



SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

ACTIONS RESULTING FROM: DECEMBER 4-8, 2017 COUNCIL MEETING

TIMING:

SAFMC Draft Follow Up Agreement by: 12/22/17. Done. 12/20/2017.

Distribute to NMFS SERO by: 12/22/17. Done 12/20/2017.

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SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 12/19/17.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 1/5/18. 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:

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I. SNAPPER GROUPE

Lead Staff: Myra Brouwer

Amendment 38 (Blueline)—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), Gregg Waugh, Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), 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

Need to add Mid-Atlantic representatives from NMFS Region & Centers and Councils.

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.

Amendment work to begin July 2018

- 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.
- b) Other preparatory work on draft amendment to specify management unit, parameters, and draft management measures so ready for IPT to begin analyses for June 2018 SAFMC meeting.
- c) Others???

Proposed Draft Timing 2018-19:

- a) Council guidance to prepare amendment – June 2018
- b) Committee/Council review scoping document & approve for scoping – September/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) Proposed Rule published ____/20.
- r) Send to Council &AP. Date sent _____.
- s) Comments due by ____/20.
- t) Final Rule published ____/20. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/20.
- u) Send to Council &AP. Date sent _____.
- v) Post to web site. Date posted _____.
- w) Regulations effective ____/20.

Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)/EA– Myra Brouwer

1. IPT:
 - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
 ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (IPT Lead); Rick DeVictor; Christina Package-Ward; Denise Johnson; Michael Larkin; Adam Bailey; Jennifer Lee; Nikhil Mehta (Acting IPT Lead/NEPA); Noah Silverman; Stephen Holiman; David Dale.
 ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Amy Schueller; Scott Crosson
 ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
 ✓NOAA OLE: Mark Fields
2. Timing 2015-16:
 - a) ✓Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2015
 - b) ✓Scoping Hearings – January/February 2016. See XV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings, 5. Dates and Locations for January/February 2016 for specific dates, locations, and other items.
 - c) ✓Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 2016

- d) ✓ Conduct as much analysis of the actions/alternatives as possible for distribution to FWC by 4/26/16. Done April 25, 2016.
 - e) ✓ Present revised Actions/Alternatives with effects analysis to the Council to provide guidance at June 2016 Council meeting. Date done – June 15, 2016.
 - f) ✓ In June 2016, Council votes to send Amendment 41 out for Public Hearings in August 2016. Date done June 17, 2016.
 - g) ✓ Public hearings in August 2016. See Section XIV for dates and locations.
 - h) ✓ At September 2016 Council meeting, review public hearing comments, provide guidance on actions/alternatives. Date done 9/16/2016.
 - i) ✓ At December 2016 Council Meeting SAFMC takes final action and votes to send Amendment 41 for Secretarial review. Date done 12/9/16.
2. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓ IPT leads review completed by 12/5/16.
 - b) ✓ Council chair reviews document & codified text by 12/12/16 & 1/4/17.
 - c) ✓ SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review 2/28/17.
 - d) ✓ Notice of Availability published 9/26/17
 - e) ✓ Proposed Rule published 10/24/17.
 - f) ✓ Comments due by 11/27/17.
 - g) Final Rule published 1/11/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 1/11/18.
 - h) Sent to Council: 1/11/18.
 - i) Posted to Website: 1/11/18.
 - j) Regulations Effective: 2/10/18.

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: 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_____.

Amendment 43 (red snapper)

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) 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.

Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational

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, Nick Farmer, 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 _____.
 - 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) Proposed Rule published _____/19.
 - e) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.

- f) Comments due by ____/19. Date done _____.
- g) Final Rule published ____/19. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.
- h) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- i) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- j) Regulations effective ____/19.
- k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/19.

Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 – Commercial

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 DeVictor, Frank Helies, Adam Bailey (regs writer), Mike Jepson, Mike Travis, Nick Farmer, Mary Wunderlich, David Dale, Nikhil Mehta (NEPA), Nick Farmer (LAPP), Jeff Pulver (LAPP)
 - 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 _____.
 - 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) Proposed Rule published _____/19.
- e) Comments due by ____/19.
- f) Final Rule published _____/19. Fishery Bulletin published on _____/19.
- g) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- h) Regulations effective _____/19.
- i) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.

Abbreviated Framework Amendment 1 (red grouper ACL)

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 _____/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.

Red Snapper and Recreational Reporting Amendment 46 – Chip Collier

(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), Nick Farmer (Data Analyst), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Mary Wunderlich (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:

- 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 – June 2016, December 2017.
- c) ✓ Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016, June 2017
- d) ✓ Scoping Hearings – August 2017. See Section XIV. Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for specific dates, locations, and other items. FR notice due to Kim by July 2017. FRN submitted _____.
- e) ✓ Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March/June 2017
- f) See note above about refocusing Amendment 43 at the June 2017 meeting.
- 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.

Fishing Levels for Golden Tilefish (Interim Rule)

In June of 2017 the Council requested that NMFS issue an interim rule to decrease overfishing of golden tilefish. The Council also requested a revision to the stock assessment update and new projections. These items will be reviewed by the SSC in October 2017. The Fishery Bulletin for the interim rule published on 10/30. The comment period ended 11/14/2017. The Council will provide further guidance on an amendment to adjust fishing levels at the December 2017 meeting.

- a) ✓EA final draft 9/28/2017
- b) ✓Proposed Rule published 10/30/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 10/30/17.
- c) ✓Comments due by 11/14/17.
- d) ✓Final Rule published 1/2/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 12/29/17.
- e) ✓Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done 12/29/17.
- f) ✓Post to web site. Date done 12/29/17.
- g) ✓Regulations effective 1/2/18.
- h) ✓Fishery Bulletin published on 12/29/17.

Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program Review

Staff: Brian Chevront

1. IPT (Draft):

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (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, Christina Package-Ward/Mike Jepson
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Scott Crosson, David Gloeckner
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- 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 June 2018

- d) Committee/Council gives final guidance for draft program review document – _____ 2018
- e) Committee/Council approve for formal review – _____ 2018

Golden Tilefish Regulatory Amendment 28 (ACL revision and trip limits)

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Chevront, 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: Monica Smit-Brunello
 - e) ✓NOAA OLE:

2. Proposed Draft Timing:
 - 3) ✓Council discuss golden tilefish management and provide guidance to staff – December 2017.
 - 4) Council review draft framework document and provide guidance, and approve for public hearings – March 2018.
 - 5) Public Hearings – June 2018 at Council meeting.
 - 6) 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) 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.

Snapper Grouper For-Hire Permit Moratorium Amendment 47

Lead staff: John Hadley

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Hadley (SAFMC Co-Lead/Economist), Christina Wiegand (Social Scientist), Brian Chevront (SAFMC Co-Lead), 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), Mary Wunderlich (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat), Rich Malinowski
- c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Ken Brennan, David Carter
- d) ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
- e) NOAA OLE: Tracy Dunn/Manny Antonaras

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:

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.

- a) Council guidance to prepare amendment, reviewed options paper and provide guidance – June 2016, September 2016, December 2016, March 2017, June 2017, and September 2017, December 2017.
- b) Council directed staff to start work on an amendment at the June 2017; this amendment is not a priority
- c) Approve for Scoping – _____
- d) Scoping in _____. See Section XIV Public Hearings and Scoping Meetings for details. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
- e) IPT/Staff conduct analyses – complete by _____
- f) Committee/Council review draft amendment and scoping comments – _____ 2018
- g) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for public hearing – _____ 2018
- h) Public Hearings – August 2018. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
- i) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review – December 2018
- j) Document preparation for formal review:
- k) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- l) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
- m) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review _____/19.
 - i. Proposed Rule published _____/19.
 - ii. Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - iii. Comments due by ____/19.
- n) 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.

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 revise 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 (2017) – Developed in cooperation with Habitat/Ecosystem AP prior to December 2013 Council meeting. Planning initiated and policy statement revision/development completed in 2017.
 - a) ✓ Habitat Advisory Panel discusses and provides initial recommendations on overall structure, review process for updating, refining and expanding the FEP November 2013
 - b) ✓ Winter/Spring 2014 Habitat Advisory Panel Sub Panel Chairs coordinate with Roger and Pat Geer new AP Chair in identifying leads and team members for review redraft of core sections on species and habitats
 - c) ✓ Habitat Committee input on updates or revisions to the structure which would improve use and effectiveness of FEP II – March 2014
 - d) ✓ Ecosystem-Based Management Committee provides guidance on membership on core writing teams for FEP II – September 2014
 - e) Evaluate how amendments can incorporate this information by reference to reduce size of documents- ongoing.
3. FEP II Development Timing and General Process (2014-2017):
 - a) Development will be facilitated around spring (April/May) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (through November 2017).
 - b) ✓ Habitat Advisory Panel State Sub-Panel review and provide initial recommendations on lists of FEP II review/writing teams April 2014.
 - c) ✓ Coordinate with Council Members, Habitat AP state sub-panel chairs and ecosystem partners to refine membership on review and writing teams for development of FEP II and integrated EFH update. Provide update on timing and participation at September 2014 Council meeting.
 - d) ✓ South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workshop - February 7-8, 2015 at FWRI – Review of existing capabilities and develop a proposal for consideration by the SALCC to create a South Atlantic ecosystem modeling suite to better link FEP II and SALCC Conservation Blueprint - ongoing.

- e) ✓January 2015 – March 2016: Initiate Sections update, new Section outline and drafting facilitate ecosystem modeling, tools and GIS development in support of FEP II. Email coordination/webinars to refine and update sections for FEP II: Bottom Habitat; Artificial Reefs; Pelagic Habitat, Sargassum; Wetlands (SAV & Mangroves); South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling; Wetlands Marsh & Oyster/Shell Habitat) & Water Issues; Impacts of Fishing on Habitat; Research and Monitoring; Food Webs and Connectivity, and Climate Variability and Fisheries ongoing.
- f) ✓April 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting included sessions on threats to fish habitat, energy, and food webs and connectivity.
- g) ✓November 2015 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting to include sessions on research and monitoring, artificial reefs and state activities.
- h) ✓March/April 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review.
- i) ? November 2016 - Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review FEP II and EFH update for 5-year review, 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.
- j) ✓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.
- k) 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.

Essential Fish Habitat – Roger

1. Coordinate Habitat Policy Statement Development and Revision
 - a) ✓Identify focus teams of Habitat AP members to perform initial reviews and develop revision/update recommendations. Initiated in conjunction with November 14-15, 2012 AP meeting.
 - b) ✓The Habitat AP during 2013 meetings continued developing updated and new policy statements to support and enhance their use in by NOAA Fisheries and regional partners in EFH review and consultation.
 - c) ✓The Habitat AP provides redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow, and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species for Council consideration at March 2014 Council meeting.
 - d) ✓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.

- e) ✓ 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.
- f) ✓ 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.
- g) ✓ 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.
- h) ✓ 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.
- i) ✓ 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.
- j) May 16-17, 2017 Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting review, revise EFH policy statement on Artificial Reefs and FEP II/EFH Review.
- k) Development of a South Atlantic Fish Habitat Condition Report
- l) ✓ Habitat/Ecosystem Advisory Panel during April 2017 meeting will be updated on regional partner SALCC Conservation Blueprint/State of SA Condition Report.
- m) ✓ 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 2017)
 - a) ✓ June 2014 Council Meeting: Redrafted EFH Policy Statements for Marine Aquaculture, SAV, Instream Flow and Marine and Estuarine Invasive Species Approved by Council for Inclusion into FEP II.
 - b) ✓ September 2014 Meeting: FEP II Development Timeline and Participation Update.
 - c) ✓ March 2015 Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policy Statement on Beach Dredge and Fill and Large Scale Coastal Engineering. Ecosystem Session with VIMS, NMFS, SALCC, and BOEM.
 - d) ✓ June 2015 Meeting: Review status of FEP II Development, Ecosystem Modeling, and EFH Updates.
 - e) ✓ December 2015 Council Meeting: Approve Redrafted EFH Policies on Energy Exploration, Development and Transportation, and for inclusion into FEP II and Status FEP II Development.
 - f) ✓ March 2016 Council Meeting: Status FEP II Development (Habitat and Misc. Sections) and EFH Updates. Review Outline/Draft of New EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs.

- g. ✓ June 2016 Council Meeting: FEP II and Supporting Tool Development and Technology Session
 - h. ✓ September 2016 Council Meeting: Review FEP II Development highlighting Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Review of Policy Considerations and Guidance for developing Policy Statements.
 - i. ✓ November 2016 Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel: Review FEP II Section Development Policy Statement Drafts for, Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries, and Status of Artificial Reef Policy development.
 - j. ✓ November 2016 Managed Species Team Meeting: Assignment of Remaining Council Managed Species tasks and refinement of Ecospecies system supporting FEP II.
 - k. ✓ December 2016 Council Meeting: Review and Approve EFH Policy Statements for: 1) South Atlantic Food Webs and Connectivity, and 2) South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries.
 - l. ✓ March 2017: Review FEP II Sections for EFH/Habitat, Food Web and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries Sections. Status reports on South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and Needs and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Advancements Supporting FEP II.
 - m. ✓ June 2017 Council Meeting: Review South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System meeting EFH and FEP II information needs, Ecosystem Modeling Advancements and SALCC Conservation Blueprint Supporting FEP II. Finalize and Approve FEP II and Interactive Executive Summary.
 - n. ✓ September 2017 Council Meeting: Review draft and approve Artificial Reef EFH Policy Statements, review Preliminary Draft FEP II Implementation Plan, FEP II Dashboard System and Section Update, South Atlantic Mapping Strategy, Ecospecies Online System and Ecosystem Modeling Update.
 - o. December 2017 Council Meeting: Review FEP II Implementation Plan and discuss Roadmap. Review FEP II/FEP II Dashboard System.
 - p. 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)
- a) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the NOAA Ocean Noise Strategy Roadmap. Done July 1, 2016.
 - b) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Seismic Testing and our Updated Energy Policy Statement. Done July 1, 2016.
 - c) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on Port of Miami Anchorage Area. Done September 19, 2016
 - d) ✓ The South Atlantic Council provided comments on proposal to dredge Frying Pan Shoals Complex. Done March 23, 2017.

- e) ✓The South Atlantic Council provided comments on the Draft NMFS South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science. Done March 24, 2017.
- f) ✓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.
- g) ✓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.
- h) ✓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.

Other FEP- Ecosystem-Based Management-related Meetings/Coordination (2017/2018)

1. The following FEP/Ecosystem-Based Management related meetings and coordination have been scheduled:
 - a) Pulley-Ridge Connectivity Advisory Board Meeting RSMAS January 24, 2018
 - b) SECOORA Board Meeting – Sarasota, Florida - January 25-26, 2018
 - c) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup Webinar Winter 2018
 - d) South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Coordination Meeting Spring 2018
 - e) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 2018 Charleston, SC
 - f) SECOORA Annual Meeting Charleston, SC May 22-24, 2018
 - g) SEAMAP Species Assessment and Habitat Characterization Workgroup Meeting - SA Fisheries, South Atlantic Mapping Strategy
 - h) SALCC Steering Committee Meeting Summer 2018
 - i) Society for Conservation GIS July 2018 Monterey, CA
 - j) South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 2018
 - k) MTS Oceans 2018 Industry Coordination supporting ocean technology/potential test beds in South Atlantic region. September 2018 Charleston, SC
 - l) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting November 14-16, 2017 FWRI, St. Pete. FL

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

2. 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- November 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 March 24, 2017	Climate and Fisheries Workshops Facilitate Development March 2017

✓ Accessible through link in FEP II Dashboard	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	
September 2017 (ongoing)	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.	Facilitated Webinars Review Draft September 2017

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), Brian Chevront (Economic impacts), Kari MacLauchlin (Social impacts), Myra Brouwer (lead for Snapper Grouper actions), Gregg Waugh (lead for Data actions) and Roger Pugliese (Habitat issues/GIS).
✓ NMFS SERO Team – Frank Helies (NMFS Lead); Karla Gore, Nick Farmer, Rick DeVictor, and Jack McGovern (SERO); (NMFS Economist); Mike Jepson (Social Scientist); David Dale (HCD); Jeff Radonski (OLE); Jenny Lee and Andy Herndon (PR); and David Keys (NEPA).
✓ NMFS SEFSC Team – Ken Brennan.
✓ NOAA GC – 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 and update from NOAA GC and NMFS SERO on work in the northeast. The Council approved the following schedule:

- a) ✓ Presentations from NEFMC/MAFMC and NMFS NER on development of bycatch reporting amendments – September 2014
- b) ✓ Council Visioning Meeting – October 2014
- c) Council discussion and provide guidance on timing/approach – December 2014.
- d) Council could approve a scoping document in December 2014 for public input in January 2015.
- e) ✓ 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 XX/EA – Chip

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

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 Chevront, 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 15th. 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 – March 2018.
- c) GMFMC takes final action – April 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 April 30, 2018. 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 Chevront, Mike Errigo (Data), and John Hadley (Economics)
- b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO Lead), TBD
- c. ✓NMFS SEFSC Team:
- d. ✓NOAA GC Team:

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 _____.
- b. IPT is informed about expected timeline and no IPT meeting until after March 2018 meeting.
- c. Submit FRN for scoping webinar. Done _____.
- d. Scoping briefing materials posted to website. Done _____.
- e. Scoping webinar. Done _____.
- f. SAFMC reviews public input, draft action/alternatives. Done _____.
- g. SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings. Done _____.
- h. Public hearings - ____/2018
- i. SAFMC takes final action – ____/2018.
- j. GMFMC takes final action – ____/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 _____/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.

Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (update procedure for management with Florida, and bullynet regulations) – Christina (GMFMC administrative lead)

- 1. IPT
 - a) SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (Data)
 - b) GMFMC Team: Morgan Kilgour/Claire Roberts (GMFMC Co-Leads), Assane Diagne (economist), Carrie Simmons
 - c) NMFS SERO Team: Kelli O'Donnell (NMFS 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) TBD

VI. SHRIMP

Lead Staff: Chip Collier

Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

VII. GOLDEN CRAB

Lead Staff: Brian Chevront

Joint Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment XX/EA – Chip

Review the golden crab allowable fishing areas and consider establishing rock shrimp allowable fishing areas.

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.

VIII. JOINT GMFMC/SAFMC DATA REPORTING AMENDMENTS

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 Chevront, 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: _____

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 Chevront, 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

2. 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) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
- d) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- e) Comments due by ____/17. Date done _____.
- f) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
- g) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- h) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- i) Regulations effective ____/17.
- j) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

IX. DOLPHIN/WAHOO

Lead Staff: John Hadley

X. ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment

Lead staff: John Carmichael

(SG Amend 45?, CMP Amend XX, Spiny Lobster Amend XX, Sargassum Amend XX, Shrimp Amend XX)

1. IPT

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Mike Errigo (Data Analyst), John Hadley (economist), Christina Wiegand (social scientist), Myra Brower, Brian Chevront
- 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 DeVictor, Jack McGovern, Pat O'Pay (protected resources), Manny Antonaras (OLE)
- c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC – Erik Williams (fishery biologist), Scott Crosson (economist)
- d) ✓ NOAA GC – Shepherd Grimes

2. Timeline:

- a) ✓ Began as a series of actions in separate amendments during 2016
- b) ✓ 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) IPT leads develop scoping document – April 2018.
- g) Submit FRN for scoping webinar in April 2018. Done ____/18.
- h) Scoping briefing materials posted to website in early April. Done ____.
- i) Scoping webinar in Spring 2018. Done ____.
- j) Spring 2018 – AP Reviews
- k) May 2018: SSC Review
- h) SAFMC reviews public input, draft action/alternatives. June 2018.
- i) SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings in June 2018.
- j) Public hearings - Summer 2018
- k) SAFMC reviews public comments and makes final edits – September 2018
- l) GMFMC takes final action – October 2018.
- m) SAFMC takes final action – December 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 **December 2018**. 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 _____

XI. POSTPONED AMENDMENTS (Purgatory)

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

WORK WILL RESUME IN 2016?

1. IPT

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Brian Chevront, 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.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 23 (Jacks Trip Limit) – Myra

Note: Regulatory Amendment 23 was put on hold in 2015 until the Visioning Blueprint was complete.

Note: At the March 2015 meeting, the Council directed staff to determine whether to include the following golden tilefish actions in Amendment 37 or a separate regulatory amendment. Given the limited scope of the golden tilefish actions, it was determined a separate regulatory amendment would be more efficient and less confusing. The following actions have been identified:

MOTION: MOVE ACTION ADDRESSING THE GOLDEN TILEFISH HOOK-AND-LINE FISHING YEAR START DATE FROM AMENDMENT 37 INTO A SEPARATE REGULATORY AMENDMENT, IF APPROPRIATE. IN ADDITION, ADD AN ACTION TO EXPLORE ALTERNATIVES TO LENGTHEN THE COMMERCIAL GOLDEN TILEFISH LONGLINE SEASON.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

DIRECTION TO STAFF: LOOK FOR RATIONALE BEHIND CATCH HISTORY BEING TIED TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE PERMIT INSTEAD OF THE ENDORSEMENT. BRING THIS INFORMATION TO THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 2015.

Note: At the June 2015 meeting, the Council changed the actions to include BSB bag limit, jacks trip limit, and golden tilefish fishing year start data. At the September 2015 meeting, the black sea bass bag limit action was moved to Regulatory Amendment 25.

Need to get input from fishermen in early 2016 on the fishing year change.

1. IPT Team

- a) ✓ SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Christina Wiegand, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
- b) ✓ NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (NMFS Lead), Nick Farmer (Data), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Denise Johnson (Economics), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), Noah Silverman (NEPA), and Mark Fields (OLE)
- c) ✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti
- d) ✓ 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.

CMP Amendment 30 (Atlantic Cobia) – Christina

The Councils postponed development of Amendment 30 until after the ASMFC plan is finalized.

1. IPT
 - a) SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
 - b) NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (NMFS Lead), Mike Larkin (data/biologist), Noah Silverman (NEPA), Scott Sandorf (regs writer), Mary Wunderlich (protected resources), Tony Lamberte (economist), David Dale (habitat conservation), Rich Malinowski (SERO)
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)
 - d) NOAA GC Team: Jocelyn D'Ambrosio

2. Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

Change in start of recreational fishing year, and commercial fishing year (added Dec 2016)

3. Proposed Timing 2016:
 - a. Council discusses items to include – September 2016
 - b) Council reviews/modifies document and approves for public hearings – September 2016.
 - c) In-Person and Webinar Hearings – (August 2016 & MAFMC meeting in August when this action was part of CMP Framework 4) and October 2016. Date done – 10/25/ 2016. FRN due to Kim by 9/27/16
 - d) Gulf Council approves for formal review – October 2016
 - e) Review public hearing comments and modify amendment as necessary; approve for formal review – December 2016.

* SA Mackerel Cobia Committee added language to the action to change both the commercial and recreational fishing years. However, the Council decided to postpone further work on Amendment 30 until the ASMFC cobia plan is developed.

- a. Document preparation for formal review:
- b) IPT leads review completed by _____.
- c) Council chair reviews document & codified text by _____ .
- d) SAFMC sends to NMFS for formal review by _____ 2017. Done _____/17.
- e) Document submitted to NMFS. Date done _____.
- f) Proposed Rule published _____/17.
- g) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- h) Comments due by _____/17. Date done _____.
- i) Final Rule published _____/17.
- j) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.
- k) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- l) Post to web site. Date done _____.

- m) Regulations effective _____/17.
- n) Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.

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

Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (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..

1. IPT Team:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Brian Chevront, 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) Committee/Council approve all actions and approve for formal review –
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.

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Dolphin quota sharing, OY definition, multi-gear trips, ABC Control Rule, 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 Chevront, John Hadley (SAFMC Co-Lead/Economist), Myra Brouwer, Christina Wiegand, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues). John Carmichael lead on ABC Control Rule action.
 - 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 DeVictor, Jack McGovern

- 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) ✓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 8/11/18.
- k) Proposed Rule published ____/18.
- l) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- m) Comments due by ____/18.
- n) Final Rule published ____/18. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.
- o) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- p) Post to web site
- q) Regulations effective ____/18.
- r) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.

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 24th 7pm; July 27th 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
 - j. February 2018 – Action Team Webinar Meetings
 - i. Schedule of meetings
 - ii. FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar
 - k. March 2018 – Citizen Science Committee reviews, modifies, and adopts Action Team recommendations, as needed.

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: March 23, 2018

4. Project: **MRIP Revisions**

Species: Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass
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. Schedule Approval: TBD
 - d. TOR Approval: TBD
 - e. Appointments: TBD
 - f. SSC Review: TBD
 - g. 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. Final Report Dissemination: TBD
 - v. SSC Review: TBD
 - vi. Council Review: TBD
- b. Workshops
 - i. Stock ID
 - (a) Preliminary: Raleigh NC, April 10-12, 2018
 - (b) Meeting Request: send to Cindy: Dec 2017
 - (c) FRN: send to Kim: Feb 2018
 - ii. Data
 - (a) Charleston SC, TBD
 - (b) Meeting Request:
 - (c) FRN:
 - 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 Pogy	Standard	2017	Mar 2019	SEFSC
	R	MRIP Revisions ¹	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

a.

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
(Meeting was reduced to one day, and held during the SAFMC September 2017 meeting due to Hurricane Irma)
 - 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/ November 2013
	32A	GSMFC menhaden	Review		
	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
2018	55	SAFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2016	April 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: Feb1, 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
 - 1) Newsletter, website, email to SSC/Council, AFS list servers. etc
3. Notify members whose terms expire of need to reapply: March 31, 2018
 - 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: December 21, 2017.
 - c) TO Request: February 16, 2018. Done: _____
 - 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: _____
 - g) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, agenda: March 12, 2018. Done: _____
 - h) Briefing materials Due: April 9, 2018. Done: _____
 - i) BB to John for Review: April 13, 2018. Done: _____
 - j) BB Distribution & Posting: April 17, 2018. Done: _____
2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: February 6, 2018.
Done: _____
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: February 20, 2018.
Done: _____
 - c) Final: March 12, 2018. Done: _____
 - d) Agenda Items:

- 1) SSC member orientation
- 2) Fishery status
 - i. Landings update
 - ii. SERFS update
- 3) SEDAR
 - i. Assessment priorities
 - ii. Cobia Stock ID update
 - iii. TORs & Schedules & Participants – Yellowtail, Scamp
- 4) SEP report
- 5) SEDAR 55 Vermilion Snapper review
- 6) SEDAR 56 Black Sea Bass review
- 7) BLT ABC working group
- 8) Key stocks Plan
 - i. Stocks to include, information and interim analysis examples
- 9) Wreckfish ITQ review
- 10) ABC Control Rule
- 11) Amendment 46: Red Snapper
 - i. RS ABC working group
- 12) Review of SBRM document
- 13) MRIP Calibration update
 - i. APAIS Calibration Review update
- 14) National SSC Update
- 15) BSB bag/size limit analysis: consideration for new complex analysis review
- 16) Regs reduction
- 17) 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 23-25, 2018

1. October 23 (1:00 p.m.) – October 25, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)
 - a) Location: (Charleston, SC)
 - b) Hotel Cutoff:
 - c) Meeting Request: Done:
 - d) TO Request: Done: February.
 - e) SSC, SERO & SEFSC Date Notification: Done:
 - f) Travel Memo: Include all invited presenters. Done:
 - g) Federal Register notice due. sent
 - h) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, DRAFT agenda:
 - i) Briefing materials Due:
 - j) BB to John for Review:
 - k) BB Distribution & Posting: Done:
2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by:
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review:
 - c) Final:
 - d) Agenda Items:

XV. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

A. Snapper Grouper AP- Myra

B. Mackerel/Cobia AP – Christina

C. Dolphin Wahoo AP – John Hadley

D. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

E. Law Enforcement AP– Myra

F. Snapper Grouper AP – Myra

G. I&E AP – Amber/Cameron

H. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

May 15 & 16, 2018

Location: Charleston, SC

Federal Register notice sent .

Briefing materials posted by . Done .

I. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

November – November, 2018

Location: FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL

Federal Register notice sent .

Briefing materials posted by . Done .

J. Deepwater Shrimp and Golden Crab APs (Joint)

Spring 2018

Location: Charleston, SC or Florida

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, 2017 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, 4th Floor, Newport News, VA 23607
(This listening station was organized by the VMRC)

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

3. Federal Register Notice by 12/11/2017
 - a) Notice sent to NOAA – done 12/08/2017.
 - b) Publish notice – done 12/19/2017.
3. 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.
- 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)

- 4. Federal Register Notice by 12/22/2017
 - c) Notice sent to NOAA – done 12/21/2017.
 - d) Publish notice – done 1/2/2018.
- 4. 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.
 - 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:

XVII. FUTURE COUNCIL MEETING DATES & LOCATIONS

[Note: SAFMC permanent meeting weeks: (1) 1st full week in March; (2) 2nd full week in June; (3) 3rd week in September; and (4) 1st 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

Phone: Reservations: 888-627-8316 or 912-635-4545/Fax: 912-319-2835

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 3-8, 2019 – Jekyll Island, GA

Westin Jekyll Island

110 Ocean Way

Jekyll Island, GA 31527

2. June 10-14, 2019 – Stuart, FL

Marriott Hutchinson Island

Stuart, FL

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

Town & Country Inn

2008 Savannah Highway

Charleston, SC 29407

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

Hilton Wilmington Riverside

Wilmington, NC

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 – 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 CHAIRS RUN-THRU CONF. CALLS - 2018

Committee 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.

February 21, 2018	September 5, 2018
May 30, 2018	November 26, 2018

XIX. 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 **March 16, 2018**.

<u>Date Completed</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Amendment</u>
	Carmichael	ABC Control Rule
	Wiegand	Coastal Migratory Pelagics
	Collier	Coral
	Hadley	Dolphin/Wahoo
	Cheuvront	Golden Crab
	Pugliese	Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management
	Collier	Shrimp
	Brouwer	Snapper Grouper
	Wiegand	Spiny Lobster

XX. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND DECEMBER 2017 MEETING

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

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. ✓ Obtain SSC input on I.) red grouper ABC to implement a rebuilding plan; and II.) ABC control rule modifications. Done at October 2017 SSC Meeting.
2. ✓ Hold a “Committee of the Whole” meeting between October SSC meeting and December Council meeting to discuss the ABC Control Rule in detail. Done 11/6/2017.
3. ✓ Prepare expedited framework to adjust red grouper ABC and ACL using “low recruitment” scenario. In December 2017 BB.
4. Request that SERO analyst deliver a presentation to the SSC at their upcoming meeting on methodology used to conduct analyses for Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27.
5. Prepare “heat maps” depicting commercial landings of blueline tilefish, snowy grouper, and amberjack based on commercial logbook grid for March 2018 meeting.
6. Conduct/complete analyses for Vision Blueprint Amendments (Regulatory Amendments 26 & 27) for March 2018 meeting.
7. Initiate development of framework amendment to revise catch levels of golden tilefish and consider modifications to management measures.
8. Prepare simplified options paper on for-hire moratorium for March 2018 meeting.

B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Roger

1. ✓ Council staff will draw on expertise on the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, writing and technical teams and regional partners to initiate development of a concise implementation strategy for FEP II building on approved policies developed for FEP II (Ongoing).
2. ✓ Work with FWRI to further expand detailed information presented in the EcoSpecies online system supporting FEP II. (Ongoing)
3. Staff will coordinate with members to further refine the FEP II Implementation Plan and develop a draft Roadmap summarizing the Plan and specifying possible actions the Council, or Council in cooperation with state and regional partners will initiate or complete over the next two years. The FEP II Implementation Plan and Road map will be completed for consideration and approval at the March 2018 Council meeting.
4. Staff will further refine and enhance the format and capabilities of the FEP II Dashboard and finalize remaining FEP II Sections for activation on the Dashboard.
5. Staff will continue to provide oversight of the South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup activities supporting completion of the next generation Ecopath model during winter 2018.

C. Golden Crab – Brian

1. Develop a coral amendment that would look at alternatives for expanding the northern allowable golden crab fishing zone.

D. Mackerel/Cobia – Christina

1. Compile examples of how modified fishing years have been applied for other species. Note: This work is to be included in CMP 30, which is currently postponed.
2. 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.
3. Send a letter to the Gulf Council to discuss coordination of revising the units to track CMP species.
4. ✓Take CMP Amendment 31 out for webinar public hearings – January 2018

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

1. ✓Send letter to other Councils (Mid-Atlantic, New England, and Gulf) to gauge interest in expanding the requirement for operator permits to encompass the four council jurisdictions to provide continuity and improve their utility. Draft to Gregg on 8/17/17. Done 2/7/18.

H. SEDAR – John Carmichael

2. ✓Request the SEFSC develop a plan for updating the wreckfish assessment and report back to the Council in December 2017. In the event there are impediments to updating the existing assessment, consideration should be given to alternative approaches that could be used to provide the council information on stock status, and the SSC information to provide an updated ABC recommendation.
3. ✓Request that the SSC document the specific changes to be considered in the next golden tilefish assessment that justify the standard category, and consider whether an update would be adequate for snowy grouper.

I. SSC Selection – Mike Errigo

1. ✓Send appointment letters. Done June 2017.

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. Continue to receive input from the Executive Finance Committee relative to the structure of the System Management Plan Advisory Panel. Ongoing.
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 March 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.

K. Data Collection – John Carmichael

None

L. Protected Resources – Chip

1. ✓ Protocol for sea turtle protection – Done. Presentation in Dec 2017 BB.

M. Spiny Lobster – Christina

1. ✓ Work with FWC and Gulf Council staff on changes to federal regulations needed to align with Florida regulations. (Done - in Dec 2017 BB)
2. ✓ Conduct scoping for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – January 2018.

N. HMS – John H.

None

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. ✓ Follow up on items from the CCC and Administrative Officers meetings, including helping Council members establish a separate email account for Council-related emails. Most items done following June 2017. Some are ongoing.
4. ✓ Implement the revised schedule and priorities as identified during the full Council meeting. Done after September 2017 Council meeting.
5. Revise the Priorities based on guidance received – ongoing.
6. Work with CCC to increase the penalties for non-reporting. (On Feb 2018 CCC agenda.)
7. Continue working with the CCC on MSA issues. Ongoing
8. ✓ Explore options for meetings of the SMP AP. Will be discussed at Dec 2017 meeting
9. ✓ Develop options for addressing the budget issues. Will be presented @ Dec 2017 mtg.

P. ABC Control Rule – John Carmichael

None

Q. Citizen Science – Amber/John Carmichael

None

R. SOPPs

1. ✓Distribute word version of the Revised Handbook and the SOPPs to the SOPPs Committee after the December 2017 meeting.
2. ✓Revise the Handbook for the March 2018 meeting and include any suggestions from the SOPPs Committee.
3. ✓Revise the SOPPs, as needed, for the March 2018 meeting and include any suggestions from the SOPPs Committee. None needed.
4. Work with NOAA GC to clarify how State representatives can participate on interdisciplinary plan development teams as outlined in the handbook.

S. Full Council – Gregg

1. ✓If comments on Reauthorization are requested, staff is to develop a draft response and circulate to all Council members before finalization. Done for Senator Graham.
2. ✓Directed staff to prepare the Draft 2018 Budget using the cost savings identified.
3. ✓Revise the Priorities based on guidance received.
4. Distribute Staff Presentations to Council members after each Council meeting. ✓Done for December 2017 meeting.
5. Email Council members when the late documents are posted.
6. 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.
7. Include Outlier EFP Requests to the February CCC meeting agenda and provide the requested input by December 11, 2017.
8. ✓Provide the process to evaluate regulations for removal to NMFS by the end of December 2017.
9. ✓Prepare a draft list of regulations for removal for the March 2018 meeting, and coordinate with NMFS and NOAA GC.

XXI. MARCH 5-9, 2018 – Jekyll Island, GA –Draft

ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (2/12/18 @ NOON).

- 1) ✓FIRST MEMO – 1/5/18 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF). Done 1/4/18.
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF – 2/6/18 @ 5 pm local time.
- 3) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF – 2/12/18 @ 5 pm local time.
- 4) BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 2/13/17 AT NOON.
- 5) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 2/15/18 BY NOON
- 6) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 2/15/18 AT 5 PM
- 7) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 2/16/18 BY NOON
- 8) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 2/16/18
- 9) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH – 2 pm 2/21/2018.
- 10) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 3/9/18

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

✓Gregg – memo to Roy [Note: see committees & Council presentations below. We also need to have the commercial catch data for non-snapper grouper species]; memo by ___/18. Done 1/22/18.

✓Gregg – memo to Cisco [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by ___/18. Done 1/22/18.

A. Personnel Committee (**Closed**) (TAB 01) – Monday 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

1. Input for Budget

B. AP Selection (**Closed**) (TAB 02) – Monday 9:00 A.M. – 10:30 A.M.

1. Working group for System Management Plan
2. Appointments to Other Advisory Panels
 - a. Overview of SMP Workgroup Structure – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Review Workgroup Applications – Kim Iverson
 - c. Committee Action: provide recommendations for workgroup and appointments – Chester Brewer

C. Citizen Science (TAB 03) – Monday 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

1. Review formal recommendations from Citizen Science Action Teams – Amber Von Harten
 - a. Recommendations from Data Management Action Team
 - b. Recommendations from Volunteers Action Team
 - c. Recommendations from Projects/Topics Management Action Team
 - d. Recommendations from Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team
 - e. Recommendations from Finance & Infrastructure Action Team

- f. Committee Action: review and adopt recommendations – Mark Brown

Lunch 12:30 P.M. – 1:30 P.M.

D. Spiny Lobster Committee (TAB 04) – Monday 1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

1. Status of Spiny Lobster Catches vs. ACL
 - a) Letter from NMFS regarding 2016/2017 landings – Christina Wiegand
 - b) Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review
 - a. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 – NMFS SERO
3. Review Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Bully Nets)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Review updated draft options paper
 - c. Committee Action: review document and approve actions and alternatives to be analyzed; provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley

E. Joint Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management/Shrimp/Golden Crab Committee (TAB 05) – Monday 2:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

1. SAFMC FEP II & Implementation Plan
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: review and approval – Doug Haymans
2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and model development
 - a. South Atlantic ecosystem modeling
 - b. SAFMC ecospecies system and digital dashboard access
 - c. Ocean observing: partnering to address Council needs
 - d. Council Action: approve actions on habitat
3. Allowable Fishing Areas
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: discussion and provide direction to staff – Doug Haymans (Habitat)/Charlie Phillips (Shrimp)/Ben Hartig (Golden Crab)

F. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (TAB 06) – Tuesday 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M. & Wednesday 8:30 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
1. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - b. Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - c. Golden Tilefish Interim Rule
 - d. Abbreviated Framework Amendment 1 (Red Grouper)
6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Recreational Reporting and Best Fishing Practices)
 - a. Overview – Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
7. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer

- b. Committee Action: review, modify document as necessary, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 8. Improving Recreational Estimates
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 9. Socio-economic Profile of the South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Commercial Fishery
 - a. Presentation on findings from final report – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide comment – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 10. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: review, modify document as necessary, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 11. Snapper Grouper For-Hire Moratorium
 - a. Overview– John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: review options paper and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 12. Red Grouper Rebuilding Plan
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 13. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 14. Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - a. Status of ITQ Review – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Overview of development of the review – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - c. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 15. Yellowtail Snapper
 - a. Discuss potential management options for yellowtail snapper – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 16. Visioning Blueprint Review Guidance for December 2018
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer and Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 17. System Management Plan Review Guidance
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
- 18. Sea Turtle and Other Protected Resources Release Gear
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval

G. Informal Q & A Session – Tuesday 4:30 P.M.

H. Formal Public Comments – Wednesday 4:30 P.M.

I. SEDAR Committee (TAB 07) – Thursday 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M.

1. Assessment Projects Update – John Carmichael
2. SAFMC SEDAR Committee: Function and Purpose
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: discussion – Charlie Phillips
3. SEDAR Steering Committee Spring Meeting
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance – Charlie Phillips

J. ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole (TAB 08) – Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Recreational Accountability Measures
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:00 P.M.

K. Mackerel Cobia Committee (TAB 09) – Thursday 1:00 P.M. – 3:00 PM

1. Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs – SERO
2. King mackerel tournament sales vs. commercial ACL update - State Representatives
3. Update on state actions for ASMFC Interstate Plan for Atlantic Cobia
4. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia)
 - a. Public hearing comments summary – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Review of decision document – Christina Wiegand
 - c. Committee action: review document and vote to submit for formal review – Ben Hartig
5. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (King Mackerel Trip Limits)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Ben Hartig

L. SOPPs (TAB 10) – Thursday 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M.

1. Handbook
 - a. Overview of Changes – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide direction to staff – Chris Conklin
2. SOPPs
 - a. Overview of Changes – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee action: discuss and provide direction to staff – Chris Conklin

M. Executive Finance Committee (TAB 11) – Thursday 4:00 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips
2. Draft CY2018 Budget
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips
3. Regulatory Reform
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips
4. Atlantic Coast-Wide Group Discussion
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips
5. Council Training/Webinars
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips

N. Council Session (TAB 12) – Friday 8:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

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

1. Call to Order and Introductions/Charlie Phillips
2. Adoption of Agenda/Charlie Phillips
3. Approval of Minutes/Charlie Phillips
4. Awards/Recognition/Charlie Phillips
5. Council Staff Reports
 - a) Executive Director’s Report – Gregg Waugh
 - b) Report on Economic Impact of Fisheries for SAFMC-Managed Species – John Hadley
 - c) Update on Electronic Reporting Outreach Project – Amber Von Harten
6. NMFS SERO Presentations
 - a. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) – Dr. Nick Farmer
 - b. Status of For-Hire Amendment – Rick DeVictor
 - c. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not covered in Committees – Rick DeVictor
 - d. Protected Resources Updates – Mary Wunderlich
7. MRIP Effort Survey Transition and Estimates Calibration Presentation – MRIP Staff (45 minutes)
8. NMFS SEFSC Presentations
 - a) Status of Electronic Commercial Logbook Voluntary Reporting
9. Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – ACTION
10. Committee Reports & Other Items
 - a. Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 06) – ACTION
 - b. Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB 09) – ACTION
 - c. Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 04) – ACTION
 - d. AP Selection Committee Report (TAB 02) – ACTION

- e. SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 07) – ACTION
- f. ABC Control Rule Committee of the Whole (TAB 08) – ACTION
- g. Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB 03) – ACTION
- h. Joint Habitat/Shrimp/Golden Crab Committee Report (TAB 05) – ACTION
- i. SOPPs Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
- j. Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 11) – ACTION
- k. Agency & Liaison Reports
- l. Other Business
- m. Upcoming Meetings
- n. Adjourn

XXII. June 11-15, 2018 – Fort Lauderdale, FL –Rough Draft

ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (2/12/18 @ NOON).

- 1) FIRST MEMO – 4/1/18 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF – 5/11/18 @ 5 pm local time.
- 3) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF – 5/21/18 @ 5 pm local time.
- 4) BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 5/22/18 AT NOON.
- 5) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 5/24/18 BY NOON
- 6) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 5/24/18 AT 5 PM
- 7) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 5/25/18 BY NOON
- 8) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 5/25/18
- 9) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH – 2 pm 5/30/2018.
- 10) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 6/15/18

[_____ – GMFMC liaison]

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Gregg – memo to Cisco [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 4/27/18. Done _____

Specific needs: _____

A. SEDAR Committee (**Partially Closed**) (John Carmichael) (TAB 3)

1. Appointments – Closed Session
 1. Cobia & Yellowtail assessments
2. Approvals: TORs & Schedules
 - a. Cobia
 - b. King Mackerel
 - c. Yellowtail (FWCC Lead)
 - d. Scamp (Research Track)
3. Assessment Activities Update
 - a) SAFMC Projects
 - b) SEDAR Steering Committee

B. AP Selection

1. Working group for SMP

C. Spiny Lobster Committee (Christina Wiegand)

1. Review Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 draft-select preferred alternatives.

B. SSC Selection – **Closed Session** – (Mike Errigo)

1. SSC Appointments and Re-appointments

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) Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - b) Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - c) Abbreviated Framework 1 (Red Grouper)
3. Snapper Grouper AP Report – David Moss
4. SSC Report
5. SERFS Update – Marcel Reichert
6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Permitting & Reporting for Private Rec)
 - a) Review and approve for scoping
 - b) Overview – Chip
 - c) Committee reviews and votes to submit for scoping – Michelle Duval
6. SMZ Review Guidance
7. Visioning Blueprint Review Guidance
8. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a) Overview of public comment – Myra
 - b) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, choose preferreds, and approves for public hearings – Michelle Duval
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 - b) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, choose preferreds, and approves for public hearings – Michelle Duval
10. Snapper Grouper For-Hire Permit Moratorium
 - a) Overview– John Hadley
 - b) Committee reviews scoping comments, draft amendment and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
11. Visioning Blueprint Review Guidance for December 2018
12. SMZ Review Update
10. Red grouper Rebuilding
 - a) Overview – John Hadley
 - b) Review Scoping comments
 - c) Committee provides guidance to staff ... - Michelle Duval
11. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish)
 - a) Overview – Brian Chevront
 - b) Committee considers public comment and approves for formal review – Michelle Duval
12. Wreckfish ITQ Review

- a) SSC Report – Marcel Reichert
- b) Shareholders meeting report – Brian Cheuvront
- c) Snapper Grouper AP Report – Brian Cheuvront
- d) Wreckfish ITQ review report – Brian Cheuvront
- e) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval

14. Sea Turtle Release Gear – Chip Collier

15. Yellowtail Snapper

- a) Review options paper on potential management options for yellowtail snapper- John Hadley
- b) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval

16. Assessments received

- a) Black sea bass
- b) Vermilion snapper
- c) Blueline tilefish – ABC recommendations for Northern area
- d) SSC Red Snapper ABC workgroup update

F. ABC CR (John Carmichael)

- 1. ABC CR Amendment – John Carmichael
review IPT recommendations

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

- 1. Review SBRM
- 2. Update on FHER Amendment

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

- 1. Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting
 - a. Summary Report: May Advisory Panel Meeting – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee 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. Coral/Shrimp FMP – Access areas – Chip Collier
- 4. Council actions on habitat

I. Citizen Science

- 1. Review draft SAF<C Citizen Science Research Needs – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Committee reviews and adopts document – Mark Brown
- 2. Review formal recommendations from Citizen Science Action Teams – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Recommendations from Data Management Action Team
 - b) Recommendations from Volunteers Action Team
 - c) Recommendations from Projects/Topics Management Action Team

- d) Recommendations from Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team
- e) Recommendations from Finance & Infrastructure Action Team
- f) Committee reviews and adopts recommendations – Mark Brown
- 3. Update on Citizen Science Pilot project – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Committee provides guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown

J. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Christina) (TAB 9)

- 1. CMP AP Report
- 2. Tournament Landings
- 3. CMP Framework Amendment 6 – King Mackerel trip limits

K. Law Enforcement Committee (Myra) (TAB 10)

- 1. 2017 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
- 2. LE AP Report
- 3. Operator Permits
- 4. CMP For-Hire Permit Issue

L. SOPPs Committee (Gregg) – 1 hour

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

N. 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) Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team Report
 - (4) 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) Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - k) AP Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - l) SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - m) SEDAR Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - n) Data Collection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - o) Habitat Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - p) Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - q) Executive/Finance Committee (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - r) Agency & Liaison Reports
 - s) Other Business
 - t) Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn