to forward their recommendation to the Council.

#### 1. IPT

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Co-Lead), Chip Collier (SAFMC Co-lead and Coral issues), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Amber Von Harten (Outreach), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (Lead), Jack McGovern (Biologist, Sustainable Fisheries), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Andy Herndon and Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE), and David Dale (Habitat Conservation).
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- 2. Initial Timing 2014:
  - a) IPT work on items in the outline January May 2014
  - b) Status report to Council and Council provides guidance June 2014
  - c) IPT revise document July 2014
  - d) Public input during public hearings August 2014

- e) Council reviews public input and provide guidance September 2014
- f) IPT revise document September/October 2014
- g) SSC review October 27 30, 2014
- h) Council review and approve SMP December 2014

At the June 2014 meeting, the Council approved the following revised timing

- 3. Revised Timing 2014/15: work will shift to early mid 2015 based on workload
  - a) IPT work on items in the outline January May 2014
  - b) ✓ Status report to Council and Council provides guidance June 2014
  - c) IPT works on items in the outline July through November 2014
  - d) Council reviews draft SMP and approves for public comment December 2014
  - e) Public input during public hearings/scoping (See XV. 4. Dates and Locations for January 2015 for locations, document deadlines, etc.) January 2015
  - f) Council reviews public input, modifies as necessary, and approves SMP March 2015
  - g) IPT revise document as necessary March 2015
  - h) Snapper Grouper AP input April 2014
  - i) SSC review May 5-7, 2015
  - j) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP June 2015
- 4. Final Timing 2015:
  - a) Contract work on items to develop an outline -2014/15
  - b)  $\checkmark$  IPT meeting  $\frac{12}{10}/14$
  - c)  $\checkmark$  IPT works on items in the outline January 2015 through March 2015
  - d) Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance March 2015
  - e) ✓IPT revise document as necessary March-May 2015
  - f) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP input April 13-14, 2015
  - g)  $\sqrt{SSC}$  input April 28-30, 2015
  - h) ✓ Council reviews/approves Draft SMP June 2015. Council only reviewed draft.
  - i) √IPT revise document as necessary June/July 2015
  - j) ✓ Public input July/August/September 2015
  - k) ✓ Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance September 2015
  - 1)  $\sqrt{IPT}$  revise document as necessary September/October
  - m)  $\checkmark$  SSC review October 2015
  - n)  $\checkmark$  IPT meeting held November 2, 2015
  - o) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP input November 2015
  - p) √Council reviews input and approves Final SMP March 2016
  - q) ✓Document revised and distributed by March 31, 2016. Date done May 31, 2016.
  - r) Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- 5. Potential Timing for Review (2021):
  - a) IPT meeting –

- b) IPT works on items in the outline –
- c) Council reviews draft SMP and provides guidance -
- d) IPT revise document as necessary –
- e) Snapper Grouper AP input –
- f) SSC input –
- g) Council reviews/approves Draft SMP -
- h) IPT revise document as necessary –
- i) Public input –
- j) Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance -
- k) IPT revise document as necessary –
- 1) SSC review –
- m) IPT meeting held –
- n) Snapper Grouper AP input –
- o) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP -
- p) Document revised and distributed . Date done
- q) Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done
- r) Next review \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Spawning SMZs - Chip Collier

Once Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 is completed, there will be a plan for monitoring SMZs. An outline with key actions and dates of how the Spawning SMZs will be monitored will go here

- 1. Research planning meetings for the Spawning SMZs:
  - a) ✓ Morehead City, NC on April 20, 2016, and
  - b) ✓ Marathon, FL on May 20, 2016.
  - c) ✓Charleston, SC on November 2, 2016.
     The meetings discussed past sampling in the general area and potential methods to sample within the proposed Spawning SMZ. The meetings included SAFMC members, scientist, state partners, and fishermen.
- 2. Spawning SMZs System Management Plan Review
  - a) ✓ Council reviews outline and provides guidance March 2018
  - b) Council reviews outline and provides guidance March 2019
  - c) Workgroup revises document as necessary -
  - d) Snapper Grouper AP input -
  - e) Information and Education AP input -
  - f) Law Enforcement AP input -
  - g) SSC input –
  - h) Council reviews/approves Spawning SMZ document -
  - i) Workgroup revise document as necessary -
  - j) Council reviews and provides input –
  - k) Document revised and distributed -. Date done
  - Include with the Council's research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done
  - m) Next review \_\_\_\_\_.

### II. ECOSYSTEM

Lead Staff: Roger Pugliese

#### Fishery Ecosystem Plan – Roger Pugliese

Note: The original FEP document was prepared by a very large team of technical experts from NMFS, USFWS, COE, SARP, States, Universities, Advisory Panel Members, conservation organizations and research institutions. This was the very same process used to draft the Habitat Plan. An IPT was established for the FEP Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment but one was not needed for the FEP. FEP II development process is being further enhanced through facilitated Webinars, in-person meetings and online support for Section Review and Writing Teams activities.

- 1. ✓Original FEP Approved by Council in March 2009 and submitted as Source Document for Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 which was approved on June 1, 2010 with regulations effective on July 22, 2010.
- 2. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2017-2018):
  - a) ✓ South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workshop (May 2017)- at FWRI Review of existing capabilities and development of a new generation Ecopath/Ecosim/Ecospace model funded by the SALCC to create a South Atlantic ecosystem modeling suite to better link FEP II and SALCC Conservation Blueprint -ongoing.
  - b) ✓November 2017 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update, SAFMC/NMFS EFH User Guide, review and revise South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity EFH Policy Statement, and review and revise South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries EFH Policy Statement.

#### **FEP II Implementation Plan**

The Implementation Plan is structured to translate approved policy statements of the SAFMC into actionable items. The plan therefore encompasses chapters beginning with an introduction to the policy statement, a link to the complete policy statement, and a table which translates policies and policy components into potential action items. The actions within the plan are recommendations for activities that could support the Council's FEP II policies and objectives. The Implementation Plan is not intended to direct or instruct any external program, organization, or entity to undertake a specific action or to reprioritize their work or programs. The entities listed in the "Potential Partner" column are suggested partners for the actions. Each year the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, during their spring meeting, will discuss actions addressed in the previous year as summarized by Council staff.

#### FEP II Two Year Roadmap

This FEP II Two Year Roadmap draws from the Implementation Plan and presents three to five priority actions for each of the nine approved policy statements of the Council which would be initiated or completed over the next two years. The Roadmap provides "Potential Partners" and other potential regional collaborators, a focused list of priority

actions they could cooperate with the Council on to advance policies supporting the move to EBFM in the South Atlantic Region.

#### Essential Fish Habitat – Roger

- 1. Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision
  - a) ✓The Habitat AP provides refined redrafts, of EFH Policy Statements, based on additional State input for June 2014 Council meeting. Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species that were approved by Council.
  - b) ✓The Habitat AP redrafts EFH Policy Statement for Beach Dredge and Fill, Beach Re-nourishment and Large Scale Coastal Engineering at their March 2015 meeting.
  - c) ✓ April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on redrafting EFH Policy Statements and drafting new Statements. Sessions conducted on Threats to Fish Habitat, Energy, and Food Webs and Connectivity.
  - d) ✓November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Energy, Exploration, Development and Transportation for consideration at the December 2015 Council meeting. Ongoing presentations and discussion on developing an Artificial Reef Policy.
  - e) ✓ April 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting continue work on new EFH policy statement/s on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries. Held Session on the Impacts of Sound on Fish and Fish Habitat.
  - f) ✓November 2016 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise EFH policy statement/s on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries and Artificial Reefs.
  - g) ✓May 16-17, 2017 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise EFH policy statement on Artificial Reefs and FEP II/EFH Review.
  - h) ✓ Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
  - i) ✓Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel during April 2017 meeting will be updated on regional partner SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report.
  - j) ✓ State of SA Condition Report Complete Include Appendix to FEP II

#### FEP II and EFH Update/5 Year Review Development Process:

- 1. Council Meeting Timeline (Through December 2018)
  - a) ✓ March 2018: Review and Approve FEP II Implementation Plan and Roadmap. Review and Approve FEP II/FEP II Dashboard System.
- 2. South Atlantic Council Response to NOAA Policies, Strategies and Research Affecting Essential Fish Habitat and South Atlantic Ecosystems (2017-2018)
  - a) ✓The South Atlantic Council provided comments on proposal to dredge Frying Pan Shoals Complex. Done March 23, 2017.
  - b) ✓The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the Draft NMFS South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science. Done March 24, 2017.

- c) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments and the approved Policy Statement to The Honorable Ryan Zinke Secretary, Department of the Interior clarifying the Councils position on Energy Development and Seismic Testing. Done April 25, 2017.
- d) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided a letter of support of the proposal by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in partnership with the North Carolina Coastal Land Trust to the National Wetlands Conservation Grant Program to purchase the 3,000 acre Waccamaw River Partnership Tract. Done June 22, 2017.
- e) ✓Online comment submitted to BOEM SAFMC letter to DOI on energy development and seismic testing: BOEM requests for information. Preparation of 2019-2024 National OCS Program July 12, 2017.
- f) ✓Comment submitted to BOEM on 2019-2024 OCS Draft National Program and Programmatic EIS March 9, 2018.
- g) ✓Comment submitted on BOEM Path Forward for Renewable Energy July 5, 2018.
- h) ✓Comment submitted on Draft NOAA Fisheries EBFM Implementation Plan for the South Atlantic region - October 28, 2018.
- i) ✓ SAFMC Letter of Support: SECOORA Proposal Establishing National Marine Biodiversity Observation Network (MBON). December 17, 2018

#### Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management-related Meetings/Coordination (2019)

- 1. The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination have been scheduled:
- a) SECOORA Board Meeting –January 25-26, 2019 Jacksonville, Florida
- b) CCC Habitat Workgroup meeting/webinar January 2019
- c) CCC Meeting CCC Habitat Workgroup Chair presentation on EFH Workshop February 2019 Washington, D.C.
- d) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup Webinar Spring 2019
- e) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Spring Meeting 2019 Charleston, SC
- f) SEAMAP Species Assessment and Habitat Characterization Workgroup Meeting - SA Fisheries, South Atlantic Mapping Strategy
- g) CCC Meeting CCC Habitat Workgroup Chair presentation on EFH Workshop May 2019 Charleston, SC
- h) SARP Member Meeting Summer 2019
- i) SECOORA Board, Member, and Stakeholder Meeting June 18-20, 2019, Wilmington, NC
- j) Society for Conservation GIS July 2019 Monterey, CA
- k) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 2019
- 1) CCC Habitat Workgroup Council / NOAA Fisheries EFH Consultation Workshop Tentative Dates August 20-22, 2019
- m) SALCC Steering Committee Meeting Summer 2019
- n) MTS Oceans 2019 Industry Coordination supporting ocean technology/potential test beds in South Atlantic region. October 27-31 2019 Seattle, Wash.
- o) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting, November, 2019 FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL.

Meetings/Webinars/Workshops Supporting FEP II Development and EFH Update

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 –	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of:	By Meeting
December, 2017	developing FEP II sections; development of a regional	
	mapping strategy connected to managed species and their	
	EFH for the region; enhancement of the South Atlantic	
	regional ocean observation coverage and capability; refining	
	the connection with regional conservation blueprint;	
	enhancement of regional online spatial presentation of	
	species, habitat or fishery operations information;	
	development of a South Atlantic ecosystem model suite and	
	tools for evaluation/ management; and information to	
	enhance/refine EFH designations. (Including but not limited	
	to: SEAMAP, SALCC, SARP, SECOORA, ESRI, etc.)	
✓ April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy	FWRI, St.
	Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and	Petersburg,
	Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale	Florida
	Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on	
	Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of	
	Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	
✓ September 2017- December 2017	Collaboration meeting with Oceans Program Staff on	GIS Society and Oceans
	refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial	
(ongoing discussion w/ESRI	presentations and online platforms and tools that would	2017
& FWRI)	better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region	
$\checkmark$ June 2017	FEP II Section/EFH Update FEP II Dashboard: Links to	Facilitated
(ongoing)	Revised Sections, Sections in FMPs, Amendments or FEP I	Demo June
(ongoing)	Revised Sections, Sections in Fivilis, Amendments of FET T	2017
		2017
✓ June 2017	Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats,	Facilitated
(ongoing)	Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous	June 2017
(ongoing)	Species	Demo
	Links Provide to Detailed Information on Other Managed	
	Species ASMFC, MAFMC, NEFMC and NMFS (HMS,	
	Protected Species provided through FEP II Online System	
✓ June 2017	Council Managed Species - In lieu of section revision,	Facilitated
(ongoing)	refine Ecospecies online system. Facilitated webinars for	Webinars/
	managed species/snapper grouper team and engagement of	Meetings
	species experts.	May 2017

June 2017	Collaboration on Development of NMFS Regional Action	Climate and
(ongoing)	Plan Supporting Climate Science for inclusion into FEP II:	Fisheries
Final accessible	Review and Revise Strawman	Workshops
through link in	(Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC)	Facilitate
FEP II	(Council comments provided to NMFS SEFSC on Draft	Development
	March 24, 2017	March 2017
✓Accessible	Review and Revise Strawman	
through link in	(Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC)	
FEP II Dashboard	(Council comments provided to NMFS SEFSC on Draft	
	March 24, 2017	
	Draft posted to FEP II Dashboard October 2, 2017	
	Final to be posted when available	
September 2017 –	Section on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity.	Facilitated
March 2018	Expanded on individuals named and organizations	Webinars
	identified at June Council meeting and engage technical	
	expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and	March 2018
	modeling workshop participants.	
	Habitat/Ecosystem AP provided edits to Section May 2017.	
	Final approved March 2018	

#### Marine Aquaculture Plan for the South Atlantic Region

The Council at their June meeting approved a motion to begin development of an aquaculture plan for the South Atlantic Region. The Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel who developed the standing Policy Statement on Aquaculture will continue to review and compiling information on State and Federal activities to support future consideration of development.

## Bycatch Reporting/EA (SG Am 26, DW Am 3, CMP Am 21, and GC Am 7) – Chip Collier

- 1. Items included during scoping:
  - a) Speckled hind and warsaw grouper consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
  - b) Powerhead prohibition in EEZ off NC
  - c) Potential expansion of HAPC areas
  - d) Consideration of expansion of Snowy Wreck MPA
  - e) Wreckfish fishery impacts to deep-water coral habitat; and also impacts associated with deep dropping for other SG species
- 2. The Council revised the items to be included at the March 2012 meeting:
  - a) Speckled hind and warsaw grouper consider alternatives to provide protection in the mid-shelf fishery
  - b) Potential expansion of Coral HAPC areas
  - c) Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting
- 3. The Council revised the items to be included at the June 2012 meeting:
  - a) Improvements to permits and data reporting (commercial and for-hire) and bycatch reporting

At the September 2012 meeting, VMS for the commercial snapper grouper fishery was moved to a separate action in CE-BA 3.

- 4. At the December 2012 meeting, the Council:
  - a) Moved VMS to Snapper Grouper Amendment 30
  - b) Moved SAFMC For-hire reporting to a Generic SG, D/W & CMP Amendment
  - c) Moved Commercial Reporting to a Joint SA/GM Amendment
  - d) The only remaining item in CE-BA 3 is bycatch reporting; staff was directed to revise the document and bring to the Council in March 2013 for final review and approval.

At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and the Council also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC. NOAA GC's will present their analysis during the September 2013 Council meeting during the Data Collection Committee.

[Note: This presentation was postponed to December 2013 and then to March 2014.]

At the June 2016 meeting, the Council reviewed information presented on bycatch and suggested changing the name of CE-BA 3 to better reflect the remaining action in the amendment.

- 5. Initial Timing:
  - a) ✓Council considers items at September 2011 meeting
  - b) ✓ Council refines list and approves for scoping December 2011 meeting
  - c)  $\checkmark$  Scope in January/February see below for details
  - d) ✓ Council reviews scoping comments at March 2012 meeting and provides guidance to Staff/IPT
  - e) ✓Individual Council Species Committees develop actions/alternatives
  - f) ✓Council reviews amendment and approves for public hearings at June 2012 meeting
  - g) ✓ Public hearings August 2012
  - h) ✓Council reviews public hearing comments and approves for formal review at September 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012. The Council provided further guidance at the December 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to March 2013 meeting
  - i) Changes implemented January 1, 2013; as early as possible in 2013.
- 6. IPT
  - a) ✓Council Team Chip Collier (Council Lead; lead for Coral actions), John Hadley (Economic impacts), Christina Wiegand (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Mike Errigo (Data) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
    ✓NMFS SERO Team – Frank Helies (NMFS Lead); Karla Gore, Nick Farmer, Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
    ✓NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.

✓NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes

- 7. Advisory Panel Input:
  - a) ✓Coral AP: October 25-26, 2010 meeting, Charleston, SC
  - b) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP: October 5-6, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - c) √Habitat AP: November 15-16, 2011 in Charleston, SC
  - d) ✓ Shrimp & Deepwater Shrimp AP April 20, 2012 (8:30 am 4 pm) in Charleston, SC
  - e) ✓ Snapper Grouper AP April 18 (8:30 am) 19 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - f) ✓Dolphin/Wahoo AP April 24, 2012 (8:30 am noon) in Charleston, SC
  - g) ✓Mackerel AP April 24 (1:30 pm) 25 (4 pm), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - h) ✓Coral AP May 9 (9:00 am 5:00 pm) 10 (9:00 am 12 noon), 2012 in Charleston, SC
  - i) ✓ Habitat AP will review via webinar on May 15, 2012
- 8. Specific Steps:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  NOI published on 5/23/12. Given that MPAs removed, a new checklist will be sent out to determine if this amendment will be an EA or EIS.

(Note: A NOI is not needed if CE-BA 3 is an EA. More information is needed before it can be determined if CE-BA 3 will be an EA or EIS. If it is an EIS, a NOI will be produced after the March 2012 Council meeting. The SAFMC conducted scoping during the Council's MSA scoping in January/February 2012.)

- b) ✓ Draft MSA scoping document.
- c) ✓ Distribute MSA scoping document to the Team.
- d) ✓MSA Scoping meetings for CE-BA 3. Scoping from 4-7 pm

January 24, 2012	January 31, 2012
Crowne Plaza	Hilton Cocoa Beach
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.	1550 North Atlantic Ave.
North Charleston, SC 29418	Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
Phone: 843-744-4422	321-799-0003
January 26, 2012	February 1, 2012
BridgePointe	Crowne Plaza Jacksonville Riverfront
Hotel & Marina	1201 Riverplace Boulevard
101 Howell Road	Jacksonville, FL 32207
	Phone: 904-398-8800
New Bern, NC 28562	
Phana: 252 (26 2627	
Phone: 252-636-3637	E 1
January 30, 2012	February 2, 2012
Hilton Key Largo Resort	Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum
97000 Overseas Highway	175 Bourne Avenue
Key Largo, FL 33037	Pooler, GA 31322
Phone: 305-852-5553	Phone: 912-748-8888

e)  $\checkmark$  Written comments due on or before 5 pm on February 15, 2012.

- f) ✓Council reviews scoping comments and provides direction to staff at March 2012 meeting.
- g)  $\checkmark$  Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- h)  $\checkmark$  Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- i)  $\checkmark$  Conference call to discuss changes to document for BB distribution.
- j) Anna revises CE-BA 3 and provides to Team by 4/XX/12
- k) Team comments back to Anna by 5/X/12
- 1)  $\checkmark$  CE-BA 3 to Gregg for BB by 5/21/12
- m) ✓ Committee/Council revises CE-BA 3 at June Council meeting and approves for public hearings

NOTE: AT THE JUNE 2012 COUNCIL MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ACTIONS PERTAINING TO CORAL HAPCS AND SHELF-EDGE MPAS FROM CE-BA 3 TO CE-BA 4. SEE BELOW FOR PROPOSED TIMELINE FOR MPA DEVELOPMENT

- 9. The Council provided guidance on items to be further developed in CE-BA 3 during the June 2012 meeting:
  - a) Include modifications to data collection (for-hire and commercial) and bycatch reporting in CE-BA 3 and approved for public hearings
  - b) Develop Coral HAPC measures in CE-BA 4 after a joint meeting of the Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, and representatives from the Habitat and Law Enforcement APs during the fall of 2012
  - c) Proceed with developing additional protections for speckled hind and warsaw grouper; the SSC is to provide guidance on ABC values for speckled hind and warsaw grouper during their October 2012 meeting
  - d) ✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance
  - e) ✓ Public Hearings for data collection actions in CE-BA 3 held during August 2012:
  - f) Public hearings will be held from 4-7 pm

August 9, 2012	August 8, 2012
Hilton Key Largo Resort	Doubletree Hotel
97000 South Overseas Highway	2080 N. Atlantic Avenue
Key Largo, Florida 33037	Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931
Phone: 305-852-5553	Phone: 321-783-9222
August 7, 2012	August 6, 2012
Jacksonville Marriott	Richmond Hill City Center
4670 Salisbury Road	520 Cedar Street
Jacksonville, FL 32256	Richmond Hill, GA 31324
Phone: 904-296-2222	Phone: 912-445-0043
August 14, 2012	August 16, 2012
Hilton Garden Inn Airport	Hilton New Bern/Riverfront
5265 International Blvd.	100 Middle Street
North Charleston, SC 29418	New Bern, NC 28560
Phone: 843-308-9330	Phone: 252-638-3585

g)  $\sqrt{BB}$  version ready by August 20, 2012

h) √Committee/Council reviews public hearing comments, revises CE-BA 3 and approves for formal review at September 10-14, 2012 meeting; final approval deferred to December 2012.

NOTE: AT THE SEPTEMBER 2012 MEETING, THE COUNCIL MOVED THE CORAL HAPC ACTIONS TO CORAL AMENDMENT 7 8.

✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.

✓ IPT completes analyses

- a. 10/3/12 IPT conference call
  - 10/30/12 IPT submits written sections to Karla and Anna

11/5/12 – revised document sent to IPT

11/9/12 – comments due back from IPT

11/13/12 – amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am

11/20/12 – all final revisions due

11/26/12 - 2nd briefing book ready at 9 am

 $\checkmark$  Gulf Council Approval at their October 29 – November 1, 2012

meeting. CE-BA 3 was not discussed at the Gulf Council meeting.

### 10. AT THE DECEMBER 2012 MEETING THE COUNCIL MOVED ALL ITEMS EXCEPT BYCATCH REPORTING OUT OF CE-BA 3.

- a) ✓ Staff revises CE-BA 3 according to guidance.
- b) ✓Prepare draft amendment document Anna
- c) ✓ Expand no action on bycatch reporting Karla
- d)  $\checkmark$  IPT completes analyses
- e) ✓ January 16, 2013 IPT conference call
- f)  $\checkmark$  submits written sections to Karla and Anna
- g)  $\checkmark$  revised document sent to IPT
- h) √ comments due back from IPT
- i)  $\sqrt{2/11/13}$  amendment ready for 1st briefing book at 9 am
- j) South Atlantic Council Approval at their March 4-8, 2013 meeting.
- k) ✓At the March 2013 meeting, the Council reviewed and made changes to CE-BA 3. NOAA GC offered to prepare an analysis to identify how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA. The Council accepted and also voted to postpone further consideration of CE-BA 3 until receipt of analysis from NOAA GC.
- ✓ September 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to December 2013.
- m) ✓ December 2013 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3. Note: NOAA GC requested this presentation be moved to March 2014.
- n) ✓ March 2014 meeting: review NOAA GC report and provide guidance to staff on final approval of CE-BA3.
- o) At the March 2014 meeting, Monica Smit-Brunello (NOAA GC) advised the Council on how to proceed with CE-BA 3. Similar amendments in the Northeast Region have been disapproved due to the Anti-Deficiency Act and other types of funding requirements. If CE-BA 3 were submitted now, it would likely be disapproved for similar reasons. The New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils are working on a shared cost approach

to covering the cost of observers and so the recommendation is to not take action now and monitor what is going on in the northeast. Then the Council could determine how best to proceed. The Council was also advised to address some of the discussion in the document on speciesspecific observer requirements.

✓ At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:

- a) Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
- b) 
   Council Visioning Meeting October 2014
- c) Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach December 2014.
- d) Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.
- e)  $\checkmark$  Based on discussions at the September 2014 Council meeting, the SEFSC/SERO agreed to draft a comprehensive bycatch reporting system for the southeast. The SEFSC and SERO will provide an update on their efforts at each Council meeting. The Council's intent thus far is that this would be specified in the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3.

Note: The SEFSC/SERO will give a detailed presentation on the status of bycatch reporting system for the southeast at each Council meeting.

11. At the March 2016 meeting, the Council will receive a presentation from NMFS and provide guidance on approach/timing.

All FMPS must be consistent with this rule within five years of finalizing the rule.

Councils should conduct a review of their existing SBRMs.

The review should provide information on whether or not the FMP needs to be amended.

After initial review, Council should review SBRMs at least every five years.

- 12. Draft Timing after June 2016 Council Meeting:
  - a) Present current requirements for reporting of bycatch to the Council at June 2018 Council meeting. Date done
  - b) Council discuss SBRM at December 2018. Date done
  - c) At March 2019 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done
  - d) At June 2019 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Bycatch Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review. Date done
  - e) Document preparation for formal review:
  - f) IPT leads review completed by

  - g) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
    h) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_\_2018. Done /18.
  - i) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18.

- j) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_
- J) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  k) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  l) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.
  m) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_\_/10 \_-
- m) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18.
- n) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- o) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_\_. /18.
- p) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_
- q) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

#### III. CORAL

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

#### A. Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment **10/EA – Chip**

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas, consider Oculina Bank Extension boundary, review transit provisions for shrimp trawlers, and consider VMS for golden crab fishermen.

Staff lead:

- 1. IPT:
  - a)  $\checkmark$ SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (lead), Brian Cheuvront, John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH)
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO lead), Tony Lamberte (economist), Mike Jepson (anthropologist), Rick DeVictor, Joelle Godwin (regulations writer), Pat Opay (protected resources), Jeff Pulver (LAPP Branch)
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig (biologist), Christopher Liese (economist)
  - d) NOAA GC:
  - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓ Council Guidance to prepare amendment March 2018
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Council review options paper June 2018.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  Council review options paper and approve for scoping June 2018.
  - d) Council review scoping comments and provide guidance 2019
  - e) Approve for public hearings 2019
  - f) Public Hearings 2019.
  - g) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review -2019
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by

  - a) If T leads for the completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_.
    b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_\_.
    c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_\_2019. Done \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - d) NOA published /18; comments due by /18.
  - e) Proposed Rule published /19.
  - f) Send to Council & AP. Date done
  - g) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19. Date done \_\_\_\_
  - h) Final Rule published /19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /19.
  - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done .
  - i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - k) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - 1) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.

## Amendment 11 – ABC Control Rule (Also SG Amend 45, DW Amend 14, Sargassum Amend 4, GC Amend 11)- John C

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

### IV. MACKEREL AND COBIA

Lead Staff: Christina Wiegand

## Joint GMFMC/SAFMC CMP Amendment 31 (Co-management options for Atlantic cobia – Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Administrative Lead)

ASMFC has requested sole management authority of Atlantic cobia. In June 2017, the South Atlantic Council directed staff to start work on an amendment with options for management of Atlantic cobia, including complementary/joint management, or removing Atlantic cobia from the CMP FMP.

- 1. IPT Team:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Mike Errigo (Data), and John Hadley (Economics)
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Noah Silverman (NEPA), David Records (Economist), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Sue Gerhart (NMFS Gulf Branch), Ryan Rindone (Gulf Council Lead), Scott Sandorf (Regs Writer), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst). Ken Riley (Habitat), Cindy Cooksey (Habitat). David Dale (Habitat)
  - c) √NMFS SEFSC Team: Kevin Craig
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be distributed to IPT.

- 2. Timing 2017:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  IPT leads develop scoping document July 2017
  - b) ✓IPT is informed about expected timeline and no IPT meeting until after September 2017 meeting – July 2017.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  Submit FRN for scoping webinar in mid-July. Done 7/17/2017.
  - d) ✓ Scoping briefing materials posted to website in early August. Done 8/2017.
  - e) ✓ Scoping webinar in August 15<sup>th</sup>. Done 8/15/17.
  - f)  $\checkmark$  SAFMC reviews public input, draft action/alternatives. Done 9/17.
  - g) ✓ SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings. Done 12/17.
- 3. Timing 2018:
  - a) ✓ Public hearings January 2018
  - b)  $\checkmark$  SAFMC takes final action June 2018.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  GMFMC takes final action June 2018.
- 4. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  IPT leads review completed by May 2018.
  - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by July 2018.
  - c)  $\checkmark$  Document submitted to NMFS: Date done 07/13/2018.

- d) √NOA published 10/11/2018. Comment period on NOA ends 12/10/2018.
- e)  $\checkmark$  Proposed Rule published 11/9/2018.
- f) Send proposed rule to Council & AP. Date done 11/9/2018.
- g) Proposed rule comments due by 12/10/2018.
- h) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Send final rule to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- k) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

#### CMP Framework Amendment 6 (Adjust Atl. King Mackerel Trip Limits)

- 1. IPT Team:
  - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Mike Errigo (Data), and John Hadley (Economics)
  - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO Lead), Denise Johnson, Mike Larkin, Jennifer Lee, Rick DeVictor, Scott Sandorf
  - c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: John Walter, Juan Agar, Mike Jepson
  - d. ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be distributed to IPT.

- 2. Timing 2017/2018:
  - a.  $\checkmark$  IPT leads develop scoping document. For March 2018 Done 2/12/18.
  - b. ✓IPT is informed about expected timeline and no IPT meeting until after March 2018 meeting.
  - c.  $\checkmark$  Submit FRN for scoping webinar. Done 2/12/18.
  - d.  $\checkmark$  Scoping briefing materials posted to website. Done 2/16/18.
  - e.  $\checkmark$  Scoping webinar. Done at Council Meeting 3/7/18.
  - f.  $\checkmark$ SAFMC reviews public input, draft action/alternatives. Done 3/8/18.
  - g. ✓SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings. June 2018. Done 6/15/18.
  - h. ✓Public hearings September 2018 Council Meeting
  - i.  $\checkmark$  SAFMC takes final action September 2018.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a. IPT leads review completed by August 2018.
  - b.  $\checkmark$  Council chair reviews document & codified text by 11/05/2018.
  - c.  $\checkmark$  Document submitted to NMFS. Date done 11/09/2018.
  - d. NOA published \_\_\_\_\_. Comment period on NOA ends \_\_\_\_\_.
  - e. Proposed Rule published
  - f. Send proposed rule to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g. Proposed rule comments due by \_\_\_\_
  - h. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i. Send final rule to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - j. Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

k. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_.

## V. SPINY LOBSTER

Lead Staff: Christina Wiegand

Note: Joint Dealer Amendment is Spiny Lobster Amendment 12.

- 1. The Spiny Lobster Review Panel met in Key West, Florida February 9, 2015 to discuss the 2014 OFL overage and make recommendations about actions the Councils should consider including possibly adjusting the ACL.
- 2. The South Atlantic Council reviewed the Panel's report at the March 2015 meeting and concluded no action was necessary other than drafting a letter:

**MOTION**: THE COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR REQUESTING THAT SPINY LOBSTER NOT BE SUBJECT TO AN ACL, WITH THE REASONS OUTLINED BY THE SPINY LOBSTER REVIEW PANEL.

#### APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

- a) √Draft Letter
- b) ✓EDs & Chairs Review Letter
- c) ✓ Jessica/Martha Review Letter
- d)  $\checkmark$  Send letter to NMFS.

2016 Activities to review ACT overage:

- a) √Review Panel meeting March 28, 2016 via webinar
- b) ✓ Joint Spiny Lobster AP meeting April 25, 2016 in Key Largo FL
- c) ✓SSC review October 18-20, 2016
- d) ✓SSC Webinar Spiny Lobster review- November 21, 2016

#### Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 – Kari

- 1. IPT
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data)
  - b) ✓GMFMC Team: Morgan Kilgour/Claire Roberts (GMFMC Co-Leads), Matt Freeman (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist), Carrie Simmons
  - c) √NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Co-Lead/NEPA), Cindy Meyer (NMFS co-lead/NEPA), Frank Helies, Denise Johnson (economist), Scott Sandorf and Joelle Godwin (reg writers), Mike Larkin, Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), Patrick Opay (Protected Resources), Kelli O'Donnell, Rick DeVictor, Ken Blackburn (OLE)
  - d) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Jeff Iseley, Scott Crosson
  - e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy
- 2. Proposed Timing 2016-2017:
  - a) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews discussion paper for action to prohibit recreational trap in the South Atlantic EEZ– September December 2016

- b) ✓Gulf Council reviews options paper (draft amendment) January/February 2017
- c) ✓ South Atlantic reviews draft amendment March 2017
- d) ✓Gulf will post a video on their website; SA will hold one webinar hearing on 5/9/17.
- e) ✓ Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review June 2017 for both Councils.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  IPT leads review completed by 7/5/2017.
  - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 6/26/2017 (Gulf is administrative lead, so Gulf Chair gave final approval).
  - c)  $\checkmark$  GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review. Done 7/12/2017.
  - d)  $\checkmark$  Document submitted to NMFS. Date done 7/12/17.
  - e)  $\checkmark$  Proposed Rule published 2/2/18.
  - f)  $\checkmark$  Send to Council & AP. Date done 2/2/18.
  - g)  $\checkmark$  Comments due by 3/4/18.
  - h)  $\checkmark$  Final Rule published 6/22/18.
  - i)  $\checkmark$  Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done 6/22/18.
  - j)  $\checkmark$  Post to web site. Date done 6/22/18.
  - k)  $\checkmark$  Regulations effective 7/23/18.
  - 1)  $\checkmark$  Fishery Bulletin published on 6/22/18.

## Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (update procedure for management with Florida, and gear modifications) – Christina (GMFMC administrative lead)

- 1. IPT
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data)
  - b) ✓GMFMC Team: Morgan Kilgour (GMFMC Lead), Assane Diagne (economist), Carrie Simmons
  - c) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Kelli O'Donnell (NMFS Co-Lead/NEPA), Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Co-Lead/NEPA), Sue Gerhart, David Records (Economist), Scott Sandorf and Joelle Godwin (reg writers), Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Jeff Radonski (OLE)
  - d) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Derke Snodgrass
  - e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy, Monica Smit-Brunello
- 2. Proposed Timing 2017-2018:
  - a) ✓ Gulf Council reviews options paper /draft amendment October 2017
  - b) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews options paper, draft amendment, approves actions and alternatives–December 2017
  - c) ✓Gulf Council reviews updated options paper January 2018
  - d) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews updated options paper March 2018
  - e) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews draft document and approves for public hearings June 2018
  - f) ✓Gulf Council reviews draft document and approves for public hearings June 2018

- g) ✓ Public hearings September 2018 Council meeting
- h) ✓ Gulf Council final action August/October 2018
- i) ✓ South Atlantic Council final action September 2018
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  IPT leads review completed by July 2018
  - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by (Gulf is administrative lead, so Gulf Chair will give final approval). 11/15/2018
  - c)  $\checkmark$  GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review. 11/19/2018
  - d) ✓ Document submitted to NMFS. 11/19/2018
  - e) Proposed Rule published
  - f) Send to Council & AP.
  - g) Comments due by
  - h) Final Rule published
  - i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP.
  - j) Post to web site.
  - k) Regulations effective
  - 1) Fishery Bulletin published on

## VI. SHRIMP

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

## Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment 10/EA – Chip

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas, consider Oculina Bank Extension boundary, review transit provisions for shrimp trawlers, and consider VMS for golden crab fishermen.

See updates listed under Coral Amendment 10

### VII. GOLDEN CRAB

Lead Staff: Brian Cheuvront

## Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment 10/EA – Chip

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas, consider Oculina Bank Extension boundary, review transit provisions for shrimp trawlers, and consider VMS for golden crab fishermen.

1. At the June 2015 meeting, the Council approved the following motion:

DEVELOP A CORAL AMENDMENT THAT WOULD LOOK AT ALTERNATIVES FOR EXPANDING THE NORTHERN ALLOWABLE GOLDEN CRAB FISHING ZONE.

2. At the March 2018 meeting, the Council approved a timing and task motion to include an action in this amendment that would "include options for VMS" in the golden crab fishery.

See updates listed under Coral Amendment 10

## Amendment 11 – ABC Control Rule (Also SG Amend 45, DW Amend 14, Sargassum Amend 4, Coral Amend 11)- John C

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

# VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

## SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment – John Carmichael (SG Am 39/DW Am 9/CMP Am 27)

Note: Initiated in CEBA 3, pursued as SAFMC-GMFMC for hire amendment during 2012-2015; became charter boats, SAFMC only in September 2015.

- 1. IPT
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), Mike Errigo (Data), Roger Pugliese (Habitat)
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski, Adam Bailey (Reg Writers), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Stephen Holiman (Economist), Nick Farmer (Data), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Jenny Lee (PR), Kelly Moran-Kalamus (OLE), Carolyn Sramek (Permits)
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Vivian Matter, Ken Brennan
  - d) VNOAA GC Monica Smit Brunello
- 2. Timeline:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  Initiated in CEBA 3.
  - b) ✓October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
  - c) ✓December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
  - d) ✓March 2013: Generic for hire 'headboat' amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
  - e) ✓ September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
  - f) VDecember 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
  - g) ✓March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
  - h) ✓May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
  - i) ✓December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)
  - j) ✓ March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
  - k) ✓ June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
  - ✓ September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
  - m) ✓ December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
  - n) ✓ January/February 2016: Hearings
  - o) ✓ March 2016: Review hearings, review document, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
  - p)  $\sqrt{May}$  2016: SSC Review
  - q) √June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements
  - r)  $\checkmark$  June August 2016: IPT incorporate Council edits and data elements
  - s) ✓ September 2016: Council review
  - t) ✓December 2016: SAFMC final approval

- u) ✓GMFMC final approval: January 30 February 3, 2017. Done 2/2/2017
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a)  $\sqrt{\text{Council chair reviews document & codified text } 2/27/17}$
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Document submitted for final review: 3/4/2017.
  - c)  $\sqrt{NOA}$  published 3/14/18
  - d)  $\checkmark$  Send to Council & AP. Date done 3/14/18.
  - e)  $\checkmark$  Comments due by 5/13/18. Date done 5/13/18.
  - f)  $\checkmark$  Proposed Rule published 4/4/18.
  - g)  $\checkmark$  Send to Council & AP. Date done 4/4/18
  - h)  $\checkmark$  Comments due by 5/4/18. Date done 5/4/18.
  - i) Final Rule published /18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /18.
  - j) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done /18.
  - k) Post to web site. Date done /18.
  - 1) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/18.
  - m) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

## IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO

Lead Staff: John Hadley

## Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Dolphin quota sharing, OY definition, multi-gear trips, and operator cards) – John Hadley

In March 2017, the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available. At the December 2018 meeting, the Council directed staff to start working again on Amendment 10.

- 1. IPT Team
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront, John Hadley (SAFMC Lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues).
  - b) VNMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Joelle Godwin (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer, Scott Crosson
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-19:
  - a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping June 2016
  - b) ✓ Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
  - c) ✓March 2017- Council suspends work an Amendment 10 until revised MRIP data are available
  - d) ✓December 2018 Council directs staff to begin working on Amendment 10
  - e) Public Hearings –? FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment -
  - g) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review -
  - h) Document preparation for formal review:
  - h) IPT leads review completed by \_
  - i) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - j) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_/19.
  - k) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - 1) Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - m) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19.
  - n) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - o) Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_/19.
  - p) Post to web site: \_\_\_\_/19.
  - q) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - r) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.

## Regulatory Amendment 2 – Recreational AMs (also SG Reg 31 & CMP Framework 7) - Brian

See updates to the Recreational AMs amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

## Amendment 11 – ABC Control Rule (Also SG Amend 45, GC Amend 11, Sargassum Amend 4, Coral Amend 11)- John C

See updates for the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment under the Generic Amendments heading

## X. Generic Amendments

#### ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment

Lead staff: John Carmichael

(SG Amend 45, DW Amend 11, Sargassum Amend 4, Golden Crab Amend 11, Coral Amend 11)

- 1. IPT
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Mike Errigo (Data Analyst), John Hadley (economist), Christina Wiegand (social scientist), Myra Brower, Brian Cheuvront
  - NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead, Fishery Biologist), Adam Bailey (regulations writer) Tony Lamberte (economist), Mike Larkin (data analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Michael Jepson (social scientist), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern, Pat O'Pay (protected resources), Manny Antonaras (OLE)
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Erik Williams (fishery biologist), Scott Crosson (economist)
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Shepherd Grimes
- 2. Timeline:
  - a) ✓Began as a series of actions in separate amendments during 2016
  - b)  $\checkmark$  SSC review of possible actions during April and October 2017.
  - c) √Recommended as a comprehensive amendment during COW webinar meeting discussion, November 6, 2017
  - d) ✓IPT initiated November 2017
  - e) ✓ March 2018: Review Purpose and Need, Actions and Alternatives
  - f) ✓ Spring 2018 AP Reviews
  - g) √May 2018: SSC Review
  - h) ✓ SAFMC reviews action/alternatives. June, 2018
  - i) ✓October 2018: SSC reviews document, examples, analyses
  - j) √January 2019 Scoping
  - k) March 2019 Council review (SSC & Scoping Comments)
  - 1) April 2019 SSC & AP Reviews
  - m) June 2019 SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings in 2019.
  - n) Public hearings August 2019
  - o) September 2019 SAFMC reviews public comments and makes final edits –
  - p) October 2019 Final SSC Review
  - q) SAFMC takes final action December 2019.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_
  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) Document submitted to NMFS 2019. Date done
  - d) NOA published \_\_\_\_\_. Comment period on NOA ends \_\_\_\_\_.

- e) Proposed Rule published
- f) Send proposed rule to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- g) Proposed rule comments due by \_\_\_\_
- h) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Send final rule to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- k) Regulations effective

#### Recreational AMs (SG Reg 31 & DW Reg 2) - Brian

Staff lead: Brian Cheuvront

- 1. IPT:
  - a) SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (lead), Myra Brouwer, John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Mike Errigo
  - b) NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor (lead), Scott Sandorf, Denise Johnson, Christina Package-Ward, Mike Larkin, Pat Opay
  - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Nikolai Klibansky (biologist), David Carter (economist)
  - d) NOAA GC:
  - e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment December 2017
  - b)  $\checkmark$  Council review options document and provide guidance March 2018.
  - c) ✓Council review draft actions/alternatives, and provides guidance June 2018.
  - d) ✓Council review draft actions/alternatives, provides guidance, and approves for scoping December 20188.
  - e) ✓ FRN due: December 18. Done 12/20/2018
  - f) ✓ January 2019 Scoping
  - g) Council reviews scoping comments, draft amendment, and provides guidance March 2019
  - h) Council reviews draft amendment, provides guidance, and approves for public hearings -/19
  - i) FRN due /19. Done \_\_\_\_\_
  - j) Public Hearings /19.
  - k) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review /19.
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - b) IPT leads review completed by
  - c) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_2019. Done \_\_\_\_/19.
  - e) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/20.
  - f) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - g) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/20. Date done \_\_\_\_\_
  - h) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/20.

- i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  j) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  k) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/20.
  l) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/20.

### XI. POSTPONED AMENDMENTS (Purgatory)

## Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Commercial Logbook Amendment – John Carmichael

## CURRENTLY INACTIVE. WORK MAY RESUME IN THE FUTURE AS A SEPARATE SOUTH ATLANTIC AMENDMENT

Note: Initiated as Action 2 in CEBA-3. See CEBA-3 for actions, timing of early efforts. Note: Joint amendment with GMFMC (?), SAFMC administrative lead. Mackerel Amendment 29, Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment XX, and Snapper Grouper Amendment XX

- 1. IPT Team New IPT (TBD)
  - a) SAFMC Team:
  - b) NMFS SERO Team:
  - c) NMFS SEFSC:
  - d) NOAA GC:
  - e) NOA OLE:

#### 2. Timeline:

✓ Initiated in CEBA-3

✓ Stand-alone amendment in December 2012.

✓ February 2013: GMFMC agrees to joint action

✓ June 2013 SAFMC: review SEFSC pilot study.

✓ September 2013: SAFMC directs to defer work until pilot study complete; request updates at each SAFMC meeting

✓ March 2014: SAFMC discusses electronic option, notes visioning support ✓ June 2014: SAFMC reviews options paper, directs development of

electronic form with ACCSP. Team formed:

- SAFMC: Gregg Waugh
- SEFSC: Steve Turner, Dave Gloeckner
- SERO: Andy Strelcheck, Monica Smit-Brunello
- ACCSP: Mike Cahall

✓ October 2014: GARFO system demonstrated to S-G AP; supported voluntary electronic reporting

✓ December 2014: Implementation plan reported, 2015 implementation target.

✓ March 2016: Pilot study complete, final report in prep

 $\checkmark$  June 2016: Pilot study findings reported to SAFMC

✓ September 2016: Cost report and details on remaining steps for voluntary report submission provided to SAFMC

December 2016: SAFMC Final Approval

January 2017: Gulf Council consideration for final approval

- 3. FINAL TIMING TBD
  - a) SAFMC final approval: \_
  - b) GMFMC final approval: January 30 February 3, 2017. Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c) Document for final review: Done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d) Proposed rule
  - e) Published: \_\_\_\_\_

- f) To Council, AP:
- g) Comments due to by:
- h) Final Rule
- i) Published:
- j) Fishery Bulletin Notice: \_\_\_\_\_
- k) Sent to Council, AP:
- k) Sent to Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_l) Regulations Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Joint GMFMC/SAFMC CMP Amendment 24 (Atlantic Spanish mackerel allocations) – Christina (SAFMC Administrative Lead)

#### WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016?

- 1. IPT
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
  - b) ✓GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Rvan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
  - c) √NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS colead), Mike Barnette (Protected Resources), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), and (Economist)
  - d) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
  - e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

NMFS TO DETERMINE WHETHER EA OR EIS. NEPA checklist will be sent out after IPT meets in November 2013. NMFS determined CMP Amendment 24 is an EA.

- 2. Items:
  - Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel a)
- 3. Proposed Timing 2013/14:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  Council discusses items to include September 2013
  - b) 
     Council reviews/modifies scoping document and approves for scoping December 2013.
  - c) √Scoping In-Person January 2014 (See XIII. 2. Dates and Locations for January 2014 for locations, document deadlines, etc.)
  - d)  $\checkmark$  February 2014, GMFMC decided to table the amendment until after the king mackerel assessment is completed.
  - e) ✓March 2014 the SAFMC decided to move forward with development of actions and alternatives for South Atlantic Spanish mackerel.
  - f)  $\checkmark$ SAFMC to review updated options paper at June 2014 meeting. Council directed staff to bring back a more detailed options paper at the December 2014 meeting.
  - g)  $\checkmark$  Distribute to MAFMC for them to publicize and provide comments to SAFMC
  - h) GMFMC scoping in 2014
  - i) Review scoping comments and provide guidance on actions/alternatives to be included – √SAFMC in March 2014 and GMFMC in April 2014?

- j) Draft Amendment Document: review, modify & select preferred alternatives; approve for public hearings – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in
- k) Public hearings SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance.
- 1) Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in

#### Mackerel Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations) – Christina

NOTE: The Councils have postponed Amendment 29 indefinitely as of Jan/Feb 2017 (Gulf Council) and March 2017 (S Atlantic)

- 1. IPT Team.
  - a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead)
  - b) ✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
  - c) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS colead), Christina Package-Ward (social scientist), David Dale (habitat), David Records (economist), Jenny Lee (protected resources), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer),
  - d) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
  - e) ✓NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy
- 2. Proposed Timing 2016/17:
  - a) ✓Gulf Council reviews the document, finalizes actions and alternatives June and August 2016
  - b) ✓ South Atlantic Council reviews actions and alternatives September 2016
  - c) ✓Gulf Council reviews and modifies amendment as necessary, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for public hearings October 2016
  - d) ✓ Gulf Council Public Hearings November/December 2016

#### Amendment 44 - Long term management of yellowtail snapper – John Hadley

In March 2017, the Council approved a motion to suspend work Amendment 44 until revised MRIP data are available. At the June 2017 meeting, the South Atlantic Council approved sending a letter to the Gulf Council to get input on development of a joint amendment to combine ACLs for yellowtail snapper. The Gulf Council discussed the letter at their October 2017 meeting. At their December 2017 meeting, the South Atlantic Council decided to delay further discussion on yellowtail snapper until March 2018. During the March 2018 meeting, the Council agreed to wait until revised MRIP data are available before revisiting long-term management options for yellowtail snapper.

1. IPT Team:

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront, John Hadlev (SAFMC Colead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b) VMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), Mike Jepson (Social Scientist), Mike Travis (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Ken Blackburn (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVictor, Jack McGovern, Mary Vara (Biologist), Kelli O'Donnell (Biologist), Cynthia Meyer (Biologist)
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer & Scott Crosson
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shepherd Grimes
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-18:
  - a)  $\checkmark$  Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for Scoping – June 2016
  - b) ✓ Scoping in August 2016. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details.
  - c)  $\sqrt{IPT/Staff initial analyses}$  complete by January 2017
  - d) ✓ Public Hearings January/February 2017. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2017. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
  - March 2017 -- the Council approved a motion to suspend work on Amendment 44 until revised MRIP data are available.
  - f)  $\checkmark$  At the June 2017 meeting the Council directed staff to send a letter to the Gulf Council to get input on the development of a joint amendment to combine ACLs for yellowtail snapper. Done 7/14/17.
  - g)  $\checkmark$  At March 2018 meeting the Council directed staff to begin development of a framework amendment (Regulatory Amendment 32) to address shortterm management measures for yellowtail snapper (ACL and AMs).
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:
  - a) IPT leads review completed by
  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by .
  - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_/18.
  - e) Send to Council, AP Date
  - f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/18.
  - g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18. Fishery Bulletin published on /18.
  - h) Send to Council, AP Date
  - i) Post to web site

  - j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/18.
    k) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

#### Regulatory Amendment 32 – Yellowtail AMs – John H./Myra

1. IPT:

- a)  $\checkmark$ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (previous lead), Brian Cheuvront, Mike Errigo, John Hadley (current lead), Christina Wiegand
- b)  $\checkmark$ NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (lead), Scott Sandorf (reg. writer), Mike Travis (economist), Mike Jepson (social scientist), Pat O'Pay (protected resources), Alisha Gray-DiLeone (LAPP Branch), Rick DeVictor
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer (biologist), Scott Crosson (economist)
- d) NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) NOAA OLE: Manny Antonaras
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a)  $\checkmark$  Council Guidance to prepare amendment March 2018
  - b) ✓ Council review options paper and approve for scoping June 2018
  - c)  $\checkmark$  Council review scoping comments and provide guidance October 2018
  - d)  $\checkmark$  Council directed staff to begin postpone work on the amendment until after the next stock assessment- December 2018
- 3. Document preparation for formal review:

  - a) IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
    b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
    c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_2018. Done \_\_\_\_/18.
  - d) Proposed Rule published /19.

  - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
    f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
    g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on /19.
  - h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done .

  - i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
    j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/19.
    k) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/19.

### XII. CITIZEN SCIENCE

#### Goals & Objectives

The mission of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program is to "Improve Fisheries Management Through Collaborative Science." Program goals include adopting a collaborative approach to address data needs, ensure data collected are appropriate and useful, build partnerships, enhance stewardship for South Atlantic resources, and foster active engagement and communication.

To support the goals of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program, the development project will conduct activities to meet the following objectives:

- **Objective 1:** Establish programmatic resources to support initiation and coordination of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.
- **Objective 2:** Create a system of organizational governance to support the infrastructure and activities of the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.
- **Objective 3:** Develop programmatic communication strategies to promote the SAFMC Citizen Science Program to stakeholders.
- **Objective 4:** Initiate a "kickstarter" citizen science project to serve as a test project for the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.
- **Objective 5:** Develop comprehensive outreach and training approaches to support the SAFMC Citizen Science Program and associated projects.
- **Objective 6:** Foster development of partnerships to support the SAFMC Citizen Science Program and funding and administration of projects.
- **Objective 7:** Pursue funding opportunities to support citizen science projects under the SAFMC Citizen Science Program.

#### **Proposed Draft Timing of Activities**

- a. ✓ June 2017 Create the Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool
- June 2017 Appoint members to the Action Teams (Volunteers, Data Management, Project/Topics Management, Finance, Communications/Outreach/Education
- c. ✓ July 2017 Action Team Kick-off Webinar Meetings
  - i. ✓ July 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm; July 27<sup>th</sup> 10 am & 1 pm
  - ii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar June 26, 2017.
- d. ✓ August November 2017 Action Team Plenary Webinar Meetings
  - i. ✓ August 2017 Action Team Meetings:
    - ✓ August 11 @ 10 am Communication/Outreach/Education
    - ✓ August 14 @ 1 pm Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ August 14 @ 6 pm Volunteers
    - ✓ August 15 @ 1 pm Data Management
    - ✓ August 28 @ 1 pm Finance
  - ii.  $\checkmark$  FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar July 17, 2017.
- e. ✓ September 2017 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. NOTE: All A-Team meetings except for Data Management were postponed to October due to hurricane Irma.

- ii. ✓ September 29 @ 1 pm Data Management
- iii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar August 18, 24, 29
- f. ✓October 2017 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of meetings:
    - ✓October 2 @ 1 pm Volunteers
    - ✓ October 3 @ 2 pm Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ October 4 @ 1 pm Communication/Outreach/Eduction
    - ✓ October 5 @ 12:30 pm Finance & Infrastructure
  - ii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar Rescheduled FRNS September 7 and 14.
- g. ✓November 2017 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of meetings:
    - ✓November 2 @ 2 pm Data Management
    - ✓November 3 @ 10 am Volunteers
    - ✓ November 3 @ 2 pm Communication/Outreach/Education
    - ✓ November 6 @ 4 pm Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ November 28 @ 2 pm Finance & Infrastructure
  - ii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar October 5
- h. ✓December 2017 Activities
  - i. Citizen Science Committee receives progress report and provides guidance on questions from Action Teams, as needed
  - ii. December 2017 Action Team Webinar Meetings
    - 1. Schedule of meetings:
      - ✓ December 11 @ 3pm Projects/Topics Management
      - ✓ December 12 @ 1pm Volunteers
      - ✓ December 13 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
      - ✓December 14 @ 2pm –
      - Communication/Outreach/Education
      - ✓ December 15 @ 10am Data Management
  - iii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar November 24
- i. ✓ January 2018 Action Team Webinar Meeting
  - i. ✓All-Hands A-Team Plenary meeting: January 31, 2018
  - ii. ✓FRN for Plenary Action Team meeting via webinar: sent to Kim 12/11
  - iii. ✓FRN for standing meetings of the Finance & Infrastructure Action Team – sent to Kim 1/11/18
- j. ✓ February 2018 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of meetings
    - ✓ February 7 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ February 21 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ February 27 (a) 1pm Communication
    - ✓ February 27 @ 3pm Volunteers
    - ✓ February 28 @ 10am Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ February 28 @ 2pm Data Management
  - ii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar sent to Kim 1/22/18
- k. ✓March 2018 Citizen Science Program Activities

- i. ✓Citizen Science Committee Committee reviews, modifies, and adopts Action Team recommendations, as needed.
  - 1. Council adopted all recommendations to include:

Communication/Outreach/Education -

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** 

Projects should consider pre-testing and post-validation of the data collection method to be used.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2:**

The Program needs to establish training guidelines for projects to follow.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 3:**

The Program should help support evaluation of volunteer expectations and attitudes.

RECOMMENDATION 4: The Program should establish guidelines for disseminating results of projects.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 5:**

Projects need to have a clear plan for sharing data and results of projects.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 6:**

The Program should support and develop guidelines for project promotion and sharing results that considers audience type.

#### Finance & Infrastructure -

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** 

The Council should retain operational oversight of the Citizen Science Program and identify options and pathways for securing the necessary funds to do so.

Data Management– RECOMMENDATION 1:

The Program should consider use of the Data Management Resources Inventory as a reference for development of proposal review criteria and project/data standards.

#### Projects/Topics Management-

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** 

The Program should use existing resources, such as the Council's Research & Monitoring Plan, to identify priority topics and project ideas for the Program.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 2:**

The Program should develop a Citizen Science Research Needs document and develop a process for soliciting additional input and review of the document on a regular basis.

#### **RECOMMENDATION 3**:

Project criteria should be incorporated, when possible, into a SAFMC Citizen Science Project Endorsement Program.

Volunteers-

**RECOMMENDATION 1:** 

The Program needs to support development of a Volunteer Interest Form to serve as the initial mechanism for engaging volunteers in the Program and to better understand the demographics, interests, skills and experience of potential volunteers.

RECOMMENDATION 2: The Program needs to develop Training Plan guidelines to help projects develop initial and continuing training efforts for different types of projects.

General Recommendations – All Action Teams – RECOMMENDATION 1: Designate A-team liaisons to coordinate collaboration between A-Teams.

- ii. March 2018 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - 1. Schedule of Meetings:
    - ✓ March 7 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ March 21 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - $\checkmark$  March 26 (a) 1pm Volunteers
    - ✓ March 28 (a) 10am Communication
    - ✓ March 29 @ 2pm Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ March 30 @ 10am Data Management
- iii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings to Kim 3/1/18
- 1. April 2018 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of Meetings:
    - ✓ April 4 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ April 18 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ April 19 @ 1pm Volunteers
    - ✓ April 26 @ 10am Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ April 27 @ 10am Communication
    - ✓ March 27 @ 1pm Data Management
  - ii.  $\checkmark$  FRN for Action Team Meetings to Kim on 3/30/18
- m. May/June 2018 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of Meetings:
    - ✓ May 2 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ May 16 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure (POSTPONED)
    - ✓ May 30 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ May 30 @ 10am Volunteers
    - ✓ June 4 @ 10am Data Management
    - ✓ June 6 @ 1pm Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ June 8 @ 10am Communication
    - ✓ June 13 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure (POSTPONED)
    - ✓ June 27 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
  - ii. FRN for Action Team Meetings to Kim on 5/1/18

- n. June 2018 Citizen Science Committee Meeting
  - i. Activities:
    - ✓ Adoption of Program Research Priorities
    - ✓ Appointment of Citizen Science Operations Committee
      - The Operations Committee will use the recommendations from the Action Teams to develop SOPPs for the Citizen Science Program.
      - Members include Holly Abeels, Michelle Duval, Scott Baker, Bob Lorenz, Brett Fitzgerals, Marcel Reichert, Jack McGovern, and a SEFSC designee (TBD)
    - ✓ Schedule Operations Committee Meeting
      - August 8-9, 2018 in Charleston, SC at the Council office
- o. July 2018 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of Meetings:
    - ✓ July 10 @ 11am Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓ July 11 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ July 12 @ 10am Data Management
    - ✓ July 12 @ 2pm Volunteers
    - ✓ July 13 @ 10am Communication
    - ✓ July 11 @ 1pm Finance & Infrastructure
    - ii. FRN for Action Team Meetings to Kim on 6/11/18
- p. August 2018 Citizen Science Operations Committee Meeting
  - i. Meeting Memo sent on 6/26/18
  - ii. FRN for Action Team Meetings to Kim on 6/26/18
     ✓ Meeting August 8-9, 2018 Citizen Science Operations Committee meeting drafted the Program's Standard Operating Policies & Procedures; The Action Teams will review the draft document and staff will prepare the draft document for review by the Council's Citizen Science Committee.
- q. September/October 2018 Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of Meetings; TBD
    - ✓ Sept 26 @ 10am Finance & Infrastructure
    - ✓ Sept 27 @ 2pm Volunteers
    - ✓ Sept 28 @ 10am Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓Oct 1 @ 10am –Data Management
    - ✓Oct 3 @ 2pm Communication
  - ii.  $\checkmark$  FRN for Action Team Meetings to Kim on 8/3/2018
- r. December 2018 Citizen Science Committee meeting
  - i. Review and adoption of Citizen Science Program SOPPs
  - ii. Review of Scamp Release mobile app project and FISHstory project.

#### SAFMC Citizen Science Pilot Project – Scamp Discards

Work began on the pilot project that will work with fishermen and scientists to develop a sampling design and protocol for development of a mobile phone app to collect data on discards of scamp grouper in the for-hire, private recreational, headboat, and commercial fishery. Tasks completed to date include:

- February 2018 project management planning meetings with project partners (ACCSP, Harbor Light Software, Citizen Science Association)
- March 2018 Action Teams began work on creating a Project Development Plan, Volunteer Training Plan, Communication Plan and Data Management Plan for the project
- March 2018 (ongoing) Project Design Team began meeting to discuss sampling design, data elements, and design/layout of the mobile application.
- April through July 2018 Project Design Team continues to meet to develop the layout of the mobile application and develop evaluation metrics and indicators of success for the project.
- July 2018 through present Staff continue weekly development calls with Harbor Light Software on app development and alpha testing the mobile app.
- October 2018 Review of Release app by the Snapper Grouper AP.
- December 2018 Review of the Release app by the Citizen Science Committee

FISHstory Project - This project, funded through the NOAA FIS grant competition, will document historical catch and length estimates using historic photos from 1940s – 70s from athe headboat fleet in Daytona Beach, FL. The project will use an online crowdsourcing platform (Zooniverse) to build a project that will allow citizens to be trained to identify species in the images. Once species are verified, one key species will be selected for length analysis to document lengths. The project is anticipated to begin in Spring 2019.

### XIII. SAFMC SEDAR ACTIVITIES

#### A. Current SAFMC Assessment Projects

#### 5. Project: Atlantic Cobia

Range: SAFMC

Type: Benchmark

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

- a. SAFMC Actions
  - i. Schedule Approval:
    - (a) ✓ Stock ID: Fall 2017 by SEDAR Steering Committee
    - (b) ✓Assessment: June 2018
  - ii. TOR Approval:
    - (a) √ Stock ID: Fall 2017 by SEDAR Steering Committee
    - (b) ✓Assessment: June 2018
  - iii. Appointments
    - (a) ✓ Stock ID Workshop: Dec 2017
    - (b) ✓ Panels: June & September 2018
  - iv. SSC Review: TBD
  - v. Council Review: TBD
- b. Workshops
  - i. Stock ID
    - (a) Charleston, SC, April 10-12, 2018
    - (b) ✓ Meeting Request: send to Cindy: Dec 2017
    - (c) ✓ FRN: send to Kim: Feb 2018
  - ii. Data
    - (a) Charleston SC, January 14-18, 2019
      - POSTPONED DUE TO SHUTDOWN.
    - (b) ✓ Meeting Request: June 2018
    - (c) ✓ FRN: September 2018
  - iii. Assessment Via Webinars
  - iv. Review
    - (a) September 10-12, 2019
    - (b) Meeting Request:
    - (c) FRN:
- c. Final report Dissemination: October 16, 2019
- d. SSC Review: October 2019
- e. Council Review: December 2019

#### SAFMC SEDAR Tasks Overview

Plan Year	Stocks	Approach	SSC TORS & Reps	Council TORS/sched	Appoint	SSC Review	Council Action
2018	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	4/2018	6/2018	6/2018	4/20	6/20
	Gr Amberjack	Standard	10/2017	12/2017	12/2017	4/19	6/19

	Red Porgy	Standard	10/2017	12/2017	12/2017	10/19	6/19
	King Mackerel	Benchmark	4/2018	6/2018	9/2018		
2019	Snowy Grouper	Standard	10/2018	12/2018	12/2018	4/2020	6/2020
	Golden Tilefish	Standard	10/2018	12/2018	12/2018	4/2020	6/2020
	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	4/2018	6/2018	9/2018	4/2020	6/2020
	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Res Track	10/2018	12/2018	3/2019	4/2021	NA
2020	Red Snapper	Res Track	10/2019	12/2019	12/2019	TBD	NA
	Scamp	Operational	4/2021	6/2021	TBD	10/2021	12/2021
	Spanish Mackerel	Standard	10/2019	12/2019	12/2019		
	Gag	Standard/U	10/2019	12/2019	12/2019		

#### **B.** Future SAFMC Priorities

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
	64	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2017	Fall 2019	FL FWCC
2010	36U	Snowy Grouper	Update	2018	Sept 2020	SEFSC
2019	66	Golden Tilefish <sup>2</sup>	Standard	2018	April 2020	SEFSC
	68	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	TBD	Mid-2020	SEFSC
		FUTURE PRIORITI	ES IDENTIFIED BY	SAFMC		
		Red Snapper	Research Track			SEFSC
2020 <sup>3</sup>		Spanish Mackerel	Operational			SEFSC
20205		Gag	Operational			SEFSC
		Scamp (cont.)	RT/Operational			SEFSC
		Gray Triggerfish	Research Track			SEFSC
		Black Sea Bass	Operational			SEFSC
2021		Red Grouper	Operational			SEFSC
		Red Snapper (cont.)	RT/Operational			SEFSC
		Mutton Snapper	Benchmark			FL FWCC
		White Grunt	Research Track			SEFSC
2022		Gray Triggerfish (cont.)	RT/Operational			SEFSC
2022		TBD by Spring 2020				
		TBD by Spring 2020				

#### C. SEDAR Steering Committee Meetings

1. 2019 Spring In-Person Meeting: May 16-17 2019 (following CCC)

2019 Fall Meeting: TBD. Webinar.

#### **D.** Complete SEDAR Projects List

I. SEDAR Assessment Projects

Start Year	SEDA R#	SPECIES & JURISDICTION	Assessment Track	Terminal Year of	Available to
				Data	Cooperator
2002	1	SAFMC red porgy	Benchmark	2001	2003

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	37	FL FWC hogfish	Review	2012	August 2014
	38	SAFMC and GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2012	August 2014
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	39	HMS smoothhound sharks, Gulf and Atlantic	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
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	46	CFMC data limited stocks	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
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### XIV. SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

Lead Staff: Mike Errigo

#### A. Appointments and Financial Disclosures

- 1. Financial Disclosures
  - a) Notify SSC & SEP members to submit annual disclosure: January 7, 2019 Done:
  - b) Submit financial disclosures for existing members to NMFS/SERO: February 1, 2019 Done:
  - c) Submit financial disclosures for new applicants to NMFS/SERO: May 1, 2019
- 2. Annual Appointments June Council Meeting
  - a) Advertise applications being accepted: March 29, 2019. Done:
    - 1) Newsletter, website, email to SSC/Council, AFS list servers, etc.
- 3. Notify members whose terms expire of need to reapply: March 29, 2019. Done:.
  - a) Application Materials Due: April 26, 2019
    - 1) Cover letter, CV, Financial Disclosure for new applicants
    - Financial Disclosures for new Applicants submitted to NMFS: May 1, 2019 (min. of 6 weeks before the Council mails appointments)
    - 3) Review Appointments by Council: June 10-14, 2019
    - 4) Letters to applicants: June 24, 2019

#### **B.** SSC January 25

- 1. January 23 (9:00 am 1:00 pm)
  - a) Location: Webinar POSTPONED DUE TO SHUTDOWN
  - b) SSC Date Notification: November 30, 2018. Done: 12/18/18
  - c) Federal Register notice due December 11, 2018. Sent: 11/28/18
  - d) Briefing materials Due: January 7, 2019. Done:
  - e) BB to John for Review: January 9, 2019. Done:
  - f) BB Distribution & Posting: January 11, 2019. Done:
  - g) Rescheduled to February 25 (9:00 am 1:00 pm)
- 2. Agenda
  - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: January 14, 2019. Done:
  - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: January 28, 2019. Done:
  - c) Final: February 25, 2019. Done:
  - d) Agenda Items:
    - 1) ABC workgroup

#### C. SSC – April 9-11, 2019

- 2. April 9 (1:30) April 11, 2019 (3:00)
  - h) Location: (Charleston, SC)
  - i) Meeting Request: December 12, 2018. Done: 11/29/18
  - j) TO Request: February 8, 2019. Done:
  - k) SSC Date Notification: January 29, 2019. Done:
  - 1) Travel Memo: February 25, 2019. Include all invited presenters. Done:
  - m) Federal Register notice due February 21, 2019. Sent:
  - n) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, agenda: February 18, 2018. Done:
  - o) Briefing materials Due: March 18, 2019. Done:
  - p) BB to John for Review: March 22, 2019. Done:
  - q) BB Distribution & Posting: March 26, 2019. Done:
- 3. Agenda
  - e) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: January 14, 2019. Done:
  - f) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: January 28, 2019. Done:
  - g) Final: February 25, 2019. Done:
  - h) Agenda Items:
    - 1) ABC workgroup
      - i. 3<sup>rd</sup> Highest
      - ii. ABCs for unassessed stocks
    - 2) SEFSC Research Update
    - 3) MRIP Revision Assessments
    - 4) ABC Control Rule Amendment
    - 5) Council Workplan Update
    - 6) South Atlantic Ecosystem Model presentation
    - 7) SEDAR
    - 8) SEP report
    - 9) Elections

#### D. SEP – April 8 & 9, 2019

- 1. ✓ April 8 (1:30 p.m.) April 9, 2018 (12:00 p.m.)
  - a) Location: Charleston, SC
  - b) Federal Register notice sent.
  - c) Briefing materials by 3/25/19. Done.
- 2. Agenda Items:
  - a) TBD

#### E. SSC – October 15-17, 2019

- 1. October 15 (1:30 p.m.) October 17, 2018 (3:00 p.m.)
  - a) Location: (Charleston, SC)
  - b) Hotel Cutoff:
  - c) Meeting Request: June 1, 2019. Done:

- d) TO Request: July 28, 2019. Done:
- e) SSC, SERO & SEFSC Date Notification: July 10, 2019. Done:
- f) Travel Memo: August 26, 2018. Include all invited presenters. Done:
- g) Federal Register Notice due September 17, 2019. Sent:
- h) SEFSC/SERO memos including BB deadline, presentations, DRAFT agenda: August 26, 2019. Done:
- i) Briefing materials due: September 24, 2019. Done:
- j) BB to John for Review: September 27, 2019. Done:
- k) BB Distribution & Posting: October 1, 2019. Done:
- 2. Agenda
  - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: July 23, 2019. Done:
  - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: August 6, 2019. Done:
  - c) Final: August 24, 2019. Done:
  - d) Agenda Items (In Priority Order):
    - a. TBD
    - b. ABC Control Rule
    - c. SEDAR Activities
    - d. SEFSC Research update
    - e. SERFS trends update

### XV. 2019 ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

#### A. Snapper Grouper AP- Myra

✓ April 24, 1:30 pm – 26, 12 noon Location: TBD Federal Register notice sent Briefing materials posted by. Done.

#### B. Mackerel/Cobia AP – Christina

TBD – Spring 2019 Location: TBD Federal Register notice sent \_\_\_\_\_. Briefing materials posted by \_\_\_\_\_. Done \_\_\_\_\_.

#### C. Dolphin Wahoo AP – John Hadley

Potential meeting in Fall of 2019 (early October)

#### D. Law Enforcement AP– Myra

TBD Location: Charleston, SC Federal Register notice sent Briefing materials posted by. Done.

#### E. Snapper Grouper AP – Myra

-TBD Location: Charleston, SC Federal Register notice sent . Briefing materials posted by. Done.

#### F. I&E AP – Amber/Cameron

January 29-30, 2019 Location: Charleston, SC Federal Register notice sent 11/29/2018 Briefing materials posted by 1/15/19

#### G. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

✓ May , 2019 Location: Charleston, SC Federal Register notice sent . Briefing materials posted by . Done .

#### H. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

November , 2019 Location: St. Petersburg, FL Federal Register notice sent . Briefing materials posted by . Done

#### J. Deepwater Shrimp, Coral, and Golden Crab APs (Joint)

TBD Location: Federal Register notice sent Briefing materials posted by

#### K. Spiny Lobster AP - Christina

May 7, 2018 Location: Webinar Federal Register notice sent 4/5/18. Briefing materials posted by4/23/18. Done 4/23/18.

### XVI. PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SCOPING MEETINGS

The Council generally holds scoping meetings and public hearings during the last week in January and the first week in February. A second round is generally scheduled in August.

#### ✓ Public Hearings and Scoping – January 2019

Public Hearings and scoping will be done by webinar.

#### Scoping -

Rec AMs:/ABC CR	Webinar #1 – Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at 6 pm
	Webinar #2 – Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6 pm

Scoping:

- 1. Federal Register Notice by 12/14/2018.
  - a) Notice sent to NOAA done 2018.
  - b) Publish notice done 2018.
- 2. Document preparation
  - a) Scoping
    - 1. Summary documents posted by 1/7/2019. Done 1//2019
    - 2. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 1/7/2019.
      - i. Comments due by 5 pm on 2/1/2019 using online public comment form.
      - ii. Informal Q & A Webinars public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm.

### **XVII. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS**

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1<sup>st</sup> full week in March; (2) 2<sup>nd</sup> full week in June; (3) 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September; and (4) 1<sup>st</sup> full week in December.]

#### **2019 Meeting Locations**

1. March 4-8, 2019 – Jekyll Island, GA Westin Jekyll Island 110 Ocean Way Jekyll Island, GA 31527

### 2. June 10-14, 2019 – Stuart, FL

Marriott Hutchinson Island 555 NE Ocean Blvd. Stuart, FL 34996

#### 3. September 16-20, 2019 – Charleston, SC

Town & Country Inn 2008 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC 29407

#### 4. December 2-6, 2019 – Wilmington, NC

Hotel Ballast 301 N. Water St. Wilmington, NC 28401

#### **2020** Meeting Locations

1. March 2-6, 2020 – Jekyll Island, GA Westin Jekyll Island 110 Ocean Way Jekyll Island, GA 31527

#### 2. June 8-12, 2020 – Key West, FL

Key West Marriott Beachside 3841 N Roosevelt Boulevard Key West, FL 33040

#### 3. September 14-18, 2020 – Charleston, SC

Town & Country Inn 2008 Savannah Highway Charleston, SC 29407

#### 4. December 7-11, 2020 – Wrightsville Beach, NC

Blockade Runner Beach Resort 275 Waynick Boulevard Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

#### **Committee Meeting Schedule**

The following committees will meet in the months indicated on a regular basis; special meetings can be scheduled as needed:

- (1) SEDAR every meeting
- (2) SSC Selection June
- (3) AP Selection June & December
- (4) Law Enforcement June & December (if needed?)
- (5) Habitat and Ecosystem June & December
- (6) I&E December
- (7) Executive Finance every meeting
- (8) Personnel December
- (9) Protected Resources as needed; status update will be given at full Council when committee does not meet.
- (10) HMS as needed
- (11) Citizen Science as needed
- (12) SOPPs as needed
- (13) Dolphin Wahoo- every meeting unless directed otherwise

## XVIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR RUN-THRU CONFERENCE CALLS – 2019/2020

Committee chair/vice-chair run-throughs are scheduled for the Wednesday following the Friday that the briefing book is published. In November, this frequently falls on the day before Thanksgiving. When that happens, the committee chair run-through will be scheduled for the Monday after Thanksgiving. All Council members who will be chairing a committee at the upcoming meeting are requested to attend. All run-throughs are scheduled to begin at 2 PM. Please call in using 1-800-444-2801, and when asked, use code 9768992.

February 19, 2019*	February 19, 2018
May 29, 2019	May 27, 2018
September 4, 2019	September 2, 2018
November 20, 2019	November 30, 2018**

\*February 19, 2019 is a Tuesday, not the normal Wednesday date. This is to accommodate the beginning of the FWC meeting that starts on 2/20/19.

\*\*The Wednesday following the BB posting is the day before Thanksgiving, therefore the run through will be the Monday after Thanksgiving.

### XIX. COMMITTEE AGENDA SENT TO CHAIR FOR REVIEW

The following committees are scheduled to meet at the March 2019 Council meeting. Agendas are to be sent to chair and vice chair of each committee NLT February 1, 2019.

Tab	Committee	Staff	Date Sent
	Personnel	Waugh	
	SEDAR	Carmichael	
	SOPPs	Waugh	
	Habitat/Ecosystem	Pugliese	
	Snapper Grouper	Brouwer	
	Dolphin Wahoo	Hadley	
	Executive/Finance	Waugh	
	Mackerel Cobia	Wiegand	

## XX. ACTIVE AMENDMENTS DOCUMENT UPDATED

Staff responsible for each Fishery Management Plan will ensure that after each Council meeting, the Active Amendments document found on the Office Share drive will have it updated. For the March 2018 Council meeting, the Active Amendments Document needs to be updated no later than **October 19, 2018**.

Date Completed	<u>Staff</u>
12/11/18	Carmichael
12/18/2018	Collier
12/11/2018	Hadley
12/11/2018	Cheuvront
12/18/2018	Pugliese
12/11/2018	Brouwer
12/11/2018	Wiegand

## XXI. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND DECEMBER 2018 MEETING

*Items from the committee reports (Timing & Task motion) from the last Council meeting are inserted here.* 

#### A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

- 1. Obtain input for the Vision Blueprint biennial evaluation via webinars and listening stations, as appropriate, in August 2018 and during the fall 2018 Snapper Grouper AP meeting.
- 2. Complete the evaluation of the Spawning SMZs System Management Plan by December 2018.
- 3. ✓Conduct meeting with wreckfish shareholders in late June/early July 2018.
- 4. ✓ Prepare the Wreckfish ITQ Review document for the September December 2018 meeting for approval or further direction.
- 5. ✓Request that the SSC review the FWRI selectivity study during their October 2018 meeting and recommend whether to include in interim analysis for red snapper (added to October 2018 agenda)
- 6. Obtain information on highly migratory species recreational permit for possible inclusion in Amendment 46
- 7. ✓Request that the presentation on gray triggerfish discard mortality be delivered to the SSC during their October 2018 meeting and request recommendation on the utility of the size limit given the new information (may get delayed to 2019 due to other priorities)
- 8. ✓ Make requested modifications to Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26
- 9. ✓ Prepare Regulatory Amendment 28 for formal review and submit
- 10. ✓ Prepare Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 to consider approval for formal review in September 2018
- 11. ✓ Begin work on an abbreviated framework amendment to adjust catch levels of vermilion snapper and black sea bass –
- 12. Prepare Regulatory Amendment 29 to be approved for public hearings at March 2019 meeting
- ✓ Prepare Regulatory Amendment 32 to be considered for formal review in December 2018
- 14. ✓ Update Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 for review in December and approval for formal review
- 15. ✓ Prepare Vision Blueprint regulatory amendment 27 for submission
- 16. Request presentation from SERO permits office for March 2019 (draft letter sent to GW on 12/11/18)
- 17. ✓ Include item on December agenda to review snapper grouper commercial fishery characterization
- 18. Prepare white paper on spearfishing for the Council to review in March or June 2019 (will be done for June 2019)
- 19. ✓ Submit Abbreviated Framework 2 for formal review
- 20. Finalize Regulatory Amendment 26 and submit to the NMFS

- 21. Direct staff to bring white paper on DW species regional allocations to June 2019 meeting
- 22. Conduct public hearings on Amendment 42 (sea turtle release gear requirements and framework modifications) during the March 2019 meeting.
- 23. Include SG FMP objectives evaluation material (from 2014 visioning project) in March 2019 BB
- 24. Include a SG commercial permit application in the March 2019 BB
- 25. Develop a webpage/story map to update stakeholders on progress to date on Vision Blueprint activities during 2016-2018 and bring to the committee in March or June 2019 for approval
- 26. Request presentation from SERO Permits to be delivered to the SG Committee during March 2019 (see attached list of questions/topics) draft letter sent to GW on 12/11/18
- 27. Hold scoping for Recreational AMs amendment via webinar prior to the March 2019 Council meeting.
- 28. Prepare a draft allocation trigger review policy based on Council discussion for March 2019.
- 29. Prepare Regulatory Amendment 30 (red grouper) for approval for formal review in March 2019.

#### B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Roger

- 1. ✓ Staff will collaborate with SALCC supporting South Atlantic Ecosystem model workgroup and Ecopath model development so a fully parameterized model will be presented during the fall SSC meeting. Ongoing.
- 2. ✓ Staff will continue to work with regional partners and SECOORA to refine regional ocean observing priorities and long-term build out planning by integrating Council needs for ocean observing data, tools and new technology to better characterize and monitor fish, fish habitat and fisheries operations. Facilitated Ocean Observing Session during May Habitat Ecosystem AP Meeting.
- 3. ✓ Staff will continue developing a Joint Coral and Shrimp Amendment and bring back a coping document at the June 2018 meeting including options for VMS in the golden crab fishery..
- 4. ✓ Staff will develop a document outlining the different transit provisions for the shrimp vessels regarding gear storage.
- 5.  $\checkmark$  Send comment letter to BOEM by 3/9/18.
- 6. ✓ Staff will collaborate with SALCC supporting South Atlantic Ecosystem model workgroup and Ecopath model development so a fully parameterized model will be presented during the fall SSC meeting- Development on schedule for completion.
- 7. ✓ Staff will continue to work with regional partners and SECOORA to refine regional ocean observing priorities and long-term build out planning by integrating Council needs for ocean observing data, tools and new technology to better characterize and monitor fish, fish habitat and fisheries operations Facilitated Ocean Observing Session during May Habitat Ecosystem AP Meeting and Hartig Participation at SECOORA meeting.
- 8. ✓ Staff will develop a document outlining the different transit provisions for the shrimp vessels regarding gear storage.

- 9. Support completion of the South Atlantic Ecopath model for the fall SSC meeting.
- 10. Staff work with regional partners and SECOORA to refine regional ocean observing priorities to better characterize and monitor fish, fish habitat and fisheries operations.
- 11. Submit online comment to BOEM on Path Forward for Renewable Energy by 7/5/18.
- 12. Prior to February CCC meeting staff will prepare the following support information to inform and support SAFMC input during the joint session during the March Council meeting:
  - a. Table of recreational and commercial species in the Snapper Grouper and Coastal Migratory Pelagic Management Units for MA/NE regions in pounds caught including identification of management jurisdiction, to include non-managed species
  - b. Table of management and coordination alternatives available to the Council to address species change in distribution and movement north
  - c. Pros and cons on permits
  - d. Tables of ACL for managed species
- 13. Coordinate with MAFMC and NEFMC to re-schedule the joint session on species expanding north for the March 2019 SAFMC meeting.

#### C. Golden Crab – Brian

1.  $\checkmark$ Work on developing alternatives for VMS in the golden crab fishery.

#### **D.** Mackerel/Cobia – Christina

- 1. ✓Determine how the Marine Recreational Information Program deals with tournament landings when making landing and effort estimates.
- 2. ✓ Prepare CMP Framework Amendment 6 for public hearings and for the September 2018 Council meeting.
- 3. ✓ Prepare CMP Amendment 31 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.
- 4. ✓ Prepare CMP Framework 6 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

#### E. Dolphin Wahoo – John H.

- 1. ✓Postpone development of Dolphin Wahoo 10 until MRIP revisions have been completed in 2018.
- 2. ✓Compile summary document of actions from DW 10 and potential items for future amendments for discussion during the DW Committee in December 2018.
- 3. Send a response letter to the Mid-Atlantic Council stating that the South Atlantic Council is interested in gathering additional information on bullet and frigate mackerel and further investigating the potential to add the two species to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP as ecosystem components.
- 4. Prepare a white paper for the March 2019 meeting on:

The concept of adding prey species to a fmp as an ecosystem component as well as regulatory parameters and mechanisms for doing so.

How other councils have addressed unmanaged prey species through designating them as ecosystem components in fishery management plans and potential management options.

Additional background information on fisheries for bullet and frigate mackerel. Identifying other major prey species for dolphin and wahoo (flying fish and squid). 5. Prepare Amendment 10 for review at the March 2019 meeting.

#### F. Shrimp – Chip

1. Work on developing alternatives for a rock shrimp allowable fishing area(s).

#### G. Law Enforcement - Myra

1. ✓ Draft letters to winner and runner up for 2017 LEOY sent to Gregg on 6/26/18

#### H. SEDAR – John Carmichael

1. none

#### I. SSC Selection – Mike Errigo

- 1. ✓ Draft and send letters to all the SSC members that were reappointed to the SSC for another 3-year term.
- 2. ✓Draft and send letters to all the SSC members that decided not to reapply to the SSC thanking them for their service.
- 3. ✓ Draft and send a letter to Dr. Yan Li and Dr. Chris Dumas announcing their appointments to the SSC for 3-year terms.
- 4. ✓ Draft and send letters to all the other applicants who applied for positions on the SSC but were not appointed, thanking them for their applications.

#### J. AP Selection – Kim

- Work with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council staff to publicize open seats and solicit applicants for the Council's advisory panels as appropriate. Note: This was completed for the Mackerel Cobia AP and the new Cobia Sub-panel in September 2016 but will be ongoing as seats become available for the Mackerel Cobia and Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panels. Ongoing.
- 2. ✓Readvertise open seats on the System Management Plan Workgroup for September 2018 meeting. Done
- 3. Include a description of the NGO representatives when advertising open positions on species-specific advisory panels. Ongoing.
- 4. ✓ Readvertise the SC Open Seat on the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel. Done
- 5. Advertise open seats on the advisory panels as needed for appointments at the March 2019 meeting.
- 6. Have staff continue to provide summary tables in the meeting Agenda/Overview and include the Woofoo Summary table as part of the briefing book materials. Include attendance records for reapplicants. Ongoing.
- Readvertise the following seats for consideration by the AP Selection Committee during its March 2019 meeting: Remaining sector-specific seats for the System Management Plan Workgroup; Habitat AP – 1 NC Commercial, 1 FL Commercial, and 1 At-Large Research/Geologist Seat; and Snapper Grouper AP – 1 SC Open Seat and 1 GA Open Seat. All other open seats will be advertised as needed for consideration by the AP Selection Committee during its March 2019 meeting.
- 8. Standardize the format for all AP Reports to be consistent when presented to Council committees.

#### K. Data Collection – John Carmichael

None

#### L. Protected Resources – Christina

None

#### M. Spiny Lobster – Christina

- 1. ✓ Develop draft Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 with approved actions and alternatives to be approved for public hearings at the June 2018 meeting.
- 2. ✓Work with FWC to identify how artificial habitat regulations are enforced in Florida state waters.
- 3. ✓Prepare Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 for public hearings at the September Council meeting.
- 4. ✓ Revise the language for the enhanced cooperative management protocol and procedure as directed.
- 5. ✓Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare SL Amendment 13 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

#### N. HMS – John H.

- 1. ✓ Send a letter to HMS outlining the comments and concerns of the Council in regards to the use of bottom longline gear in spawning SMZs and to update the coordinates for the Charleston Deep Artificial Reef site. (Completed 8/28/18)
- 2. ✓ Send a letter to HMS outlining the comments and concerns of the Council in regards to the pelagic longline EFP. (Completed 6/20/18)
- 3. Draft letter to HMS concerning the impact of large coastal sharks on fisheries managed by the SAFMC to be reviewed in March.

#### **O.** Executive/Finance – Gregg/Mike

- 1. Provide Legislative Updates to all Council members ongoing.
- 2. Continue to work with the SEFSC and ACCSP to have the data available through ACCSP and compliance with PARR ongoing.
- 3. Revise the Priorities based on guidance received ongoing.
- 4. ✓Work with CCC to increase the penalties for non-reporting. (On Feb 2018 CCC agenda.)
- 5. Continue working with the CCC on MSA issues. Ongoing
- 6. The committee directed staff to use a postcard to have individuals "Opt-in" to keep getting hard copy newsletter and other materials.
- 7. If comments on Reauthorization are requested, staff is to develop a draft response and circulate to all Council members before finalization.
- 8. ✓Directed staff to revise the Draft 2018 Budget for the June meeting.
- 9.  $\checkmark$  Revise the Priorities based on guidance received.
- 10. ✓ Prepare a draft list of regulations for removal for the Advisory Panels to review; coordinate with NMFS and NOAA GC; and bring a revised list to the June meeting. Publicize the public's opportunity to comment and provide suggestions prior to the June meeting.

- 11. Schedule a session to discuss "Atlantic Coast-Wide Species Movements" at the September Council meeting. Invite the MAFMC and NEFMC to attend and participate.
- 12. Directed staff to prepare a list of priority species and research the process used to extend jurisdiction of the CMP FMP; provide for discussions at the May CCC meeting; and bring results to the June Council meeting.
- 13. Establish a list of Council members willing to be a mentor to new Council members.
- 14. Draft comments for Council review on items from the CCC meeting.
- 15. Modify the format for Decision Documents to have the wording of actions before the tables; the Committee find the standardization very helpful.
- 16. Directed staff to modify the draft 2018 agendas for the September meeting and include the recommendations from the Personnel Committee; address the major recommendations for the Committee's consideration.
- 17. Directed staff to work on the following items for Scoping/Public Hearings prior to the September 2018 meeting:
  - a. Spiny lobster 13 PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - b. King mackerel CMP Framework 6 PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - c. SG Reg 30 red grouper rebuilding PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - d. Reg 32 yellowtail AMs
  - e. Reg 29 best practices & powerheads
  - f. Abbrev. Framework 2 VS & BSB PH @ Sept. Council Mtg. only
  - g. SG Amend 47 for hire (webinars only in August)/additional scoping in Sept/Oct
- 18. Directed staff to work on the following items to be included on the September 2018 agenda:
  - h. Visioning (Commercial) Reg Amend 27
  - i. Spiny lobster 13 PH & Final Action
  - j. CMP Framework 6 PH & Final Action
  - k. Reg 32 Yellowtail AMs
  - 1. Visioning (Recreational) Reg Amend 26
  - m. Reg 30 red grouper rebuilding
  - n. Abbrev. Framework 2 VS & BSB PH & Final Action
  - o. Reg 29 best practices & powerheads
  - p. Snapper Grouper Amendment 47
- 19. Structure the Council agenda to have meetings begin at 8:30 am and end at 5:00 pm.
- 20.  $\checkmark$  Send letter to NMFS with recommended regulations to be removed. Done 6/26/2018.
- 21. Directed staff to develop a specific process and date for Committee Chairs to review agendas for committees prior to finalizing the briefing book.
- 22. Directed staff to prepare comment letters as indicated in the CCC report.
- 23. Directed staff to prepare a draft approach for looking at tiers based on workload for list of items to be addressed at each Council meeting.
- 24. Directed staff to prepare draft comments on the Senate Staff Working Draft MSA Reauthorization bill. Comments from Council members are due to Gregg Waugh by 12/13/18; a draft letter to the Chair on 12/14/18; and final comments sent on 12/18/18.
- 25. Directed staff to prepare draft comments on the SHIFT bill. This bill may be introduced in the current session. If so, we will not have time to get our comments to them in time. Staff will monitor and prepare comments for the Chair's review if the timing works out.

- 26. Directed staff to prepare draft comments on the simplified S. 1520 bill. This bill may be introduced in the current session. If so, we will not have time to get our comments to them in time. Staff will monitor and prepare comments for the Chair's review if the timing works out.
- 27. Directed staff to prepare a draft 2019 Calendar Year (CY) January-December budget for review at the March 2019 meeting based on guidance provide at the December 2018 meeting.
- 28. Directed staff to work on the following items for the March 2019 Council meeting:

SG Reg 30	Red Grouper Rebuilding
SG Reg 31/DW Reg 2	Rec Accountability Measures Modifications
SG Reg 29	Best Practices & Powerheads
DW 10	ACL sharing, OY, and other actions
SG 45/GC 11/Sa 4/C 11	ABC Control Rule
	Wreckfish ITQ Review
SG 42	Sea Turtle Release Gear & Framework Modifications
	Review of Allocation Triggers Policy

#### P. ABC Control Rule – John Carmichael

1. None

#### Q. Citizen Science – Amber/John Carmichael

1. None

#### R. SOPPs

- 1. Work with NOAA GC to clarify how State representatives can participate on interdisciplinary plan development teams as outlined in the handbook.
- 2. Work with NOAA GC to clarify how State representatives can participate on interdisciplinary plan development teams as outlined in the handbook.
- 3. Revise the Handbook based on the approved changes, add any additional recommendations after reviewing the Gulf Council's Handbook, add any additional suggestions from staff, and provide to the Personnel Committee prior to their meeting.
- 4. Incorporate any changes received on the SOPPs and have ready for the committee in June 2018.
- 5. Work with NOAA GC to clarify identified issues in the Handbook.
- 6. Revise the Handbook based on the approved changes for use at the March 2019 meeting.
- 7. Schedule a Partially Closed SOPPs Committee at the March 2019 meeting.

#### S. Full Council – Gregg

- 1. Update the Priorities and Follow up after each Council meeting. Ongoing.
- 2. Email Council members when the late documents are posted.
- 3. For future briefing books, if we know ahead of time that a new document will be produced, don't include a draft document in the first Briefing Book.
- 4. Include Outlier EFP Requests to the February CCC meeting agenda and provide the requested input by December 11, 2017.
- 5.  $\checkmark$  Send letter to HMS stating concerns and suggestions on the PLL EFP: (done 3/16/18).

- send comments received in online comment form
- send meeting minutes of this Discussion and March 2017 discussions
- overlap of this project with SAFMC managed habitat areas was not considered
- quarterly evaluation of data, reduce number of sets, examples of SMP
- 6. Request the appropriate body develop the protocol for third party assessments that allow the SEFSC to run the next assessment. In progress. SSC will review in October 2018.

# XXII. March 4-8, 2019 – Jekyll Island, GA – Draft

#### Westin Jekyll Island 110 Ocean Way Jekyll Island, GA 31527

ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (2/15/19 @ NOON).

- 1) FIRST MEMO /19 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF /19 @ 5 pm local time.
- 3) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF 2/8/19 @ 5 pm local time.
- 4) BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 2/12/19 AT NOON.
- 5) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/14/19 BY NOON
- 6) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 2/14/19 AT 5 PM
- 7) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 2/15/19 BY NOON
- 8) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 2/15/19
- 9) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH 2 pm 2/20/19.
- 10) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 3/8/19

[\_\_\_\_\_\_- GMFMC liaison]

Gregg – memo to Roy [Note: see committees & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]; memo by 1/15/19. Done

Gregg – memo to Clay [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 1/15/19. Done \_\_\_\_\_

Specific needs:

#### Monday, March 4, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### 8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Information & Education Committee/Spud Woodward (TAB 1)

- 1. Information & Education AP Report
  - a. Overview Cameron Rhodes
  - b. AP Report Scott Baker/Cameron Rhodes
  - c. Committee Action: Guidance and Action as needed Spud Woodward- ACTION

#### 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 PM <u>Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)</u>

- 1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review NMFS SERO
  - a. Vision Blueprint RA 26 sent to NMFS 1/24/19
  - b. Vision Blueprint RA may not be sent for formal review by March meeting
  - c. Abbreviated Framework 2
- 3. Status of 2019 Red Snapper Season
  - a) Overview NMFS SERO
  - b) Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance Jessica McCawley ACTION

- 4. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a) Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b) Committee Action: Review, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 5. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
  - a) Overview John Hadley
  - b) Committee Action: Review and provide guidance Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 6. Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear & Framework Modifications)
  - a) Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b) Committee Action: Review and consider approval for formal review Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 7. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a) Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b) Committee Action: Review and provide guidance Jessica McCawley ACTION

#### 12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Lunch

#### 2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 3)

- 1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas NMFS SERO
- 2. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
  - a. Overview John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping Anna Beckwith ACTION
- 3. White Paper on potential Ecosystem Component species
  - a. Overview John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: As needed Anna Beckwith ACTION

# Tuesday, March 5, 2019COMMITTEE MEETINGS8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOONHabitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management<br/>Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)

- 1. Atlantic Coast-Wide Discussions: How to address species movement northwards?
  - a. Overview of CCC Discussions Gregg Waugh & Jessica McCawley
  - b. NEFMC Views Dr. John Quinn (Chair), Terry Stockwell (Vice Chair) and Tom Nies (ED)
  - c. MAFMC Views Mike Luisi (Chair), Warren Elliott (Vice Chair) & Dr. Chris Moore (ED)
  - d. SAFMC Views Jessica McCawley (Chair), Gregg Waugh (ED) & Roger Pugliese (Sr. Fishery Scientist)
  - e. ASMFC Views Bob Beal (ED)
  - f. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed Dr. Wilson Laney ACTION
- 2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and Regional Partner Coordination Roger Pugliese
  - a. Overview Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed Dr. Wilson Laney **ACTION**
- 3. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems
  - a. Overview Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed Dr. Wilson Laney **ACTION**

#### 12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

#### 1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. <u>Snapper Grouper Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)</u>

- 8. NMFS SERO Permits Office Presentation
  - a) Presentation Overview Kevin McIntosh, NMFS SERO
  - b) Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 9. Results of Recreational Workshops
  - a. Introductory Remarks Kellie Ralston, ASA
  - b. Overview Dr. Kari Buck
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 10. Spearfishing White Paper
  - a. Overview Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 11. Guidance on agenda items for SG AP meeting
  - a) Overview Myra Brouwer
  - b) Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 12. Review Vision Blueprint Evaluation outreach materials for public input
  - a. Overview Myra Brouwer/Cameron Rhodes
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 13. Spawning Special Management Zone Report Outline
  - a. Overview Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley ACTION

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2019COMMITTEE MEETINGS

### 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Committee of the Whole (TAB 5)

- 1. SG 45/Golden Crab 11/Sargassum 4/Coral 11/Dolphin Wahoo 14 (ABC Control Rule)
  - a. Overview John Carmichael
  - b. Scoping Comments Review John Carmichael
  - c. SSC Comments Dr. George Sedberry
  - d. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 2. Recreational AMs Amendment
  - a. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Scoping Comments Review Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 3. Allocation Review Trigger Policy
  - a) Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b) Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 4. Allocation Discussion
  - a. Overview Council Staff
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION

#### 12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

#### 1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. <u>Mackerel Cobia Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)</u>

- 1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO

- a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia) sent to NMFS 7/13/2018
- b. CMP Framework 6 (King mackerel trip limits) sent to NMFS 11/9/2018
- 3. King mackerel commercial trip limits in the Atlantic southern zone.
  - a. Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Doug Haymans ACTION
- 4. Spanish mackerel closures in the Atlantic northern zone.
  - a. Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Doug Haymans ACTION
- 5. CMP Framework Amendment 7 (Modifications to Gulf cobia size limits).
  - a. Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Doug Haymans ACTION
- 6. Discussion of Agenda Items for Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Meeting
  - a. Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Doug Haymans ACTION

#### 3:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. <u>Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)</u>

- 1. Ranking of Amendments for work schedule:
  - a. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Discussion and Guidance Jessica McCawley ACTION

#### Wednesday, March 6, 2019 PUBLIC COMMENTS

# 4:00 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

#### **Approval for Formal Review:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear/SG Framework Procedure)
- (2) Gulf Council Carry Over Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster)

#### **Approval for Scoping:**

(1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)

#### **Approval for Public Hearings:**

(1) None

#### Other Items of Interest:

- (1) Grouper Amendment 45/Sargassum Amendment 4 & Coral Amendment 11 (ABC Control Rule)
- (2) Recreational Accountability Measures Amendment
- (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
- (4) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (5) Wreckfish ITQ Review

#### Thursday, March 7, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### 8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. <u>AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 8)</u>

- 1. Appointments to Open AP Seats
  - a. Overview Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations ACTION

#### 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)

- 1. Assessment Activities Update
  - a. Overview John Carmichael

- b. Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 2. SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance
  - a. Overview John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley ACTION

#### 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON <u>SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (PARTIALLY CLOSED)</u> (TAB 10)

- 1. Harassment/Professional Conduct Discussion Closed Session
  - a. Overview Jessica McCawley/Chester Brewer
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance Chris Conklin ACTION
- 2. SAFMC Handbook
  - a. Overview of Proposed Changes Gregg Waugh
  - **b.** Committee Action: Develop recommendations on changes Chris Conklin **ACTION**

#### Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

# Thursday, March 7, 2019COMMITTEE MEETINGS1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.Executive Finance Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)

- 1. Status of February & May 2019 CCC Meetings
  - a. Overview Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 2. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
  - a. Overview Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 3. CCC Working Paper
  - a. Overview Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 4. Draft Calendar Year (CY; January-December) 2019 Operational Budget
  - a. Overview of Executive Finance Committee Webinar Recommendations Gregg Waugh/Kelly Klasnick
  - b. Committee Action: Review and approve draft operational budget Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 5. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
  - a. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**

#### **3:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. BREAK**

# Thursday, March 7, 2019COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

[Legal Briefing on Litigation – Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION) if needed] 4:00 - 4:10 Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley

- 4:10 4:45 Council Staff Reports ACTION
  - 1. Executive Director's Report (TAB 11, Attachment 1) Gregg Waugh
  - 2. MyFishCount Update (TAB 11, Attachment 2) Kelsey Dick/Dr. Chip Collier
  - 3. Gulf Council Carry Over Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster)/Approve for formal review (**TAB 11, Attachment 3**) Christina Wiegand/Ryan Rindone
  - 4. Citizen Science Update John Carmichael
  - 5. Draft letter to HMS stating concerns over the impact of large coastal sharks on fisheries managed by the SAFMC (**TAB 11, Attachment 4**) John Hadley

#### 4:45 – 5:00 NMFS SERO Presentations – ACTION

- 1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
- 2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
- 3. Status of Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 sent to NMFS 11/19/18
- 4. Protected Resources Updates (TAB 11, Attachment 5) Jenny Lee
- 5:00 5:15 NMFS SEFSC Presentation ACTION
  - 1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program
  - 2. Status of MRIP Conversions
- 5:15 5:30 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary ACTION

#### Friday, March 8, 2019 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11) 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 Noon

- 8:30 9:30 <u>Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)</u>
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 9:30 9:45 <u>Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)</u>
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 9:45 10:00 Information & Education Committee Report/Spud Woodward (TAB 1)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 10:00 10:15 Habitat Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
- 10:15 10:20 SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION

10:20 - 10:45 <u>AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 8)</u>

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 10:45 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 11:15 Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 3)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 11:15 11:30 Committee of the Whole (TAB 5)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 11:30 11:35 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 10)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 11:35 11:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate ACTION
- 11:45 12:05 MREP Update Alexa Dayton
- 12:05 12:15 Agency and Liaison Reports (TAB 11, Attachment 6) ACTION
- 12:15 12:25 Other Business ACTION
- 12:25 12:30 Upcoming Meetings (TAB 11, Attachment 7) ACTION
- 12:30 ADJOURN

# XXIII. June 10 - 14, 2019 – Stuart, FL – Rough Draft

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ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (5/24/19 @ NOON).

- 1) FIRST MEMO /19 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF /19 @ 5 pm local time.
- 3) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF 5/17/19 @ 5 pm local time.
- 4) BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 5/21/19 AT NOON.
- 5) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 5/23/19 BY NOON
- 6) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 5/23/19 AT 5 PM
- 7) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 5/24/19 BY NOON
- 8) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 5/24/19
- 9) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH 2 pm 5/29/19.
- 10) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 6/14/19

[\_\_\_\_\_\_- GMFMC liaison]

Gregg – memo to Roy [Note: see committees & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]; memo by 4/24/19. Done

Gregg – memo to Clay [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 4/24/19. Done

Specific needs:

#### Monday, June 10, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 1)

- 1. Appointments to Open AP Seats
  - a. Overview Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations ACTION

#### SSC Selection Committee/Anna Beckwith (CLOSED) (TAB 1)

- 1. Appointments to Open SSC Seats
  - a. Overview Dr. Mike Errigo
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations ACTION

#### SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (PARTIALLY CLOSED?) (TAB 2)

- 1. Appointments Closed Session
- 2. Assessment Activities Update
  - a.

3. SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance

#### SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 3)

- 1. SAFMC Handbook
  - a. Overview of Proposed Changes Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations on changes Chris Conklin ACTION

#### Tuesday, June 11, 2019COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Citizen Science Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 8)

- 1. Update on Citizen Science Program & Projects
  - a. Presentation on Program Development Research Project Dr. Jennifer Shirk
  - b. Overview of Citizen Science Projects Amber Von Harten
  - c. Committee Action: As needed Mel Bell ACTION

#### Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 5)

- 1. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems
  - a. Overview Roger Pugliese
  - b. Review Spring Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report
  - c. NOAA Fisheries EBFM Implementation Plan; Final South Atlantic Region
  - d. Committee Action: Action as needed Wilson Laney ACTION

#### Joint Habitat Ecosystem, Shrimp, and Golden Crab Committee

- 1. Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment 10 Access areas/Transit provisions/GC VMS
  - a. Overview Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider approval for scoping Doug Haymans

#### 12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

#### Tuesday, June 11, 2019COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### **Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)**

- 1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review NMFS SERO
  - a. VB Reg 26 & 27
  - b. Am 42
- 3. Snapper Grouper AP Report
- 4. SSC Report
- 5. SERFS Update?
- 6. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a) Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b) Committee Action: Review public hearing comments and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley
- 7. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding) if needed

- a) Overview John Hadley
- b) Committee Action: Review and consider recommending for formal review -Jessica McCawley
- 5. Amendment 38 (Blueline Tilefish)
  - a) Overview Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley
- 6. Amendment 46 (Recreational Permits and Reporting)
  - a) Overview Dr. Chip Collier
  - b) Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley
- 7. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a) Overview Brian Cheuvront
  - b) Committee Action: Review and consider recommending for formal review -Jessica McCawley
- 8. White Paper on Spearfishing?
  - c) Overview Myra Brouwer
  - d) Committee Action: Action as needed Jessica McCawley

#### **Committee of the Whole**

- 1. SG 45/CG 11/Sargassum 4/C 11 (ABC Control Rule)
  - a. Overview John Carmichael
  - b. SSC Report Dr. George Sedberry
- c. Document Review: Approve wording of Actions and Alternatives
- 2. SG Reg 31/DW Reg 2 (Recreational Accountability Measures)
  - a. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Action, as needed
- 3. Allocation Review Trigger Policy
  - a. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Action, as needed and consider for sending to NMFS

#### Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)

- 1. Status of recreational and commercial catches versus quotas- NMFS SERO
- 2. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
  - a. Overview John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Anna Beckwith

#### Mackerel Cobia Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 7)

- 1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia) sent to NMFS 7/13/2018
  - b. CMP Framework 6 (King mackerel trip limits) sent to NMFS 11/9/2018
- 3. Discussion of stakeholder concerns
  - a. Overview Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed Doug Haymans

#### Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell

1. Review AP Report -

- a. Overview Myra Brouwer
- b. Committee Action: Action as needed Mel Bell

#### **Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley**

- 1. Ranking of Amendments for work schedule:
  - a. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Discussion and Guidance Jessica McCawley

#### Wednesday, June 12, 2019PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

#### **Approval for Formal Review:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
- Approval for Scoping:
  - (2) ????

#### **Approval for Public Hearings:**

#### **Other Items of Interest:**

- (6) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (7) Snapper Grouper Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass)

#### Thursday, June 13, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

#### Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley

- 3. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
  - c. Overview Gregg Waugh
  - d. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 4. Draft CY 2018 Budget
  - e. Overview Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
  - f. Committee Action: Review and approve budget Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 5. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
  - g. Overview Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - h. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley ACTION
- 6. CCC Working Paper
  - i. Overview Gregg Waugh
  - j. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**
- 7. Issues to Comment On (policies, rules, etc. from NMFS)
  - k. Overview Gregg Waugh
  - 1. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff Jessica McCawley **ACTION**

#### Lunch 12:00 NOON - 1:30 P.M.

 Thursday, June 13, 2019
 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

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