



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

### **ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: June 11-15, 2018 COUNCIL MEETING**

#### **TIMING:**

SAFMC Draft Follow Up Agreement by: 6/27/18. Done. 7/12/18.

Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 6/29/18. Done 7/12/18.

Approved by SAFMC & NMFS Staffs: 7/11/18. Done. 7/26/18

SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 6/26/18.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 7/30/18. 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 7/16/18. Done 7/30/18.



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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.

✓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) ✓SSC review – October 2017.
- e) ✓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

Amendment work to begin July 2018 (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 2018 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 2018 SAFMC meeting.
- c) Others???

Proposed Draft Timing 2018-19:

- a) Council guidance to prepare amendment – June/September 2018
- b) Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – December 2018
- 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 – March 2019
- g) IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by June 2019
- h) Committee/Council reviews amendment/DEIS, selects any remaining preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings – June 2019
- i) Public Hearings – July/August 2019; in person. FR notice due to Kim by \_\_\_\_\_
- j) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment, approve all actions – September 2019
- k) Committee/Council approve for formal review December 2019.
- l) 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 \_\_\_\_/19.
- p) DEIS published \_\_\_\_/2019. Comment period ends \_\_\_\_/2019.
- 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 \_\_\_\_/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/20.
- v) Send to Council &AP. Date sent \_\_\_\_\_.
- w) Post to web site. Date posted \_\_\_\_\_.
- x) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/20.

**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 DeVactor, Jeff Pulver (LAPP Branch)
- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Joanne McNeill (biologist), Larry Perruso (economist)
- d) NOAA GC: Shepherd Grimes
- e) NOAA OLE:

**2. Proposed Timing**

- a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2018
- b) ✓Committee/Council review approve for scoping – April 2018
- c) ✓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) Council review draft document and provides guidance and approve for public hearings – /18.
  - g) FRN for public hearings due:
  - h) Public Hearings – /18.
  - i) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – /19
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 43 - Red snapper - Chip**

At the June 2017 meeting the SAFMC changed the focus of Amendment 43 to just be an ACL definition action.

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVictor, Frank Helies (SERO Co-Lead) (Fishery Biologist), Nikhil Mehta (SERO Co-Lead), David Records (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kate Siegfried, David Carter
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
  - e) ✓NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement)
- 2. Proposed Draft Timing:
  - 1 ✓Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016.
  - 2 ✓Council review draft options paper – June 2016.

- 3 ✓Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- 4 ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice due to Kim by December 19, 2016. FRN submitted 12/16/16.
- 5 ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2017

See note above about refocusing Amendment 43 at the June 2017 meeting.

In June 2017, Council voted to send Amendment 43 to public hearings Public Hearings in August 2017. FR notice due to Kim 28 days in advance. There will be one Q&A webinar and three PH webinars, with an in person PH at the Council's September 2017 meeting.

At September 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 43 for Secretarial review Date done 9/25/17.

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) ✓IPT leads review completed by 11/9/2017.
- b) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 11/13/2017.
- c) ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 11/20/2017.
- d) ✓NOA published 4/16/18; comments due by 6/15/18.
- e) ✓Proposed Rule published 5/17/18.
- f) Send to Council & AP. Date done 5/17/18.
- g) Comments due by 6/18/18. Date done 6/18/18.
- h) Final Rule published 7/26/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 7/26/18.
- i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done 7/26/18.
- j) Post to web site. Date done 7/27/18.
- k) Regulations effective 7/26/18.
- l) Fishery Bulletin published on 7/26/18.

**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. This amendment is expected to become active once the two visioning amendments are completed.

1. IPT Team:

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront, John Hadley (SAFMC Co-lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b) ✓NMFS 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: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-18:

- 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) ✓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.
- e) ✓Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – March 2017 -- the Council approved a motion to suspend work on Amendment 44 until revised MRIP data are available.
- f) ✓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) ✓At March 2018 meeting the Council directed staff to begin development of a framework amendment (Regulatory Amendment 32) to address short-term 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.

**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 Chevront, 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) ✓NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras (Office of Law Enforcement)

2. Proposed Draft Timing:

- a) ✓Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016, December 2017.
- b) ✓Council review draft options paper –December 2017, March 2018.
- c) ✓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 notice due to Kim by July 2018. FRN submitted \_\_\_\_\_.~~
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_.
- c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by \_\_\_\_\_ 2018. Done \_\_\_\_\_/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 Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

#### **Amendment 47 - Snapper Grouper For-Hire Permit Modifications – John Hadley**

Lead staff: John Hadley

1. IPT:

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Hadley (SAFMC Lead/Economist), Christina Wiegand (Social Scientist), Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Myra Brouwer, and Mike Errigo (Data)
- b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore, (NMFS Lead), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Denise Johnson (Economist), Jessica Stephen and Britni Lavine (Data Analysts), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), Jenny Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Rich Malinowski, Rick DeVictor
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Ken Brennan, David Carter
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) ✓NOAA OLE: Tracey Dunn/Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2018-19:

NOTE: Guidance from Dec 2016 Council meeting was to prepare a white paper on limited entry for charter/headboat permits for Snapper Grouper only. White paper reviewed in March 2017 and the Council continued discussion in June 2017. In June 2017, the Council directed staff to prepare an options paper on a moratorium for for-hire Snapper Grouper permits to be reviewed at the December 2017 meeting. In December 2017, the Council directed staff to prepare a simplified options paper for the March 2018 meeting that is similar to the scoping document put together for SG Amendment 43. At the March 2018 meeting, the Council provided additional input on the options paper, added an option to examine the defacto harvest closure for Snapper Grouper species in state waters when the species are closed to harvest in federal waters, and directed staff to prepare a scoping document for review at the June 2018 meeting but did not approve the amendment for scoping. In June 2018, the Council provided input on the scoping document, added an option that would create identifying numbers on for-hire permits, and approved the amendment for scoping via webinar before the September 2018 meeting.

- a) ✓ Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance – June 2016, September 2016, December 2016, March 2017, June 2017, September 2017, December 2017, March 2018, and June 2018.
- b) ✓ Council directed staff to start work on an amendment at the June 2017; this amendment is not a priority
- c) ✓ Approved to go to Scoping – 6/18.
- d) Scoping in August 2018. Done: /18.
- e) FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- f) IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by \_\_\_\_\_
- g) Committee/Council review scoping comments – September 2018.
- h) Committee/Council review draft amendment and additional scoping comments – December 2018.
- i) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for public hearing – \_\_\_\_\_ 2019
- j) Public Hearings – /2019. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- k) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – /19
- l) 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 \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - i. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - ii. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. Comments due by \_\_\_\_/19.
- p) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - i. Send to Council, AP Date \_\_\_\_\_
  - ii. Post to web site
  - iii. Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - iv. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.

### **Abbreviated Framework Amendment 1 - Red grouper ACL - Brian**

At the September 2017 meeting the SAFMC directed staff to develop an abbreviated framework to just be an ACL definition action.

#### **1. IPT:**

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Myra Brouwer
- b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Frank Helies (SERO Lead) (Fishery Biologist), Tony Lamberte (Economist), Mike Larkin (Data), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Joelle Godwin (Regulations Writer), Mary Wunderlich (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)
- c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer

- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) ✓NOAA OLE: (Office of Law Enforcement)

2. Proposed Draft Timing:

- a) ✓Council discuss red grouper management and provide guidance to staff – June 2017, September 2017.
- b) ✓Public Hearing – December 2017 at December Council Meeting in Atlantic Beach, NC.
- c) ✓FRN submitted 11/13/17.
- d) ✓At December 2017 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Abbreviated Framework Amendment 1 for Secretarial review. Date done 12/4/17.

3. Document preparation for formal review:

- a) ✓IPT leads review completed by 12/14/17.
- b) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text by 12/21/17.
- c) ✓SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 12/22/17. Done 12/21/17.
- d) ✓Proposed Rule published 4/3/18.
- e) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 4/3/18.
- f) ✓Comments due by 5/3/18. Date done 5/3/18.
- g) Final Rule published 7/26/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 7/26/18.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done 7/26/18.
- i) Post to web site. Date done 7/27/18.
- j) Regulations effective 8/27/18.
- 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.

2. 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: (Office of Law Enforcement)

3. Proposed Draft Timing:

- a) Council discuss red grouper 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 /18.
4. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) IPT leads review completed by 10/1/18.
  - b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by 10/4/18.
  - c) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by 10/5/18. Done /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 Chevront, 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: TBD (Tracy Dunn or 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) ✓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) ✓ Provide guidance on actions & alternatives – September and December 2017
  - g) ✓ 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) Council takes final action – 2018. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
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) 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
  - j) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - k) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - l) 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 Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
  - b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVactor, 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: TBD
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 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) ✓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) Council takes final action – September 2018. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
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) NOA published \_\_\_\_\_/18; comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/18.
  - e) Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/19. Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - h) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - i) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/19.
  - j) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

**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
- a) ✓ Purpose: Mid-term review of progress on the implementation of the Vision Blueprint and stakeholder perceptions.
  - b) Timing: Needs to be revised. Meetings/webinars with stakeholders: Summer/fall 2018 and during SG AP Fall 2018 meeting. Council review: December 2018
  - c) Tasks:
    - a. 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:
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) 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 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:

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 – December 2018
- f) Public Hearings – January/February 2019.
- g) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – March 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) ✓NMFS 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) NOA published \_\_\_\_/18; comments due by \_\_\_\_/18.
- e) ✓NOAA GC: Monica Smit-Brunello

- f) ✓NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓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) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – 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 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

**Regulatory Amendment 32 – Yellowtail AMs - Myra**

Staff lead: Myra Brouwer

- 1. IPT:
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (lead), Brian Chevront, Mike Errigo, John Hadley, Christina Wiegand
  - b) ✓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: No formal assignment. Manny Antonaras on IPT emails
- 2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – 3/9/18
  - b) ✓Council review options paper and approve for scoping – June 2018.
  - c) Council review scoping comments and provide guidance – September 2018

- d) Approve for public hearings – September 2018
  - e) Public Hearings – Fall 2018.
  - f) Committee/Council review draft amendment, public comment, approve all actions and approve for formal review – 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 \_\_\_\_/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 Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/18.

### **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, Christina Package-Ward, Mike Jepson
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson, David Gloeckner
  - d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Shep Grimes
  - e) ✓NOAA OLE: Kevin P. Mitchell
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 – \_\_\_\_ 2018
  - e) Committee/Council approve for formal review – \_\_\_\_ 2018

### **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) ✓SSC Review – April 2015
  - e) ✓Council sees final report – June 2015
  - f) ✓Council reviews final report – September -> December 2015 -> March 2016



- g) ✓ 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 June 2019 meeting.
- b) Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 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) ✓IPT meeting – 12/10/14
- c) ✓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) ✓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
- l) ✓IPT revise document as necessary – September/October
- m) ✓SSC review – October 2015
- n) ✓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 –
- l) 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) IPT revises document, as necessary –
  - c) Snapper Grouper AP input –
  - d) SSC input –

- e) Council reviews/approves Draft SMP –
- f) IPT revise document as necessary –
- g) Public input –
- h) Council reviews comments/document and provides guidance –
- i) IPT revise document as necessary –
- j) SSC review –
- k) IPT meeting held –
- l) Snapper Grouper AP input –
- m) Council reviews input and approves Final SMP –
- n) Document revised and distributed – . Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- o) Include with the Council’s research needs list provided to NMFS. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- p) 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.

**Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management-related Meetings/Coordination (2018)**

1. The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination have been scheduled:
  - a) ✓SECOORA Board Meeting – Sarasota, Florida - January 25-26, 2018
  - b) ✓Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 15-16, 2018  
Charleston, SC
  - c) ✓SECOORA Board, Member, and Stakeholder Meeting Charleston, SC  
May 22-24, 2018
  - d) Society for Conservation GIS July 15-19, 2018 Monterey, CA
  - e) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 24-26, 2018,  
FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL
  - f) SALCC Steering Committee Meeting Summer 2018
  - g) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup Webinar Summer 2018
  - h) SEAMAP Species Assessment and Habitat Characterization Workgroup  
Meeting - SA Fisheries, South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Summer 2018
  - i) MTS Oceans 2018 Industry Coordination supporting ocean  
technology/potential test beds in South Atlantic region. September 2018  
Charleston, SC
  - j) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting, November, 2018 FWRI, St.  
Petersburg, FL

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

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
January, 2015 – December, 2017	Coordination with Regional Partners in support of: 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.)	By Meeting
✓ April 7-8, 2015	Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting: redraft of EFH Policy Statements for Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Engineering Projects and a new policy statement on Artificial Reefs. FEP II Sessions on Threats/Impacts of Fishing on Habitat and Research and Monitoring.	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓ September 2017- December 2017 (ongoing discussion w/ESRI & FWRI)	Collaboration meeting with Oceans Program Staff on refinement and enhancement of GIS capabilities, spatial presentations and online platforms and tools that would better support regional fish, fish habitat and fishery management in the South Atlantic region	GIS Society and Oceans 2017
✓ June 2017 (ongoing)	FEP II Section/EFH Update FEP II Dashboard: Links to Revised Sections, Sections in FMPs, Amendments or FEP I	Facilitated Demo June 2017
✓ June 2017 (ongoing)	Other FEP II Section Facilitated Webinars: Threats, Protected Species and Anadromous and Catadromous Species Links Provide to Detailed Information on Other Managed Species ASMFC, MAFMC, NEFMC and NMFS (HMS, Protected Species provided through FEP II Online System	Facilitated June 2017 Demo
✓ June 2017 (ongoing)	Council Managed Species - In lieu of section revision, refine Ecospecies online system. Facilitated webinars for managed species/snapper grouper team and engagement of species experts.	Facilitated Webinars/ Meetings May 2017
June 2017 (ongoing) Final accessible through link in FEP II	Collaboration on Development of NMFS Regional Action Plan Supporting Climate Science for inclusion into FEP II: Review and Revise Strawman (Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC) (Council comments provided to NMFS SEFSC on Draft	Climate and Fisheries Workshops Facilitate Development



✓ Accessible through link in FEP II Dashboard	March 24, 2017 Review and Revise Strawman (Climate Writing Team and NMFS SERO/SEFSC) (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	March 2017
September 2017 – March 2018	Section on South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity. Expanded on individuals named and organizations identified at June Council meeting and engage technical expertise from SA regional ecosystem partners and modeling workshop participants. Habitat/Ecosystem AP provided edits to Section May 2017. Final approved March 2018	Facilitated Webinars  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) ✓ 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 DeVactor, 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 – Monica Smit-Brunello.

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

- e) ✓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) ✓ Anna drafts amendment with options and distributes to Team by 3/26/12
- h) ✓ Team provides edits to Anna and Karla by 5/21/12
- i) ✓ 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~~
- l) ✓ 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 Hilton Key Largo Resort 97000 South Overseas Highway Key Largo, Florida 33037 Phone: 305-852-5553	August 8, 2012 Doubletree Hotel 2080 N. Atlantic Avenue Cocoa Beach, Florida 32931 Phone: 321-783-9222
August 7, 2012 Jacksonville Marriott 4670 Salisbury Road Jacksonville, FL 32256 Phone: 904-296-2222	August 6, 2012 Richmond Hill City Center 520 Cedar Street Richmond Hill, GA 31324 Phone: 912-445-0043
August 14, 2012 Hilton Garden Inn Airport 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, SC 29418 Phone: 843-308-9330	August 16, 2012 Hilton New Bern/Riverfront 100 Middle Street New Bern, NC 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585

- g) ✓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
- ✓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) ✓IPT completes analyses
- e) ✓January 16, 2013 – IPT conference call
- f) ✓submits written sections to Karla and Anna
- g) ✓– revised document sent to IPT
- h) ✓comments due back from IPT
- i) ✓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.
- l) ✓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 species-specific observer requirements.

✓ At the June 2014 meeting, the Council received an 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) ✓ 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.

- a. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- k) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/18. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- l) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.
- m) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/18.
- n) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- o) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- p) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/18.
- 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) ✓SAFMC Team: Chip Collier (lead), Brian Chevront, 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:

2. Proposed Timing

- a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – March 2018
- b) ✓Council review options paper – June 2018.
- c) ✓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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- k) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/19.



l) 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) ✓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) ✓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) ✓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) ✓SAFMC takes final action – June 2018.
- c) ✓GMFMC takes final action – June 2018.

#### **4. Document preparation for formal review:**

- a) IPT leads review completed by \_\_\_\_\_.
- b) Council chair reviews document & codified text by \_\_\_\_\_
- c) Document submitted to NMFS: /18. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

### **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. ✓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. ✓Submit FRN for scoping webinar. Done 2/12/18.
- d. ✓Scoping briefing materials posted to website. Done 2/16/18.
- e. ✓Scoping webinar. Done at Council Meeting 3/7/18.
- f. ✓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. SAFMC takes final action – September 2018.

#### **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. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.

## **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) ✓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) ✓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) ✓GMFMC sends to NMFS for formal review. Done 7/12/2017.
  - d) ✓Document submitted to NMFS. Date done 7/12/17.
  - e) ✓Proposed Rule published 2/2/18.
  - f) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 2/2/18.
  - g) ✓Comments due by 3/4/18.
  - h) ✓Final Rule published 6/22/18.
  - i) ✓Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done 6/22/18.
  - j) ✓Post to web site. Date done 6/22/18.
  - k) ✓Regulations effective 7/23/18.
  - l) 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

## **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) ✓ NOAA GC – Monica Smit Brunello

#### **2. Timeline:**

- a) ✓ 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) ✓ December 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
- l) ✓ 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) ✓ May 2016: SSC Review
- q) ✓ June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements
- r) ✓ 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) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text 2/27/17
- b) ✓Document submitted for final review: 3/4/2017.
- c) ✓NOA published 3/14/18
- d) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 3/14/18.
- e) ✓Comments due by 5/13/18. Date done 5/13/18.
- f) ✓Proposed Rule published 4/4/18.
- g) ✓Send to Council & AP. Date done 4/4/18
- h) ✓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.
- l) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_\_/18.
- m) Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_\_/18.

## **IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO**

Lead Staff: John Hadley

### **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 14 – 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
- b) ✓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 DeVactor, 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) ✓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) SAFMC Reviews actions and alts (with analyses and example applications of revised ABC CR): 2018.
- j) October 2018: SSC reviews document, examples, analyses
- k) SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings in 2019.
- l) Public hearings – August 2019
- m) SAFMC reviews public comments and makes final edits – September 2019
- n) 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 DeVactor (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:
2. Proposed Timing
  - a) ✓Council Guidance to prepare amendment – December 2017
  - b) ✓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 – /8.
  - e) FRN due: /18. Done \_\_\_\_\_
  - f) Scoping –
  - g) Council reviews scoping comments, draft amendment, and provides guidance –
  - 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:
  - 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 \_\_\_\_/20.
  - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
  - f) Comments due by \_\_\_\_/20. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.

- g) Final Rule published \_\_\_\_/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on \_\_\_\_/20.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- i) Post to web site. Date done \_\_\_\_\_.
- j) Regulations effective \_\_\_\_/20.
- k) 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 IPT to be determined after February 2013 Gulf Council meeting.
  - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), and Mike Errigo  
✓GMFMC Team: John Froeschke (GMFMS Lead), Assane Diagne (Economist), Ava Lasseter (Anthropologist)
  - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Rich Malinowski (NMFS Co-Lead), Scott Sandorf or Adam Bailey (Regulation Writer), (Economist), Christina Package-Ward (Anthropologist), Nick Farmer, David Dale (Habitat), Noah Silverman, (NEPA), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Kelly Moran (OLE).
  - c) ✓NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertlein, Shannon Calay, Larry Perruso (Economist).
  - d) ✓NOAA GC – Mara Levy.
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
  - ✓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: \_\_\_\_\_  
GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done \_\_\_\_\_.  
Document for final review: Done \_\_\_\_\_.  
Proposed rule  
Published: \_\_\_\_\_  
To Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Comments due to by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Final Rule  
Published: \_\_\_\_\_  
Fishery Bulletin Notice: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sent to Council, AP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
- c) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Sue Gerhart (NMFS co-lead), 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:

- a) Modify allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

3. Proposed Timing 2013/14:

- a) ✓ 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) ✓ 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) ✓ 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) ✓ 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.
- l) Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – SAFMC in \_\_\_\_\_ and GMFMC in \_\_\_\_\_
- m) Document submitted to NMFS – \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: timing will change based on Gulf Council decision.

### **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 co-lead), 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

**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.

1. IPT Team

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront, John Hadley (SAFMC Co-Lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues).
- b) ✓NMFS 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), Kevin Mitchell (Office of Law Enforcement), Rick DeVactor, Jack McGovern
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer, Scott Crosson
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

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) Public Hearings – ? FR notice information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by \_\_\_\_\_
- e) Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment –
- f) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review –
- g) 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.
- l) 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.

## **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
- b. ✓ 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. ✓ 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/Education
    - ✓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 @ 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
    - ✓March 26 @ 1pm – Volunteers
    - ✓March 28 @ 10am – Communication
    - ✓March 29 @ 2pm – Projects/Topics Management
    - ✓March 30 @ 10am – Data Management
  - iii. ✓FRN for Action Team meetings – to Kim 3/1/18
- l. 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. ✓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 Fitzgeralds, 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 – Action Team Webinar Meetings
  - i. Schedule of Meetings; TBD
  - ii. FRN for Action Team Meetings – to Kim on
- q. 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

### **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.

### **XIII. SAFMC SEDAR ACTIVITIES**

#### **A. Current SAFMC Assessment Projects**

##### **1. Project: SEDAR 50**

Species: Blueline Tilefish

Range: SA/GOM boundary through Mid-Atlantic

Type: Benchmark

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

##### **i. SAFMC Actions**

##### **a. Schedule Approval:**

(a) ✓ Stock ID: March 2016

(b) ✓ Assessment: June 2016

##### **b. TOR Approval:**

(a) ✓ initial: June 2016

(b) ✓ Modified: December 2016

##### **c. Appointments**

(a) ✓ Stock ID Workshop: March 2016

(b) ✓ Panels: June 2016, December 2016

##### **d. SSC Review: October 2017**

##### **e. Council Review: December 2017**

##### **ii. Workshops**

##### **a. ✓ Stock ID**

(a) Raleigh NC, June 28-30, 2016

(b) Meeting Request: sent to Cindy: 3/8/16

(c) FRN: sent to Kim: 5/18/16

##### **b. ✓ Data**

(a) Charleston SC, January 23-27, 2017

(b) Meeting Request:

(c) FRN: sent to Kim: 12/16/16

##### **c. ✓ Assessment**

(a) Atlantic Beach, NC, May 23-26, 2017

(b) Meeting Request: sent to Cindy: 12/14/16 (location changed to NC; 2/9/17)

(c) FRN: submit to Kim: 4/10/17

##### **d. ✓ Review**

(a) Morehead City, NC, August 29-31, 2017

(b) Meeting Request: send to Cindy: 4/10/17

(c) FRN: send to Kim: 7/10/17

##### **iii. Final report Dissemination: October 6, 2017**

##### **2. Project: SEDAR 56**

Species: Black Sea Bass

Range: SAFMC to Cape Hatteras

Type: Standard

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

##### **i. SAFMC Actions**

- ✓Schedule Approval: December 2016
- ✓TOR Approval: December 2016
- ✓Appointments: December 2016
- June 2017: Council approved decision to advance terminal year to 2016; schedule revised to accommodate this decision
- SSC Review: April 2018
- Council Review: June 2018

- ii. Workshops: None
- iii. Final report Dissemination: April 6, 2018

3. Project: **SEDAR 55**

Species: Vermilion Snapper  
Range: SAFMC  
Type: Standard  
Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

- i. SAFMC Actions
  - ✓Schedule Approval: June 2017
  - ✓TOR Approval: June 2017
  - ✓Appointments: June 2017
  - SSC Review: April 2018
  - Council Review: June 2018
- ii. Workshops: None
- iii. Final report Dissemination: April 16, 2018

4. Project: **MRIP Revisions**

Species: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass, Vermilion Snapper  
Range: SAFMC  
Type: Special Category: Revision of MRIP recreational data through the terminal year of the prior assessment. No other changes to the models will be considered.  
Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

- i. SAFMC Actions
  - a. Process discussion, including need for schedule, TORs, and panel:  
March 2017: Recommendation to delay until 2018, to include full 3 years of side by side comparison in the calibration There is an anticipated start date of mid-2018
  - b. ✓June 2017: Approved dropping Red Snapper from the revision list due to inability to develop management from the existing assessment.
  - c. ✓Requested that Red Grouper be the first species reassessed – March 2018
  - d. Schedule Approval: TBD
  - e. TOR Approval: TBD
  - f. Appointments: TBD
  - g. SSC Review: TBD
  - h. Council Review: TBD
- ii. Workshops: None

iii. Final report Dissemination: TBD

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, Tentatively, November 27-30, 2018

(b) Meeting Request: June 2018

(c) FRN: September 2018

iii. Assessment

(a) TBD

(b) Meeting Request:

(c) FRN:

iv. Review

(a) TBD

(b) Meeting Request:

(c) FRN:

c. Final report Dissemination: TBD

d. SSC Review: TBD

e. Council Review: TBD

## B. Future SAFMC Priorities

### 1. Steering Committee Approved Future Projects and Scheduling (As of May 2017).

Plan Year	SEDAR #	Stocks	Approach	Terminal Data	Assessment Complete	Lead Agency
2017	50	Blueline Tilefish	Benchmark	2015	Oct 2017	SEFSC
	55	Vermilion Snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	56	Black Sea Bass	Standard	2016	April 2018	SEFSC
	48	Black Grouper	HALTED			FL FWCC
	53	Red Grouper	Standard	2015	April 2017	SEFSC
2018	58	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	59	Greater Amberjack	Standard	2016	Dec 2018	SEFSC
	60	Red Porgy	Standard	2017	Mar 2019	SEFSC
	R	MRIP Revisions <sup>1</sup>	Revision	varies	TBD	SEFSC
	B	King Mackerel	Benchmark	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
2019	64	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	TBD	Fall 2019	FL FWCC
	S	Snowy Grouper	Standard	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
	S	Golden Tilefish	Standard	TBD	TBD	SEFSC
	RT	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	2017	Mid-2020	SEFSC

### 2. Future SAFMC Priorities

YEAR	STOCK	TYPE
2020	Red Snapper	Benchmark
	Spanish Mackerel	Standard
	Gag	Standard
2021	Gray Triggerfish	Benchmark
	Black Sea Bass	Update
	Red Grouper	Standard
2022	White Grunt	Benchmark

## C. SEDAR Steering Committee Meetings

1. 2018 Spring In-Person Meeting: May 2018 TBD  
(Intent is to schedule to enable participation of the new SEFSC director.)
  - a. Date Selected:
  - b. FRN due
  - c. BB Distribution:
2. 2018 Fall Meeting: September 2018. Webinar. Dates TBD
  - a. Date Selected by July 20, 2018
  - b. Meeting Request:
  - c. FRN:
  - d. BB Distribution:

## D. Complete SEDAR Projects List

### I. SEDAR Assessment Projects

- a) Updated following each SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting.  
As of May 2017

Start Year	SED AR #	SPECIES & JURISDICTION	Assessment Track	Terminal Year of Data	Available to Cooperator
2002	1	SAFMC red porgy	Benchmark	2001	2003
	2	SAFMC vermilion snapper & black sea bass	Benchmark	2001	2003
2003	3	SAFMC & GMFMC yellowtail snapper; ASMFC Atlantic menhaden & croaker (Review)	Benchmark	2001	2003
	4	SAFMC tilefish & snowy grouper	Benchmark	2002	2003
	5	SAFMC & GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2002	2004
	6	SAFMC & GMFMC goliath grouper & hogfish	Review	2001	2004
2004	7	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2003	2005
	8A	CFMC yellowtail snapper & spiny lobster	Benchmark	2003	2005
2005	8B	FL FWC spiny lobster	Review	2003	2005
	9	GMFMC vermilion snapper, greater amberjack & gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2004	2006
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2003	April 2005
	11	HMS large coastal sharks	Benchmark	2004	June 2006
2006	10	SAFMC & GMFMC gag grouper	Benchmark	2004	2006
	12	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2005	2006
	U	SAFMC red porgy	Update	2004	April 2006
2007	13	HMS small coastal sharks	Benchmark	2005	September 2007
	14	CFMC yellowfin grouper, mutton snapper & queen conch	Benchmark	2005	2007
	15	SAFMC greater amberjack & red snapper; FL FWC mutton snapper Review	Benchmark	2006	2007
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Update	2006	June 2007
2008	16	SAFMC & GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2006	March 2009
	17	SAFMC Spanish mackerel & vermilion snapper	Benchmark	2007	November 2008
2009	18	ASMFC Atlantic red drum	Benchmark	2007	October 2008
	19	SAFMC & GMFMC black grouper, SAFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2008	April 2010
	U	GMFMC gag, red grouper GMFMC red snapper	Update	2008	August 2009 December 2009
2010	20	ASMFC menhaden & croaker	Review	2008	March 2010
	21	HMS sandbar, dusky & blacknose sharks	Benchmark	2009	September 2011
	22	GMFMC yellowedge grouper & tilefish	Benchmark	2009	July/August 2011
	23	FL FWC Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2009	March 2011
	24	SAFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2009	October 2010
	U	FL FWC spiny lobster	Update	2009/2010	December 2010

	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2008	February 2011
2011	25	SAFMC black sea bass and golden tilefish	Standard	2010	October 2011
	26	CFMC silk snapper, parrotfish, and queen snapper	Benchmark	2010	December 2011
	27	GSMFC menhaden	Review	2010	December 2011
	27A	FL FWC Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2010	August 2012
	29	HMS GOM blacktip shark	Standard	2010	May 2012
	U	GMFMC vermilion snapper and gray triggerfish	Update	2010	December 2011
2012	28	GMFMC and SAFMC cobia and Spanish mackerel	Benchmark	2011	SA: December 12 Gulf: April 2013
	30	CFMC blue tang and queen triggerfish	Benchmark	2011	April 2013
	31	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2011	June 2013
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper and red porgy	Update	2011	October 2012
	U	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Update		2012
	U	FL FWC mutton snapper	Update	2011	August 2014
2013	32	SAFMC blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2011	September/
	32A	GSMFC menhaden	Review		November 2013
	33	GMFMC gag and greater amberjack	Benchmark	2012	April 2014
	34	HMS bonnethead and Atlantic sharpnose sharks	Standard	2011	October 2013
	36	SAFMC snowy grouper	Standard	2012	October 2013
	37	FL FWC hogfish	Review	2012	August 2014
	38	SAFMC and GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2012	August 2014
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2012	March 2013
2014	35	CFMC red hind	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
	39	HMS smoothhound sharks, Gulf and Atlantic	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
	41	SAFMC red snapper and gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016
	42	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2013	August 2015
	U	GMFMC red snapper	Update	2013	December 2014
	U	SAFMC gag grouper	Update	2012	April 2014
2015	43	GMFMC gray triggerfish	Standard	2013	July 2015
	44	ASMFC red drum	Review	2013	October 2015
	45	GMFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2014	March 2016
	46	CFMC data limited stocks	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
	47	FL FWC goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	June 2016
2016	49	GMFMC Data-limited species: red drum, lane snapper, wenchman, yellowmouth grouper, speckled hind, snowy grouper, Almaco jack, lesser amberjack	Benchmark	2014	December 2016
	50	SAFMC/MAFMC/Atlantic blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2015	October 2017
	53	SAFMC red grouper	Standard	2015	February 2017
	U	SAFMC tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016
	U	HMS dusky shark	Update	2015	July 2016

	U	GMFMC gag grouper	Update	2015	January 2017
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2015	March 2017
2017	48	FL FWC Southeastern US black grouper	Benchmark	2015	February 2018
	51	GMFMC gray snapper	Benchmark	2015	April 2018
	52	GMFMC red snapper	Standard	2016	March 2018
	54	HMS sandbar shark	Standard	2015	January 2018
	57	CFMC spiny lobster	Standard	2015	January 2018
	56	SAFMC black sea bass	Standard	2015	April 2018
	55	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2016	April 2018
2018	R	SAFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		2016	TBD
	R	GMFMC MRIP Catch Revisions		2016	TBD
	58	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	2016	Nov 2019
	U	HMS GoM Blacktip Shark	Update	2016	October 2018
	59	SAFMC Greater Amberjack	Standard	2016	Dec 2018
	60	SAFMC Red Porgy	Standard	2017	March 2019
	61	GMFMC Gray Triggerfish	Standard	2016	March 2019
	62	GMFMC Red Grouper	Standard	2016	January 2019
	63	GSMFC Menhaden	Review		December 2018



## **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 4, 2018  
Done: 1/8/18
  - b) Submit financial disclosures for existing members to NMFS/SERO:  
February 1, 2018 Done: Feb 1, 2018
  - c) Submit financial disclosures for new applicants to NMFS/SERO: May 1, 2018
2. Annual Appointments – June Council Meeting
  - a) Advertise applications being accepted: March 31, 2018. Done: 3/13/18.
    - 1) Newsletter, website, email to SSC/Council, AFS list servers. Etc.
3. Notify members whose terms expire of need to reapply: March 31, 2018.  
Done: 3/13/18.
  - a) Application Materials Due: April 28, 2018
    - 1) Cover letter, CV, Financial Disclosure for new applicants
    - 2) Financial Disclosures for new Applicants submitted to NMFS: May 1, 2018 (min. of 6 weeks before the Council mails appointments)
    - 3) Review Appointments by Council: June 11-15, 2018
    - 4) Letters to applicants: June 25, 2018

### **B. SSC – May 1-3, 2018**

1. May 1 (9:00) – May 3, 2018 (3:00)
  - a) Location: (Charleston, SC)
  - b) Meeting Request: December 21, 2017. Done: 12/21/17
  - c) TO Request: February 16, 2018. Done: 2/6/18
  - d) SSC Date Notification: January 29, 2018. Done: 2/5/2018
  - e) Travel Memo: March 12, 2018. Include all invited presenters. Done: 2/5/2018
  - f) Federal Register notice due March 27, 2018. Sent: 3/27/18
  - g) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, agenda: March 12, 2018. Done: 3/16/18
  - h) Briefing materials Due: April 9, 2018. Done: 4/13/18
  - i) BB to John for Review: April 13, 2018. Done: 4/17/18
  - j) BB Distribution & Posting: April 17, 2018. Done: 4/17/18
2. Agenda
  - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: February 6, 2018. Done: 2/6/18
  - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: February 20, 2018. Done: 2/20/18
  - c) Final: March 12, 2018. Done: 3/16/18

d) Agenda Items:

- 1) SSC member orientation
- 2) BLT ABC workgroup
- 3) RS ABC workgroup
- 4) SEFSC Research Update
  - i. Assessment Interim Analysis
- 5) SEDAR 56 Black Sea Bass review
- 6) ABC Control Rule Amendment
- 7) SEDAR 55 Vermilion Snapper review
- 8) Council Workplan Update
- 9) Regulatory Reform
- 10) Wreckfish ITQ review
- 11) Golden Tilefish ABC
- 12) SEDAR
  - i. Assessment priorities
  - ii. Cobia Stock ID update
  - iii. TORs & Schedules & Participants – Yellowtail, Scamp
- 13) Key Stocks Plan
  - i. Stocks to include, information, and interim analysis examples
- 14) SEP report
- 15) Elections

**C. SEP – February 6 & 7, 2018**

1. ✓February 6 (1:30 p.m.) – February 7, 2018 (2:30 p.m.)
  - a) Location: Crowne Plaza (North Charleston, SC)
  - b) ✓Federal Register notice sent 1/9/18.
  - c) ✓Briefing materials by 1/23/18. Done 1/23/18.
2. Agenda Items:
  - a) Update on recent Council actions
  - b) Update on the Citizen Science Program
  - c) Panel review of the Wreckfish ITQ review
  - d) Discussion on recreational reporting (Snapper Grouper Amendment 46)
  - e) Review analysis methods used in Snapper Grouper Amendment 27
  - f) Review outline for socio-economic report of SAFMC managed fisheries
  - g) Discussion on trip metrics used to estimate the economic impacts of recreational fisheries for SAFMC managed species
  - h) Presentation of results from the Socio-Economic Profile of the Commercial Snapper Grouper Fishery in the South Atlantic

**D. SSC – October 15-17, 2018**

1. October 15 (1:00 p.m.) – October 17, 2018 (1:00 p.m.)
  - a) Location: (Charleston, SC)
  - b) Hotel Cutoff:
  - c) Meeting Request: June 1, 2018. Done: 5/24

- d) TO Request: July 28, 2018. Done:
  - e) SSC, SERO & SEFSC Date Notification: July 10, 2018. Done: 5/25
  - f) Travel Memo: August 26, 2018. Include all invited presenters. Done:
  - g) Federal Register Notice due September 17, 2018. Sent:
  - h) SEFSC/SERO memos including BB deadline, presentations, DRAFT agenda: August 26, 2018. Done:
  - i) Briefing materials due: September 24, 2018. Done:
  - j) BB to John for Review: September 27, 2018. Done:
  - k) BB Distribution & Posting: October 1, 2018. Done:
2. Agenda
- a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: July 23, 2018. Done:
  - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: August 6, 2018. Done:
  - c) Final: August 24, 2018. Done:
  - d) Agenda Items (In Priority Order):
    - a. MRIP revised data review
      - i. Review info for all managed stocks
      - ii. Include ABCs for ORCS/Decision Tree Stocks
      - iii. Recalculate allocations in both pounds and numbers
    - b. MRIP revision assessments
      - i. Review and provide ABC recommendations
      - ii. Red Grouper, Black Sea Bass, Vermilion Snapper, Blueline Tilefish
    - c. ABC Control Rule
      - i. Example application to assessed stocks
      - ii. Review Amendment
      - iii. Resilience Factor Project (Time permitting)
    - d. FL FWC trap selectivity study
      - i. Relative to Red Snapper
      - ii. Review, consider recommendations to include in interim analysis
        - 1. If changes are recommended, will review at Spring 2019 meeting
    - e. SEDAR Activities
      - i. Schedule updates for Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy (may impact availability)
      - ii. TORs for Scamp, possibly for Snowy Grouper and golden Tilefish
      - iii. Participants for Scamp, possibly Snowy Grouper and golden Tilefish
    - f. Bag/Size Limit Analysis Workgroup
    - g. Amendments to Review
      - i. SG AM 47: For-Hire Permit Modifications
    - h. SEFSC Research update
    - i. Landings update
    - j. Discussion of F metrics (If time)
      - i. Follow up to May 2018 discussion regarding alternatives to Apical F

- ii. If no time, move to Spring 2019 meeting
- k. Gray Triggerfish release mortality study review (If time)
- l. SERFS update

## **XV. 2018 ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS**

### **A. Snapper Grouper AP- Myra**

✓April 11, 1:30 pm – 13, 12 noon

Location: Crowne Plaza, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418

Federal Register notice sent 3/23/18.

Briefing materials posted by 3/24/18. Done 3/24/18.

### **B. Mackerel/Cobia AP – Christina**

✓April 16, 8:30 am & 17, 1 pm

Location: Crowne Plaza, 4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd, North Charleston, SC 29418

Federal Register notice sent 3/23/18.

Briefing materials posted by 4/2/18. Done 4/2/18.

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

No meeting in 2018

Updates will be sent on joint amendments and request about rules on deleting actions

### **D. Law Enforcement AP– Myra**

✓April 18, 1:30 pm & 19, 5 pm

Location: Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent 3/23/18.

Briefing materials posted by 4/4/18. Done 4/4/18.

### **E. Snapper Grouper AP – Myra**

October 17 - 19

Location: Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent .

Briefing materials posted by 10/3/18. Done \_\_\_/18.

### **F. I&E AP – Amber/Cameron**

Meeting via webinar in Fall 2018 (Date TBD)

### **G. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger**

✓May 15 & 16, 2018

Location: Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent 3/18/18.

Briefing materials posted by 5/7/18. Done 5/7/18.

**H. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger**

November 6-7 (8?), 2018

Location: Sirata Beach Resort, St. Petersburg Beach, FL

Federal Register notice sent .

Briefing materials posted by . Done .

**J. Deepwater Shrimp and Golden Crab APs (Joint)**

April 25 and 26, 2018

Location: Daytona Beach, Florida

Federal Register notice sent 3/30/18 .

Briefing materials posted by 4/16/18 . Done 4/16/18.

**K. Coral AP**

May 9

Location: Webinar

Federal Register notice sent 4/12/18 .

Briefing materials posted by 4/26/18 . Done 4/26/18.

**L. Spiny Lobster AP - Christina**

May 7, 2018

Location: Webinar

Federal Register notice sent 4/5/18.

Briefing materials posted by 4/23/18. 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 2018**

Public Hearings and scoping will be done by webinar.

**Spiny Lobster:** ✓**Webinar #1 – Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6 pm**  
✓**Webinar #2 – Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 6 pm**

**CMP Amend 31:** ✓**Webinar #1 – Monday, January 22, 2018 at 6 pm**  
Listening Stations  
NC Division of Marine Fisheries' Central District Office  
5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City, NC 28557

Port Royal Sound Maritime Center  
310 Okatie Hwy, Okatie, SC 29909

GA Depart of Natural Resources' Coastal Management Division  
One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31523

✓**Webinar #2 – Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 6 pm**  
Listening Stations  
Hatteras Community Center  
57689 NC-12, Hatteras, NC 27943

✓**Webinar #3 – Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 6 pm**  
Listening Stations  
Haddrell's Point Tackle  
885 Ben Sawyer Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

Virginia Marine Resources Commission (The Maritime Building)  
2600 Washington Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Newport News, VA 23607  
(This listening station was organized by the VMRC)

Scoping – Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (bully nets/regs consistency)

1. Federal Register Notice by 12/11/2017
  - a) Notice sent to NOAA – done 12/08/2017.
  - b) Publish notice – done 12/19/2017.
2. Document preparation
  - a) Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
    1. Summary documents posted by 12/20/2017. Done 12/20/2017
    2. Amendments posted by N/A. Done \_\_\_\_\_
    3. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 12/20/2017.
      - i. Comments due by 5 pm on 2/9/2018.

- ii. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net).
- iii. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
- iv. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm.

Public hearings – CMP Amendment 31 (transfer of cobia management)

- 2. Federal Register Notice by 12/22/2017
  - c) Notice sent to NOAA – done 12/21/2017.
  - d) Publish notice – done 1/2/2018.
- 3. Document preparation
  - b) Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
    - 4. Summary documents posted by 1/9/2018. Done 1/9/2018.
    - 5. Amendments posted by 1/9/2018. Done 1/9/2018.
    - 6. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 1/9/2018. Done 1/9/2018.
      - v. Comments due by 5 pm on 2/9/2018.
      - vi. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net).
      - vii. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
      - viii. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm.

**Public Hearings and Scoping – April/May 2018**

Public Hearings and scoping will be done by webinar.

Scoping:

<b>SG Amend 42:</b>	✓ <b>Webinar #1 – April 23, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
(Sea Turtle Release Gear)	✓ <b>Webinar #2 – April 24, 2018 at 6 pm</b>

Public hearings:

<b>Visioning Amends:</b>	✓ <b>Webinar #1 – May 8, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
	<u>Listening Stations</u>
	Haddrell's Point Tackle
	885 Ben Sawyer Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464
	Council: Mark Brown, Mel Bell
	Staff: Cameron
	Southeast Regional Branch Library
	10599 Deerwood Park Blvd
	Jacksonville, FL 32256
	(904) 996-0325
	Council: Erika Burgess, Ben Hartig
	NC Division of Marine Fisheries
	Southern District Office



127 Cardinal Drive Extension  
Wilmington, NC 28405  
910-796-7215  
Council: Michelle Duval, Anna Beckwith

✓ **Webinar #2 – May 9, 2018 at 6 pm**

Listening Stations

Cocoa Beach Public Library  
550 North Brevard Avenue  
Cocoa Beach, FL 32931  
(321) 868-1104  
Council: Erika Burgess, Ben Hartig

NC Division of Marine Fisheries  
Central District Office  
5285 Hwy 70 West  
Morehead City, NC 28557  
252-726-7021  
Council: Michelle Duval & Anna Beckwith

✓ **Webinar #3 – May 10, 2018 at 6 pm**

Listening Stations

Murrells Inlet Community Center  
4462 Murrells Inlet Rd  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576  
(843) 651-4152  
Council Members: Chris Conklin, Mel Bell  
Staff: Kim

Marathon Government Center - BOCC  
2798 Overseas Hwy, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Marathon, FL 33050  
(305) 289-6036  
Council: Erika Burgess (perhaps Ben, don't know about Chester)

Hatteras Community Building  
57689 NC Hwy 12  
Hatteras, NC 27943  
(252) 986-2161  
Council: Michelle Duval & Anna Beckwith

**Public Hearings and Scoping – July/August 2018**

Scoping:

**SG Reg Amend 29 (Best Practices)**

**Webinar #1 – August 7, 2018 at 6 pm**

**Webinar #2 – August 8, 2018 at 6 pm**

## Webinar #1 – August 6, 2018 at 6 pm

## Webinar #2 – August 9, 2018 at 6 pm

## Webinar #3 – August 14, 2018 at 6 pm

## Webinar #1 – August 15, 2018 at 6 pm

## Webinar #2 – August 16, 2018 at 6 pm

### Scoping:

1. Federal Register Notice by 7/3/2018.
  - a) Notice sent to NOAA – done 7/2/2018.
  - b) Publish notice – done 7/18/2018.
2. Document preparation
  - a) Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
    1. Summary documents posted by 7/18/2018. Done 7//2018
    2. Amendments posted by N/A. Done 7//2018.
    3. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 7/18/2018.
      - i. Comments due by 5 pm on 8/15/2018.
      - ii. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net).
      - iii. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
      - iv. Informal Q & A Webinars – public watch presentation before Q & A; very short overview at start of webinar. All webinars start at 6 pm.

## Public Hearings and Scoping – October 2018 (schedule is tentative)

Scoping:

## ABC Control Rule

# Webinar #1

## Webinar #2

**SG Amend 47 (For-Hire Modifications)**

<b>Jacksonville, FL – October 1, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Melbourne, FL – October 2, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Jupiter, FL – October 3, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Key West, FL – October 4, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Manteo, NC – October 9, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Morehead City, NC – October 10, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Wilmington, NC – October 11, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Murrells Inlet, SC – October 29, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Mt. Pleasant, SC – October 30, 2018 at 6 pm</b>
<b>Hilton Head, SC – November 1, 2018 at 6 pm</b>

Scoping:

1. Federal Register Notice by 8/21/2018
  - a) Notice sent to NOAA – done //2018.
  - b) Publish notice – done //2018.
2. Document preparation

- a) Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
  - 1. Summary documents posted by 9/14/2018. Done //2018.
  - 2. Amendments posted by N/A. Done //2018.
  - 3. Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on 9/14/2018.
    - i. Comments due by 5 pm on 11/2/2018.
    - ii. Email address for public comments: [mike.collins@safmc.net](mailto:mike.collins@safmc.net).
    - iii. Let people know to use the amendment name in the subject line.
    - iv. 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.]

### **2018 Meeting Locations**

- 1. ✓ March 5-9, 2018 – Jekyll Island, GA**  
Westin Jekyll Island  
110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527
- 2. ✓ June 11-15, 2018 – Fort Lauderdale, FL**  
Bahia Mar Doubletree by Hilton  
801 Seabreeze Boulevard  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33316  
Phone: Reservations: 1-855-610-8733 or 954-764-2233/Fax: 954-627-6359
- 3. September 17-21, 2018 – Charleston, SC**  
Town & Country Inn  
2008 Savannah Highway  
Charleston, SC 29407  
Phone: 800-334-6660 or 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444
- 4. December 3-7, 2018 – Kitty Hawk, NC**  
Hilton Garden Inn/Outer Banks  
5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949  
Phone: Reservations: 877-629-4586 or 252-261-1290/Fax: 252-255-0153

### **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

## **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 (as requested by JC in March 2017)
- (2) SSC Selection – June
- (3) AP Selection – March & September
- (4) Law Enforcement – June & December
- (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 – every meeting
- (12) SOPPs – as needed

## **XVIII. COMMITTEE CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR RUN-THRU CONFERENCE CALLS – 2018/2019**

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 21, 2018	February 20, 2019
May 30, 2018	May 29, 2019
September 5, 2018	September 4, 2019
November 26, 2018	November 25, 2019

## **XIX. COMMITTEE AGENDA SENT TO CHAIR/VICE CHAIR FOR REVIEW**

The following committees are scheduled to meet at the September 2018 Council meeting. Agendas are to be sent to chair and vice chair of each committee NLT **August 17, 2018**.

<b>Tab</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>
1	Recreational Workshop	Waugh	
2	AP Selection	Iverson	
3	SEDAR	Carmichael	7/6/18
4	SOPPs	Waugh	
5	Spiny Lobster	Wiegand	8/6/18
6	Habitat/Ecosystem	Pugliese	8/21/18
7	Snapper Grouper	Brouwer	7/30/18
8	Mackerel/Cobia	Wiegand	8/13/18 (sent to vice chair)
9	Executive/Finance	Waugh	

## **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 **July 6, 2018**.

<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Staff</u>
/18	Carmichael
7/23/18	Collier
7/18/18	Hadley
7/18/18	Cheuvront
7/23/18	Pugliese
6/25/18	Brouwer
6/21/18	Wiegand

## **XXI. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND JUNE 2018 MEETING**

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

### **A. Snapper Grouper – Myra**

1. ✓ Prepare scoping document for Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Moratorium) according to the Committee's guidance for review at the June 2018 meeting.
2. ✓ Prepare options paper for Amendment 42 (Red Grouper Rebuilding) for review at the June 2018 meeting.
3. ✓ Prepare Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendments 26 & 27 for public hearings in Spring 2018
4. 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.
5. ✓ Request input from the SSC, Law Enforcement AP and Snapper Grouper AP on the draft Wreckfish ITQ Review at their respective meetings in Spring 2018.
6. Complete the evaluation of the Spawning SMZs System Management Plan by December 2018.
7. Conduct meeting with wreckfish shareholders in late June/early July 2018.
8. Prepare the Wreckfish ITQ Review document for the September 2018 meeting for approval or further direction.
9. ✓ Begin work on an amendment to address management of yellowtail snapper according to the Committee's guidance.
10. ✓ Begin work on an amendment to address sea turtle release gear and revisions to the Snapper Grouper Framework and conduct scoping via webinar.
11. ✓ 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)
12. Obtain information on highly migratory species recreational permit for possible inclusion in Amendment 46
13. ✓ 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)
14. Make requested modifications to Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26
15. Conduct scoping hearings for the following amendments:
  - Regulatory Amendment 29 (best fishing practices)
  - Amendment 47 (for-hire permit modifications)
  - Regulatory Amendment 30 (red grouper rebuilding and management measures)
  - Regulatory Amendment 32 (yellowtail snapper accountability measures)
16. Prepare Regulatory Amendment 28 for formal review and submit
17. Prepare Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 to consider approval for formal review in September 2018



18. Begin work on an abbreviated framework amendment to adjust catch levels of vermilion snapper and black sea bass –

**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. ✓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 continue developing a Joint Coral and Shrimp Amendment and bring back a scoping document at the June 2018 meeting including options for VMS in the golden crab fishery.
9. ✓Staff will develop a document outlining the different transit provisions for the shrimp vessels regarding gear storage.
10. ✓Send comment letter to BOEM by 3/9/18.
11. Support completion of the South Atlantic Ecopath model for the fall SSC meeting.
12. Staff work with regional partners and SECOORA to refine regional ocean observing priorities to better characterize and monitor fish, fish habitat and fisheries operations.
13. Submit online comment to BOEM on Path Forward for Renewable Energy by 7/5/18.

**C. Golden Crab – Brian**

1. ✓Work on developing alternatives for VMS in the golden crab fishery.

**D. Mackerel/Cobia – Christina**

1. ✓Work with Law Enforcement AP to develop alternatives to update the mesh size requirements for Spanish mackerel gillnets and clarify how mesh will be measured. – Scheduled for April 2018 LE AP meeting.

2. ✓Send a letter to the Gulf Council to discuss coordination of revising the units to track CMP species.
3. ✓Determine how the Marine Recreational Information Program deals with tournament landings when making landing and effort estimates.
4. ✓Prepare CMP Amendment 31 for discussion at the April 2018 Gulf Council meeting.
5. ✓Make the requested revisions to CMP Amendment 31, address NOAA GC concerns and bring the document back to the council in June 2018 for final action.
6. ✓Send a letter to ASMFC asking how they intend to deal with regulations in federal waters under CMP Amendment 31, Action 1, Preferred Alternative 2 (removal of Atlantic cobia from the CMP FMP). Done 3/14/18.
7. ✓Develop draft CMP Framework Amendment 6 with approved actions and alternatives to be approved for public hearings at the June 2018 meeting.
8. Prepare CMP Framework Amendment 6 for public hearings and for the September 2018 Council meeting.
9. Prepare CMP Amendment 31 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.

**F. Shrimp – Chip**

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

**G. Law Enforcement - Myra**

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

**H. SEDAR – John Carmichael**

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**

1. 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.
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.
5. Advertise open seats on the advisory panels as needed for appointments at the September 2018 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.
7. ✓Readvertise an open seat on the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel. March 2018.

**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.

**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.
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)

**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. ✓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
  - l. 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. ✓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.

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

1. ✓ Incorporate the Committee recommendations for the ABC control rule options paper for further review at the June 2018 meeting.
2. ✓ Determine whether recreational AMs could be modified for Coastal Migratory Pelagics without the amendment being a joint amendment with the Gulf Council.
3. ✓ Provide examples of the modified AMs.
4. ✓ Develop an AM action/alternative to use the same mathematical transformations of landings applied as part of a stock assessment to the recreational landings used to determine whether recreational AMs need to be implemented.
5. Incorporate the Council's recommendations for the ABC control rule document and prepare for scoping. Conduct scoping between the September and December 2018 Council meetings.
6. Request that the SSC develop initial stock risk ratings at its October 2018 meeting.
7. Review scoping comments and SSC recommendations in December 2018.
8. Consider timing and future development of the recreational accountability measures during Executive Finance in September 2018.

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

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.

**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. ✓ 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. September 17-21, 2018 – Charleston, SC – Draft

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Charleston, SC 29407  
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Done \_\_\_\_\_

Specific needs:

**Sunday, September 16, 2018 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Recreational Workshop (TAB 1)**

**Monday, September 17, 2018 8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Recreational Workshop (TAB 1)**

### **Monday, September 17, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 1:40 P.M. Swearing in of new Council members/NMFS**

**1:40 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 2)**

1. Appointments to the Workgroup for the System Management Plan
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson & Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations – **ACTION**
2. Appointments to Open AP Seats
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations – **ACTION**

**2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. SEDAR Committee/Mark Brown (PARTIALLY CLOSED?)**  
**(TAB 3)**

1. Assessment Activities Update
  - a) Overview of Projects and Steering Committee Action – John Carmichael
  - b) Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
2. Next SEDAR Steering Committee
  - a) Overview – John Carmichael
  - b) Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown – **ACTION**

**3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 4)**

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

**Tuesday, September 18, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)**

1. Status of 2017-2018 Catches vs. ACL – NMFS SERO
2. Status of amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4
3. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Update Management Procedure & Bully Nets)
  - a. Overview (public comment during Wednesday session) – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review document and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)**

1. Atlantic Coast-Wide Discussions: How to address species migration northwards?
  - a. NEFMC Views – Dr. John Quinn (Chair) and Tom Nies (ED)
  - b. MAFMC Views – Mike Luisi (Chair), Warren Elliott (Vice-Chair) & Dr. Chris Moore (ED)
  - c. SAFMC Views – Mark Brown (Acting Chair), Gregg Waugh (ED) & Roger Pugliese (Sr. Fishery Scientist)
  - d. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and model development – Roger Pugliese
  - a. SAFMC FEP II Dashboard and Tools
  - b. Ecosystem Modeling and Regional Partner Coordination
3. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. NOAA Fisheries EBFM Implementation Plan; Draft South Atlantic Region
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

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



**Tuesday, September 18, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) – sent to NMFS 11/17/17
  - b. Abbreviated Framework 1 (Red Grouper) – sent to NMFS 12/21/17
  - c. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish) – sent to NMFS \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Interim Rule for Golden Tilefish – motion approved by Council 6/15/19
3. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a) Overview of scoping comments – Christina Wiegand
  - b) Committee Action: Review scoping comments and approve actions and alternatives to be analyzed – Jessica McCawley
4. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
  - a) Overview of revisions– Myra Brouwer
  - b) Committee Action: Review, modify document as necessary, and choose preferreds – Jessica McCawley
5. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
  - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b) Committee Action: Review and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Modifications)
  - a) Overview of scoping comments– John Hadley
  - b) Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
7. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
  - a) Overview (public comments during Wednesday session) – John Hadley
  - b) Committee Action: Review, modify draft amendment as necessary and choose preferreds - Jessica McCawley
8. Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper Accountability Measures)
  - a) Overview of Scoping Comments
  - b) Committee Action: Review, modify actions, and approve for public hearings – Jessica McCawley

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

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

9. Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass)
  - a. Overview (public comments during Wednesday session) – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Review, modify draft amendment as necessary, choose preferreds, and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley

**3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Mackerel Cobia Committee/???? (TAB 8)**

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 \_\_\_\_\_
3. CMP Framework Amendment 6 – King Mackerel trip limits
  - a. Overview (public comments during Wednesday session) – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review draft document, confirm preferred alternative, and consider approval for formal review – ???– **ACTION**

**Wednesday, September 19, 2018 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 Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)
- (3) CMP Framework Amendment 6 (King Mackerel Trip Limits)
- (4) Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Update Management Procedure & Bully Nets)

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) ????

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper Accountability Measures)

**Other Items of Interest:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Modifications)
- (3) Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Update Management Procedure & Bully Nets)
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- (5) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (6) Snapper Grouper Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass)

**Thursday, September 20, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Executive Finance Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 9)**

1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
2. Draft CY 2018 Budget
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
  - b. Committee Action: Review and approve budget – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
3. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
4. Regulatory Reform
  - a. Status – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Mark Brown – **ACTION**

5. CCC Working Paper
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
6. Issues to Comment On (policies, rules, etc. from NMFS)
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
7. Frequency of LE AP Meetings

**Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, September 20, 2018   COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**  
**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**) if needed]

1:30 - 1:40     Call to Order and Introductions/Mark Brown, Acting Chair  
                  Adoption of Agenda/Mark Brown  
                  Approval of Minutes/Mark Brown

1:40 – 2:00     Elections  
                    Election of Chair  
                    Election of Vice Chair

2:00 – 2:10     Awards/Recognition/Mark Brown  
                    2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

2:10 – 2:40     Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**

1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 10, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 10, Attachment 2**) – Kelsey Dick/Dr. Chip Collier
3. For-Hire Electronic Reporting Outreach Update (**TAB 10, Attachment 3**) – Kathleen Howington/Amber Von Harten
4. Citizen Science Update (**TAB 10, Attachment 4**) – Amber Von Harten

2:40 – 3:00     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. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 10, Attachment 5**) – Jenny Lee

**Thursday, September 20, 2018   COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

3:00 – 3:15     NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 10, Attachment 6**)
2. Status of MRIP Conversions (**TAB 10, Attachment 7**)

3:15 – 3:30     Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

3:30 – 3:45 BREAK

3:45 – 5:00 Draft Amendment 11 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP for  
Management of  
Shortfin Mako Sharks (**TAB 10, Attachment 8**) – Guy DuBeck, NMFS  
HMS Division –  
**ACTION**

**Friday, September 20, 2018**  
**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

8:30 – 9:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

9:30 - 9:45 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/??????? (TAB 8)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

9:45 - 10:00 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

10:00 - 10:15 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 2)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

10:15 - 10:20 SEDAR Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 3)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

10:20 - 10:45 Habitat Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 - 11:15 Report from Recreational Workshop/Mark Brown (TAB 1)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:15 - 11:25 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 4)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:25 - 11:35 Executive Finance Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 9)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:35 – 11:50 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 10, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**

11:50 – 11:55 Other Business – **ACTION**

11:55 – 12:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 15, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon                      ADJOURN

## XXIII. December 3-7, 2018 – Kitty Hawk, NC –Rough Draft

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Specific needs:

### A. Personnel Committee (Closed) Monday 8 -11 am.

### B. SEDAR Committee (Partially Closed) (John Carmichael) (TAB 3)

1. Appointments – Closed Session
  - a) Scamp Assessment
2. Approvals: TORs & Schedules
  - a) Scamp (Research Track)
12. Assessment Activities Update
  - a) SAFMC Projects
  - b) SEDAR Steering Committee

### C. AP Selection

1. Workgroup for SMP and open AP seats

**1. Spiny Lobster Committee (Christina Wiegand)**

1. Status of 2017-2018 Catches vs. ACL – NMFS SERO
2. Amendments Under Formal Review
  - a) Spiny Lobster Amendment 13

**H. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger) (TAB )**

1. Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting
  - a) Summary Report: November Advisory Panel Meeting – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Doug Haymans
2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and model development – Roger Pugliese
  - a) SAFMC FEP II Dashboard and Tools
  - b) Ecosystem Modeling and Regional Partner Coordination
3. Council Actions on Habitat
  - a) Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans

**2. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 8)**

1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
  - a. Regulatory Amendment 28
  - b. Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion & BSB)
  - c. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (commercial measures)
3. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report
4. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
5. MRIP Revisions
6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 38
  - a. Committee provides guidance for further development – Jessica McCawley
7. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Permitting & Reporting for Private Rec)
  - a. Review and approve for scoping
  - b. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
  - c. Committee reviews and votes to submit for scoping – Jessica McCawley
8. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee reviews and approves for public hearings – Jessica McCawley
9. SMZ Review Guidance summary of stakeholder input
10. Vision Blueprint Biennial Evaluation – Myra Brouwer and Amber Von Harten
11. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and approves for formal review – Jessica McCawley
12. Snapper Grouper For-Hire Permit Modifications
  - a. Overview– John Hadley
  - b. Committee reviews scoping comments, draft amendment and provides guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley

13. Red grouper Rebuilding
  - a. Overview– John Hadley
  - b. Committee reviews scoping comments, draft amendment and provides guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
14. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Fishing Practices)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee considers public comment and approves for formal review – Jessica McCawley
15. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a. Shareholders meeting report – Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Snapper Grouper AP Report – Brian Cheuvront
  - c. Wreckfish ITQ review report – Brian Cheuvront
  - d. Committee provides guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
16. Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear) – Christina Wiegand
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee reviews draft amendment, select preferred alternatives, approve for public hearings
17. Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper)
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee reviews and considers approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley
18. Spawning SMZ SMP
  - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Committee provides guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley

#### **F. ABC CR (John Carmichael)**

1. ABC CR Amendment – John Carmichael
  - a) Review IPT recommendations
2. Recreational AMs – Brian
  - a) Review IPT recommendations

#### **G. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 11)**

1. Review SBRM
2. Update on FHER Amendment

#### **H. Citizen Science**

1. SAFMC Citizen Science Program draft SOPPs – Amber Von Harten
  - a) Committee reviews and modifies SOPPs – Mark Brown
2. Update on Citizen Science Pilot project – Amber Von Harten
  - a) Committee provides guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown

#### **I. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Christina) (TAB 9)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review
  - a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia)
  - b. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (King mackerel trip limits)



**J. SOPPs Committee (Gregg) – 1 hour**

**K. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 12) – 3 hours**

**L. Council Session (TAB 13) – Thursday afternoon (if get ahead in schedule) & Friday  
8:30 am – 1 pm**

1. Presentations

- a) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

2. Committee Reports & Other Items

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION) if needed]

a) Staff Reports

- (1) Executive Director's Report

- (2) MyFishCount Presentation - Staff

- b) NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2017 for inclusion in the briefing book):

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs

- (2) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site

- (3) Others?

- c) Data comm item reports – FHER status,, SBRM

- d) NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2017 for inclusion in the briefing book):

- e) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs

- f) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION

- g) Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- h) Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- i) Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- j) AP Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- k) SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- l) SEDAR Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- m) ABC Control Rule Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- n) Data Collection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- o) Habitat Ecosystem Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

- p) Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION

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