



SAFMC/NMFS SERO REGIONAL OPERATIONS SCHEDULES/DELIVERABLES

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SAFMC Staff approved based on directions from Council at most recent meeting and review on 10/10/17.

NMFS Staff approved based on internal review and resolution of questions raised. Done 10/27/2017. 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 GROUPER

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, Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), 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 Gulf and 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 Cheuvront, 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. Date done _____.
 - g) Final Rule published _____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.

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:
 - a. 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.
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:
 - a. 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:

- a) ✓Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016.
- b) ✓Council review draft options paper – June 2016.
- c) ✓Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
- d) ✓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.
- e) ✓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 11/17/2017.
- 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 Perusso
- 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 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 _____/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 27 – Commercial

1. IPT:
 - a) ✓SAFMC Team: Myra Brouwer (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Mike Errigo (Data)
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Mary Vara (SERO IPT Lead), Rick DeVactor, 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 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 _____/18.
 - e) Comments due by _____/18.
 - f) Final Rule published _____/18. Fishery Bulletin published on _____/18.
 - g) Post to web site. Date done _____.
 - h) Regulations effective _____/18.
 - 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.

2. 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), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Scott Sandorf (Regulations Writer), Jennifer Lee (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)
- c) ✓NMFS SEFSC Team:
- 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 ____/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 ____/17.

4. 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 ____ 2017. Done ____/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.

ABC Control Rule Revisions (Amendment 45)

1. IPT (Draft):

- a) SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley, Christina Wiegand

- b) NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta (NMFS Lead), David Dale (HCD), Mary Wunderlich (PRD), Joelle Goodwin (Reg Writer)
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Erik Williams & Larry Perruso
 - d) NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello
2. Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018:
- 10 Council guidance to prepare amendment -- December 2016
 - 11 Scoping TBD. FR information due to Kim 28 days in advance. Notice by _____
 - 12 Public Hearings – TBD. FR notice by _____.
 - 13 Committee/Council review draft amendment and public comment – TBD
 - 14 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 _____.
 - d) Proposed Rule published _____.
 - e) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - f) Comments due by _____.
 - g) Final Rule published _____. Fishery Bulletin published on _____.
 - h) Send to Council, AP Date _____
 - i) Post to web site
 - j) Regulations effective _____
 - k) Fishery Bulletin published on _____.

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), 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:

- a) ✓ Council discuss red snapper management and provide guidance to staff – September 2015, December 2015, March 2016.
 - b) ✓ Council review draft options paper – June 2016.
 - c) ✓ Council review options paper and provide guidance, and approve for scoping/amendment timing – December 2016
 - d) ✓ 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.
 - e) ✓ Committee/Council review draft options and public scoping comment; provide guidance on actions/alternatives – March 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 _____ 2017. Done _____/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.

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) Interim Rule published 10/30/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on 10/30/17. Comment period ends 11/14/17
- c) Proposed Rule published _____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on _____/17.
- d) Comments due by _____/17. Date done _____.

- e) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
- f) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- g) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- h) Regulations effective ____/18.
- i) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/18.

Wreckfish Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) Program Review

Staff: Brian Cheuvront

1. IPT (Draft):

- a) SAFMC Team: Brian Cheuvront (SAFMC Lead), Christina Wiegand, John Hadley
- b) NMFS SERO Team: Nikhil Mehta, 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

Proposed Draft Timing 2017-2018:

- a) Council guidance to prepare amendment – June 2017
- b) Committee/Council review draft program review document – December 2017
- c) Committee/Council review draft program review document and public comment – March 2018
- d) Committee/Council gives final guidance for draft program review document – June 2018
- e) Committee/Council approve for formal review – September 2018

System Management Plans

Lead Staff: Chip Collier & Roger Pugliese

The System Management Plans (SMP) are intended to increase the dialogue among the SAFMC and NOAA, commercial and recreational fishers, other members of affected communities, scientists, and additional agencies and stakeholders to achieve common goals to effectively monitor and protect the resources found within the Oculina Experimental Closed Area (OECA), Deepwater Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), and Spawning Special Management Zones (SMZs).

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

- 1. An evaluation plan was developed in March 2005 with a first review completed review in 2007 and second review completed in March 2016. The next evaluation plan is set for review in 2019. The evaluation plan includes:

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

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

2. 2014 5-Year Evaluation Plan

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

3. Next Evaluation Plan (2019)

- a) Council reviews, modifies, and approves at June 2019 meeting.
- b) Council determines if any changes are necessary to the Oculina Experimental Closed Area & Provides guidance to staff – June 2019 meeting. Council approved final plan and directed staff to conduct another review of the OECA Evaluation Plan in 2019, when the entire area should be mapped.
- c) Final review by Oculina Evaluation Team –

- d) SSC Review –
- e) Council sees final report –
- f) Council reviews final report –
- g) Document revised and distributed – _____
- h) Also included with the Council’s annual research needs list provided to NMFS.
- i) Next review: _____.

Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) – Chip Collier

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

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

1. IPT

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Co-Lead), Chip Collier (SAFMC Co-lead and Coral issues), Kari MacLauchlin, John Hadley, Roger Pugliese (EFH & Ecosystem), John Carmichael (Research/Science), Mike Errigo (Data), Amber Von Harten (Outreach), and Michelle Tishler/Ken Lindeman (Consultants).
 ✓NMFS SERO Team: Rick DeVactor (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).
 ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Todd Kellison, Andy David, and Stacey Harter.
 ✓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

A. 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. Process for FEP II – Developed in cooperation with Habitat AP prior to December 2013 Council meeting. Planning initiated and policy statement revision/development completed in 2013.
 - 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) and fall (November) Habitat Advisory Panel meetings (2014-2017).
 - 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.

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 and Approve FEP II Implementation Plan and road map. Review and Approve FEP II and Interactive FEP II Dashboard System.
2. South Atlantic Council Response to NOAA Policies, Strategies and Research Affecting Essential Fish Habitat and South Atlantic Ecosystems
- 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) ✓NMFS Ecosystem Research Coordination Meeting / Dr. Jason Link – SEFSC Beaufort, NC 2017
 - b) ✓Managed Species/Ecospecies Session May 23, 2017 St. Petersburg, FL
 - c) ✓South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Coordination Meeting May 24, 2017 – St. Petersburg, FL
 - d) ✓SALCC Conservation Blueprint Workshop May 2, 2017 Charleston, SC
 - e) ✓Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting May 16-17, 2017 Charleston, SC
 - f) ✓SECOORA Steering Committee, SH and PI Meetings May 17-19, 2017 Jacksonville, FL
 - g) SAFMC Mapping Strategy Session Summer/Fall2017 FWRI St. Petersburg, FL
 - h) ✓SALCC Steering Committee Meeting Summer 2017
 - i) ✓Society for Conservation GIS July 6-20, 2017 Monterey, CA
 - j) ✓South Atlantic Committee Meeting and Joint Meeting of South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean SEAMAP Committees July 24-27, 2017 St. Croix, USVI
 - k) ✓MTS Oceans 2017 Industry Coordination supporting ocean technology/potential test beds in South Atlantic region. September 17-22, 2017 Anchorage, AK
 - l) ESRI Ocean Forum Redlands, CA, November 1-4, 2017
 - m) Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Meeting November 14-15, 2017 FWRI, St. Pete. FL
 - n) SECOORA Board, Member and PI Winter Meeting December 6-8, 2017

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

1. EFH Update / 5 Year Review

Date	Meeting/Workshop	Location
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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, GSAA, ESRI, etc.)	By Meeting
✓February 7-8, 2015	Ecosystem Modeling Workshop: Review Ecopath modeling, Ecosystem Simulation modeling, oceanographic models and data, regional conservation blueprint and connectivity modeling, and habitat modeling to enhance stock assessments	FWRI, St. Petersburg, Florida
✓March 3, 2015	SEAMAP Bottom Mapping and Species Characterization Workgroup: Review Updates to Bottom Habitat Mapping Input on Refinement and linking Ecospecies to FEP II Development and Mapping Strategy Development Develop Outline for South Atlantic Food Web Section of FEP II	In conjunction with March 2015 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, Georgia
✓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
✓November 6, 2015 (ongoing discussion w/ESRI & FWRI)	Collaboration meeting with ESRI Chief Scientist, Dawn Wright and 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	ESRI Office, Redlands, CA
✓January 2015-March 2016 (ongoing)	FEP II Section and EFH Update Facilitated Webinars: Artificial Reefs, Live/Hard Bottom Habitat, Seagrass/SAV Habitat, Estuarine Shrub Scrub (Mangroves), Intertidal Flats Habitat, Estuarine Water Column, Deepwater Coral Habitat, Coral and Coral Reefs, Oyster Reefs and Shell Banks Habitat, Soft Bottom Subtidal Habitat, Estuarine Emergent Marsh (Salt and Brackish) Habitat, and Riverine and Freshwater Habitat	Email Coordination/ Facilitated Webinars October 2015 Demo June 2017

	Links to Revised Sections, Sections in FMPs, Amendments or FEP I	
✓January 2015- 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 Webinars October 2015 June 2017 Demo
✓January 2015- May 2016 June 2016 - 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 2016 November 2016 May 2017
June 2014 – April 2016 May 2016 – June 2017 (ongoing) Final accessible through link in FEP II Accessible through link in FEP II Dashboard	South Atlantic Climate Vulnerability – Refine Rapid Assessments for South Atlantic Species Developed for Atlantic Coast Workshop as an Appendix or Section of 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 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	Initiated in conjunction with Climate and Fisheries Workshops Online Basecamp created to Facilitate Development April 2016
October 2015- 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 discuss section development and provided edits to Section November 2016 and May 2017.	Facilitated Webinars Oct & Nov 2015 and Meeting December 2015 May 2016

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

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

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

1. IPT Team:

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

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

2. Timing 2017:

- a) IPT leads develop scoping document – July 2017
- b) IPT is informed about expected timeline and no IPT meeting until after September 2017 meeting – July 2017.
- c) Submit FRN for scoping webinar in mid-July. Done 7/17/2017.
- d) Scoping briefing materials posted to website in early August. Done ____.
- e) Scoping webinar in August 15th. Done ____.
- f) SAFMC reviews public input, draft action/alternatives. September 2017.
- g) SAFMC reviews draft completed document and approves for public hearings in December 2017.

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 _____.

B. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (Adjust Atlantic King Mackerel Trip Limits)

1. IPT Team:
 - a. ✓SAFMC Team: Christina Wiegand (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Mike Errigo (Data), and John Hadley (Economics)
 - b. ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore (SERO Lead)
 - 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. Done _____.
 - b. IPT is informed about expected timeline and no IPT meeting until after December 2017 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

A. 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 ____/17.
- f) Send to Council & AP. Date done _____.
- g) Comments due by ____/17. Date done _____.
- h) Final Rule published ____/17.
- i) Send Fishery Bulletin to Council and AP. Date done _____.
- j) Post to web site. Date done _____.
- k) Regulations effective ____/17.
- l) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

B. 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) TBD

VI. SHRIMP

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.

VII. GOLDEN CRAB

Lead Staff: Brian Chevront

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.

- 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

A. 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 42

- 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)
- ✓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).
- ✓NMFS SEFSC – Neil Baertlein, Shannon Calay, Larry Perruso (Economist).
- ✓NOAA GC – Mara Levy.

2. Timeline:

- a) ✓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: _____

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

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

1. IPT

- a) ✓SAFMC Team: John Carmichael (SAFMC Lead), Brian Cheuvront, Kari MacLauchlin, Chip Collier (Coral Issues), Mike Errigo (Data), Roger Pugliese (Habitat)
- ✓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)
- ✓NMFS SEFSC – Vivian Matter, Ken Brennan
- ✓NOAA GC – Monica Smit Brunello

2. Timeline:

- b) ✓Initiated in CEBA 3.
- b) ✓October 2012: GMFMC creates tech subcommittee to address headboat data
- c) ✓December 2012: Initiate stand-alone amendment addressing for-hire reporting, joint GMFMC-SAFMC; GMFMC as lead.
- d) ✓March 2013: Generic for hire ‘headboat’ amendment approved (mandatory headboat, if-selected charterboat reporting)
- e) ✓September 2013: Tech subcommittee members appointed, direct to pursue joint action with GMFMC
- f) ✓December 2013: SAFMC motion for weekly electronic reporting
- g) ✓March 2014: SAFMC defers actions pending tech subcommittee report
- h) ✓May 2014: Tech Subcomm meets
- i) ✓December 2014: Tech Subcomm report to SAFMC (GMFMC January)
- j) ✓March 2015: SAFMC reviews options (GMFMC March)
- k) ✓June 2015: Joint SAFMC-GMFMC meeting. SAFMC approves for public hearing; GMFMC does not approve for hearing
- l) ✓September 2015: SAMFC directs separate SA amendment, for Charter boats
- m) ✓December 2015: SAFMC approves for public hearing
- n) ✓January/February 2016: Hearings
- o) ✓March 2016: Review hearings, review document, request action to specify data elements, delay final approval.
- p) ✓May 2016: SSC Review
- q) ✓June 2016: Council review, approve minimum data elements
- r) ✓June – August 2016: IPT incorporate Council edits and data elements

- s) ✓September 2016: Council review
 - t) ✓December 2016: SAFMC final approval
 - u) ✓GMFMC final approval: January 30 – February 3, 2017. Done 2/2/2017
3. Document preparation for formal review:
- a) ✓Council chair reviews document & codified text 2/27/17
 - b) ✓Document submitted for final review: 3/4/2017.
 - c) 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. FOR-HIRE PERMIT MORATORIUM

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), and Mike Errigo (Data)
 - b) ✓NMFS SERO Team: Karla Gore, (NMFS Lead), Christina Package-Ward (Social Scientist), Denise Johnson (Economist), Janet Miller and Britni Lavine (Data Analysts), Noah Silverman (NEPA Coordinator), Adam Bailey (Regulations Writer), Mary Wunderlich (Protected Resources), David Dale (Essential Fish Habitat)
 - c) NMFS SEFSC Team: Ken Brennan, Christopher Liese
 - 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.

- 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.

- 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 –
_____ 2017
- 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.

XI. POSTPONED AMENDMENTS (Purgatory)

A. 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 Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
✓ GMFMC Team: Assane Diagne (Lead), Ava Lassiter (Social Scientist), Ryan Rindone, and Carrie Simmons (Review)
✓ 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)
✓ NMFS SEFSC Team: Matt Lauretta and David Carter
✓ 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.

B. 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 GROUPER 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, Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Cheuvront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), Mike Errigo (Data), and Chip Collier (Coral issues)
✓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)
✓NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer and Akbar Marvasti
✓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.

C. CMP Amendment 30 (Atlantic Cobia) – Kari

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

1. IPT

- a) SAFMC Team: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead), John Hadley (economist), Mike Errigo (data)
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)
NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Matt Lauretta (biologist)
NOAA GC Team: Jocelyn D'Ambrosio

2. Items for recreational management (Atlantic cobia):

- a) 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.

D. Mackerel Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations) – Kari

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: Kari MacLauchlin (SAFMC Lead)
✓GMFMC Team: Ryan Rindone (GMFMC Lead), Ava Lasseter (social scientist), Assane Diagne (economist)
✓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),

- ✓NMFS SEFSC Team: David Carter (economist), Michael Schirripa (biologist)
- ✓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

E. 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. The South Atlantic Council will review the Gulf's response at their December 2017 meeting.

1. IPT Team:

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

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:

- 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:

- b) 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 ____/17.
- e) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- f) Comments due by ____/17.
- g) Final Rule published ____/17. Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
- h) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- i) Post to web site
- j) Regulations effective ____/17.
- k) Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

F. 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 Cheuvront, 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.
 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
 NMFS SEFSC Team: Kyle Shertzer, Scott Crosson
 ✓NOAA GC Team: Monica Smit-Brunello

2. Proposed Draft Timing 2016-17:

- 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 8/11/17.
- k) Proposed Rule published ____/17.
- l) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- m) Comments due by ____/17.
- n) Final Rule published ____/17. Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.
- o) Send to Council, AP Date _____
- p) Post to web site
- q) Regulations effective ____/17.
- r) Note: Fishery Bulletin published on ____/17.

XII. CITIZEN SCIENCE

A. 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.

1. 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 9 @ 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:
2. FRN for Action Team meetings via webinar -
 - i. January 2018 – Action Team Webinar Meeting
 - i. All-Hands A-Team Plenary meeting:
 - ii. FRN for Plenary Action Team meeting via webinar
 - 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

a) SAFMC Actions

a. Schedule Approval:

(a) ✓ Stock ID: March 2016

(b) ✓ Assessment: June 2016

TOR Approval:

(a) ✓ initial: June 2016

(b) ✓ Modified: December 2016

Appointments

(a) ✓ Stock ID Workshop: March 2016

(b) ✓ Panels: June 2016, December 2016

SSC Review: October 2017

Council Review: December 2017

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

✓ Data

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

(b) Meeting Request:

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

✓ 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

✓ 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

Final report Dissemination: October 6, 2017

2. Project: **SEDAR 56**

Species: Black Sea Bass

Range: SAFMC to Cape Hatteras

Type: Standard

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

a) SAFMC Actions

b. ✓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

Workshops: None

Final report Dissemination: April 6, 2018

3. Project: **SEDAR 55**

Species: Vermilion Snapper

Range: SAFMC

Type: Standard

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

a) SAFMC Actions

a. ✓Schedule Approval: June 2017

✓TOR Approval: June 2017

✓Appointments: June 2017

SSC Review: April 2018

Council Review: June 2018

Workshops: None

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

a) 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.

Schedule Approval: TBD

TOR Approval: TBD

Appointments: TBD

SSC Review: TBD

Council Review: TBD

Workshops: None

Final report Dissemination: TBD

5. Project: **Atlantic Cobia**

Range: SAFMC

Type: Benchmark

Lead: SEFSC Beaufort

b) SAFMC Actions

c. Schedule Approval:

(a) Stock ID: Fall 2017 by SEDAR Steering Committee

(b) Assessment: June 2018?

TOR Approval:

(a) Stock ID: Fall 2017 by SEDAR Steering Committee

(b) Assessment: June or Sept 2018?

Appointments

(a) Stock ID Workshop: Dec 2017

(b) Panels: June & September 2018

Final Report Dissemination: TBD

SSC Review: TBD

Council Review: TBD

Workshops

d. 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

Data

(a) Charleston SC, TBD

(b) Meeting Request:

(c) FRN:

Assessment

(a) TBD

(b) Meeting Request:

(c) FRN:

Review

(a) TBD

(b) Meeting Request:

(c) FRN:

Final report Dissemination: TBD

SSC Review: TBD
Council Review: TBD

B. Future SAFMC Priorities

1. Steering Committee Approved Future Projects and Scheduling

a) 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
2018	B	Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	TBD	Early 2020	FL FWCC
	R	MRIP Revisions Red Grouper, Blueline Tilefish, Black Sea Bass	Revision	2017	2019	SEFSC
	B	Atlantic Cobia	Benchmark	2016	Dec 2019	SEFSC
	S	Greater Amberjack	Standard	2017	Sept 2019	SEFSC
	S	Red Porgy	Standard	2017	Jan 2019	SEFSC
	B	Hogfish (Gulf)	Benchmark	2016	Spring 2019	FL FWCC
	RT	King Mackerel	Research Track	2016	Mid 2019	SEFSC
2019	RT	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Research Track	2017	Mid-2020	SEFSC
	S	Snowy Grouper	Standard	2017	Late 2019	SEFSC
	S	Tilefish	2017/18	TBD	Late 2019	SEFSC
2020	S	Gag	Standard	2018	Early 2020	SEFSC
	O	Scamp, Gulf + SA	Operational	2020	Fall 2020	SEFSC

1. Additional SAFMC Priorities

- a. 2021: Gray triggerfish Benchmark, red grouper, black sea bass
- b. 2022: White grunt

C. SEDAR Steering Committee Meetings

1. 2017 Spring Webinar Meeting: May 5, 2017, 9 am to 12 noon

- a) Date Selected: January 30, 2017
- b) FRN due April 6, 2017. Done: 3/30/2017
- c) BB Distribution: April 20, 2017

2. 2017 Fall Meeting: September 26, 2017

(Meeting was reduced to one day, and held during the SAFMC September 2017 meeting due to Hurricane Irma)

- a) Date Selected by June 20, 2017
- b) Meeting Request: 7/14/2017
- c) TO Request: 8/17/17

- d) Location: North Charleston, SC
- e) FRN: by 9/1/2017; done 8/18/17
- f) BB Distribution: 9/12/2017; done: 9/7/2017

D. Complete SEDAR Projects List

1. SEDAR Assessment Projects

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

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

					2011
	23	FL FWC Goliath grouper	Benchmark	2009	March 2011
	24	SAFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2009	October 2010
	U	FL FWC spiny lobster	Update	2009/2010	December 2010
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2008	February 2011
2011	25	SAFMC black sea bass and golden tilefish	Standard	2010	October 2011
	26	CFMC silk snapper, parrotfish, and queen snapper	Benchmark	2010	December 2011
	27	GSMFC menhaden	Review	2010	December 2011
	27A	FL FWC Yellowtail Snapper	Benchmark	2010	August 2012
	29	HMS GOM blacktip shark	Standard	2010	May 2012
	U	GMFMC vermilion snapper and gray triggerfish	Update	2010	December 2011
2012	28	GMFMC and SAFMC cobia and Spanish mackerel	Benchmark	2011	SA: December 12 Gulf: April 2013
	30	CFMC blue tang and queen triggerfish	Benchmark	2011	April 2013
	31	GMFMC red snapper	Benchmark	2011	June 2013
	U	SAFMC vermilion snapper and red porgy	Update	2011	October 2012
	U	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Update		2012
	U	FL FWC mutton snapper	Update	2011	August 2014
2013	32	SAFMC blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2011	September/
	32A	GSMFC menhaden	Review		November 2013
	33	GMFMC gag and greater amberjack	Benchmark	2012	April 2014
	34	HMS bonnethead and Atlantic sharpnose sharks	Standard	2011	October 2013
	36	SAFMC snowy grouper	Standard	2012	October 2013
	37	FL FWC hogfish	Review	2012	August 2014
	38	SAFMC and GMFMC king mackerel	Benchmark	2012	August 2014
	U	SAFMC black sea bass	Update	2012	March 2013
2014	35	CFMC red hind	Benchmark	2012	October 2014
	39	HMS smoothhound sharks, Gulf and Atlantic	Benchmark	2012	March 2015
	40	ASMFC Atlantic menhaden	Review	2012	January 2015
	41	SAFMC red snapper and gray triggerfish	Benchmark	2014	April 2016
	42	GMFMC red grouper	Benchmark	2013	August 2015
	U	GMFMC red snapper	Update	2013	December 2014
	U	SAFMC gag grouper	Update	2012	April 2014
2015	43	GMFMC gray triggerfish	Standard	2013	July 2015
	44	ASMFC red drum	Review	2013	October 2015
	45	GMFMC vermilion snapper	Standard	2014	March 2016
	46	CFMC data limited stocks	Benchmark	2013	May 2016
	47	FL FWC goliath grouper	Benchmark	2014	June 2016
2016	49	GMFMC Data-limited species: red drum, lane snapper, wenchman, yellowmouth grouper, speckled hind, snowy grouper, Almaco jack, lesser amberjack	Benchmark	2014	December 2016

	50	SAFMC/MAFMC/Atlantic blueline tilefish	Benchmark	2015	October 2017
	53	SAFMC red grouper	Standard	2015	February 2017
	U	SAFMC tilefish	Update	2014	April 2016
	U	HMS dusky shark	Update	2015	July 2016
	U	GMFMC gag grouper	Update	2015	January 2017
	U	GMFMC greater amberjack	Update	2015	March 2017
2017	48	FL FWC Southeastern US black grouper	Benchmark	2015	February 2018
	51	GMFMC gray snapper	Benchmark	2015	April 2018
	52	GMFMC red snapper	Standard	2016	March 2018
	54	HMS sandbar shark	Standard	2015	January 2018
	57	CFMC spiny lobster	Standard	2015	January 2018
	56	SAFMC black sea bass	Standard	2015	April 2018
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, 2017
 - b) Submit financial disclosures for existing members to NMFS/SERO: February 1, 2017
 - c) Submit financial disclosures for new applicants to NMFS/SERO: May 1, 2017
2. Annual Appointments – June Council Meeting
 - a) Advertise applications being accepted: March 31, 2017
 - 1) Newsletter, website, email to SSC/Council, AFS list servers. etc
3. Notify members whose terms expire of need to reapply: March 31, 2017
 - a) Application Materials Due: April 28, 2017
 - 1) Cover letter, CV, Financial Disclosure for new applicants
 - 2) Financial Disclosures for new Applicants submitted to NMFS: May 1, 2017

- 3) Review and Appointments by Council: June 12-16, 2017
- 4) Letters to applicants: June 26, 2017

B. SSC Meeting – April 25-27, 2017

- 1. April 25 (1:00 p.m.) – April 27, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)
 - a) Location: Town and Country Inn(Charleston, SC)
 - b) Meeting Request: December 1, 2016. Done: December 2, 2016
 - c) TO Request: March 1, 2017. Done: February 22, 2017
 - d) SSC Date Notification: January 15, 2017. Done: January 20, 2017
 - e) Travel Memo: March 15, 2017. Include all invited presenters. Done: February 24, 2017
 - f) Federal Register notice due March 23, 2017. Sent: 3/23/17
 - g) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, agenda: March 15, 2017
 - h) Briefing materials Due: April 5, 2017
 - i) BB to John for Review: April 6, 2017
 - j) BB Distribution & Posting: April 10 2017. Done:_____
- 2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: February 1, 2017
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: March 1, 2017
 - c) Final: March 15, 2017
 - d) Agenda Items:
 - 1) SEDAR
 - i. Projects and Research Track
 - ii. Vermilion Snapper Assessment: TORs, schedule, participants
 - iii. Stock ID workshop
 - iv. Assessment priorities
 - 2) Golden Tilefish: modified risk of overfishing
 - 3) Red Grouper assessment review
 - 4) ABC Control Rule
 - i. Redo scoring
 - ii. Compare old to new.
 - iii. Discuss phase-in approach
 - iv. Discuss roll-over
 - 5) Amendment 43: Red Snapper
 - 6) MRIP discussion
 - i. Discuss a joint Gulf-SA SSC meeting
 - ii. Addressing regional MRIP issues of excessive catch estimate uncertainty and rare event species
 - iii. Consider unit stock definitions as used in management vs. stock assessments to identify which may need further stock ID evaluation
 - 7) Research Plan review

- 8) SERFS Trends Update
- 9) National SSC Update
- 10) BSB bag/size limit analysis: consideration for new complex analysis review
- 11) Intent of discussion of Then et al. M

C. SEP - April 24-25, 2017

- 1. April 24 (1:00 p.m.) – April 25, 2017 (11:30 a.m.)
 - a) Location: Crowne Plaza (Charleston, SC)
 - b) Federal Register notice sent 3/23/17
 - c) Briefing materials by 4/10/17. Done 4/10/17.
- 2. Agenda Items:
 - a) Update on Citizen Science Program
 - b) Recent and developing Council actions
 - c) Social and Economic Information for the updated Fishery Ecosystem Plan
 - d) Red snapper management and analysis of fishing behavior
 - e) ABC Control Rule- Economic and social indicators
 - f) Socio-economic profile of the Snapper Grouper fishery

D. SSC – October 24-26, 2017

- 1. October 24 (1:00 p.m.) – October 26, 2017 (3:00 p.m.)
 - a) Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)
 - b) Hotel Cutoff: October 9, 2017
 - c) Meeting Request: June 1, 2017. Done: December 2, 2016.
 - d) TO Request: September 1, 2017. Done: _____.
 - e) SSC, SERO & SEFSC Date Notification: July 14, 2017. Done: _____.
 - f) Travel Memo: September 15, 2017. Include all invited presenters. Done: _____.
 - g) Federal Register notice due September 20, 2017. sent _____
 - h) SEFSC/SERO memos: BB deadline, presentations, DRAFT agenda: August 23, 2017
 - i) Briefing materials Due: October 2, 2017
 - j) BB to John for Review: October 4, 2017
 - k) BB Distribution & Posting: October 10 2017. Done: _____
- 2. Agenda
 - a) Topic requests from Council/Tech Staff by: 8/9.
 - b) Draft to Chairs/SERO/SEFSC/Tech, 1 week to review: 8/16.
 - c) Final: 9/19.
 - d) Agenda Items:
 - 1) Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - 2) Review golden Tilefish revision and projections
 - 3) Review Red Grouper projections, provide fishing level recommendations
 - 4) Review SEFSC report on Gray Triggerfish assessment outlook
 - 5) SEDAR

- i. Projects update (note BSB timing change/updated discard mortality; black grouper conclusion)
 - ii. steering committee items/report
 - iii. research track,
 - iv. COBIA stock ID participants, TORs;
 - v. schedule update;
 - vi. Greater Amberjack (verify when closer)TORS-Sched-Participants
 - vii. MRIP revision TORS (and process/approach discussion?)
 - viii. Hogfish update – TORS? (refine after SEDAR schedule call in July)
- 6) Review of the current SBRM in the Council's FMPs
 - 7) ABC control rule
 - 8) 2017 South Atlantic ECOPATH Model

XV. ADVISORY PANEL MEETINGS

A. Snapper Grouper AP- Myra

Dates: April 17 (1:30pm) – Apr 19, 2017 (non)
Location: Crowne Plaza (N Charleston, SC)
Federal Register notice sent: 3/16/17
Briefing materials by 3/31/17. Done 3/31/17

B. Mackerel/Cobia AP – Christina

Dates: April 19 (1:30 p.m.) – April 20, 2017 (5:00 p.m.)
Location: Crowne Plaza (N Charleston, SC)
Federal Register notice sent 3/16/17
Briefing materials by 3/31/17. Done 4/4/17

C. Dolphin Wahoo AP – John Hadley

Date: April 21, 2017 (8:30 to 3:00)
Location: Crowne Plaza (N Charleston, SC)
Federal Register notice sent 3/16/17
Briefing materials by 4/5/17. Done 4/5/17

D. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

Dates: May 16 (9:00 a.m.) - May 17, 2017 (4:30 p.m.)
Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)
Federal Register notice sent 3/29/17
Briefing materials by May 5, 2017. Done May 5, 2017.

E. Law Enforcement AP– Myra

Date(s): May 18 (9:00 a.m.) – May 19 (noon), 2017
Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)
Federal Register notice sent 4/5/17

Location: Town and Country Inn (Charleston, SC)
Briefing materials by 5/5/17. Done 5/5/17

F. Snapper Grouper AP – Myra

Dates: October 11 (1:30pm) – October 13, 2017 (12pm) (½ day, full day and ½ day if needed)

Location: (Charleston, SC)

Federal Register notice sent: _____

Briefing materials by _____. Done _____

G. I&E AP – Amber/Cameron

Dates: October 10 (9am) – October 11, 2017 (12pm) (fullday, and ½ day, if needed)

Location: Hilton Garden Inn (N. Charleston, SC)

✓Federal Register notice sent: September 14, 2017

✓Briefing materials by September 28, 2017. Done 9/28/17.

H. Habitat Ecosystem AP – Roger

November 14 (9:00 a.m.) – November 16, 2017 (Noon)

Location: FWRI, St. Petersburg, FL

Federal Register notice sent 9/20/17.

Briefing materials posted by 11/3/17. Done _____.

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.

A. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 PH via Webinar – May 9, 2017 at 6:00 pm

Update management benchmarks (OFL, ACL, and ACT) for Gulf and SA; prohibit recreational trap use in SA

1. Federal Register Notice sent: 3/22/17
2. Summary documents posted by: April 25, 2017. Done:

B. Public Hearings and Scoping - August 2017

Public Hearings and scoping will be done by webinar.

SG Amend 43: Q&A – Thursday, August 3, 2017 at 6 pm
Webinar #1 – Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 6 pm
Webinar #2 – Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 6 pm
Webinar #3 – Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 1 pm
CMP Amend 31: Webinar – Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6 pm (*tentative*)

1. Amendments:
 - a) Public hearings – Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (red snapper)
 - b) Scoping – CMP Amendment 31 (transfer of cobia management)
3. Federal Register Notice by _____
 - a) Notice sent to NOAA – done _____.
 - b) Publish notice – done _____.
3. Document preparation
 - a) Public Hearings/Scoping – use public hearing version of document and summary.
 - 1) Summary documents posted by _____.
 - 2) Amendments posted by _____. Done _____
 - 3) Video & PowerPoint presentations posted on _____. Done _____.
 - i. Comments due by 5 pm on _____.
 - 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:

C. Public Hearings and Scoping – January/February 2018

CMP Amendment 31 Public Hearings
CMP Framework 6 Scoping

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.]

A. 2017 Meeting Locations

1. November 6, 2017 – Webinar

2. December 4-8, 2017 – Atlantic Beach, NC

DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road

Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Phone: Reservations: 800-222-8733 or 252-240-1155/Fax: 252-222-4065

- Briefing book posted to the Council Website on: November 17, 2017.
- Committee Chairs run-through at 2 pm on November 27, 2017.
- Hotel cut-off: 11/3/17

B. 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

C. 2019 Meeting Locations

1. March 3-8, 2019 – 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 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

Phone: 800-334-6660 or 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444

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

Hilton Wilmington Riverside

Wilmington, NC

D. 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. SPECIFIC ITEMS FROM PRIOR AND SEPTEMBER 2017 MEETING

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

A. Snapper Grouper – Myra

1. ✓Request that the SSC discuss and evaluate the new approach used to estimate natural mortality in SEDAR 41 – Done – SSC April 2017 meeting – referred to SEDAR.
2. ✓Compile commercial landings information by state for the last 10 years (2006 to present) for blueline tilefish, snowy grouper, greater amberjack and red porgy to inform possible alternatives for commercial split seasons. Email sent 6/29/2017.
3. ✓Request projections for red grouper for high and low recruitment scenarios with management taking effect in 2018. Sent 6/23/2017
4. ✓Request that the SEFSC apply the Dirichlet Multinomial fitting procedure to the golden tilefish update assessment and provide in time for SSC review in October 2017.
5. ✓Request golden tilefish projections from new assessment at P^* levels of 0.30, 0.40, 0.45 and F_{MSY} for SSC review in October 2017. Addressed in letter with #4, 6/22/2017
6. ✓Request interim measures to reduce overfishing of golden tilefish. Sent 6/27/2017
7. ✓Meet with wreckfish ITQ shareholders prior to September 2017.
8. ✓Send letter to Gulf Council to get input on development of joint amendment to combine ACLs for yellowtail snapper (look at options from South Florida Amendment and Amendment 44). Done 7/14/17.
9. ✓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.
10. ✓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.
11. ✓Prepare expedited framework to adjust red grouper ABC and ACL using “low recruitment” scenario. In December 2017 BB.

B. Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat – Roger

1. ✓Council staff will work with writing teams to ensure FEP II Sections on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries track approved Executive Summaries and associated Policy Statements. In addition, recommended revisions to other FEPII Sections provided during and subsequent to the meeting will be addressed by the Section review teams.
2. ✓Council staff will advance partner funded South Atlantic Ecosystem model development and schedule an expanded modeling team meeting in May 24-25, 2017.
3. ✓Council staff will develop comments on the Draft South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science for the Chairs consideration and submission by March 25. Members and advisors input should be provided staff by March 20. Done March 24, 2017.
4. ✓The Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, during their May 2017 meeting is requested to include an agenda item on international Sargassum conservation efforts and new potential threats. The Panel will also review and complete a

new draft EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs for Council consideration for approval in June.

5. ✓ 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).
6. ✓ Refine draft FEP II Sections and incorporate edits provided during and subsequent to the June Committee meeting.
7. ✓ Initiate development process for FEP II Implementation Plan contact and confirm participation on core team, refine outline and begin preparation of preliminary draft of FEP II Implementation Plan for review during the September 2017 Council meeting.
8. ✓ Work with Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel to complete Draft Artificial Reef EFH Policy Statement for review and approval during September 2017 Council meeting.
9. ✓ Work with South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup to complete a first iteration of the next generation Ecopath model completed for presentation during October SSC meeting.
10. Initiate development of a white paper on the issue of *Sargassum* conservation.
11. ✓ Work with FWRI on process to further expand detailed information presented in the EcoSpecies online system supporting FEP II. In addition, continue to refine format, evaluate capabilities and operationalize FEP II online system.
12. ✓ Finalize the Artificial Reef EFH Policy Statement and post on the FEP II Dashboard.
13. ✓ Revise Draft FEP II Implementation Plan based on Council member and Core Team input and drawing on the plan, develop a draft roadmap for review during the November Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel meeting and completion for consideration and possible approval at the December Council meeting.
14. ✓ Continue to refine format, evaluate capabilities and operationalize FEP II Dashboard and finalize Sections for approval during December Council meeting.
15. Ongoing- Work with South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling Workgroup to support completion and presentation of a first iteration of the next generation South Atlantic Ecopath model during the October SSC meeting.
16. Ongoing - Work with FWRI to further expand detailed information presented in the EcoSpecies online system supporting FEP II.

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. ✓ Council staff will draft a letter to the Gulf Council and SERO/SEFSC to explore options to have a common unit for tracking CMP species, and for NMFS guidance on the necessary Council actions to update the current system.
3. ✓ Council staff will work with SERO and NOAA GC on a discussion document with emergency rule criteria and how the recreational closure and stock boundary for Atlantic

cobia may or may not qualify for emergency action, to be included on the agenda at the AP/Sub-Panel meeting.

4. ✓ Provide the Mackerel Cobia AP and Cobia Sub-Panel meeting report to the ASMFC for their May 2017 meeting.
5. 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.
6. ✓ Develop draft action(s) and alternatives for a plan amendment with options for complementary management of Atlantic cobia or remove Atlantic cobia from the federal FMP.
7. ✓ Work with Council members and fishermen to develop alternatives for a framework amendment to revise the Atlantic king mackerel commercial trip limits for the Southern Zone (Sept 2017 at Council Meeting)
8. Send a letter to the Gulf Council to discuss coordination of revising the units to track CMP species.
9. ✓ Send a letter to MRIP to recalculate the 2015 and 2016 recreational landings for Atlantic cobia using annual estimates of catch and effort. Sent 6/27/2017
10. ✓ Send a letter to MRIP requesting a timeline for re-calculated 2015 and 2016 Atlantic cobia recreational landings, and for evaluation of alternative estimation approaches for situation where MRIP data is not sufficient. (done October 11, 2017).
11. ✓ Develop draft Amendment 31 with approved alternatives for management of Atlantic cobia to be approved for public hearings in December 2017. (Done – in Dec 2017 BB).

E. Dolphin Wahoo – John H.

1. Postpone development of Dolphin Wahoo 10 until MRIP revisions have been completed in 2018.
2. ✓ Request that the SSC examine the maximum PSE above which recreational catch estimates would be unreliable for management purposes, particularly for comparing catch to ACLs and triggering AMs. This was to be included as part of the joint SSC meeting between the Gulf and South Atlantic to discuss recreational data.
3. ✓ Draft memo to the SEFSC to examine a mechanism to better determine pelagic longline landings of dolphin that occur on vessels that possess permits to land HMS species with pelagic longline gear and on vessels without such permits but hold a dolphin/wahoo permit. Memo sent 5/9/17 with response received 9/1/17. Presented to the Council at the September 2017 meeting.

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. Reminder email to Gregg on 9/7/17.
2. ✓ Send letter to 2016 LEOY and runner-ups. Done 6/28/2017.

H. SEDAR – John Carmichael

1. ✓Request that the SEFSC provide an evaluation of prior assessment efforts for Gray Triggerfish, including comparison with the successful Gulf assessment, for review by the SSC in October 2017. Sent 6/23/2017
2. ✓Submit the SAIP comments. Sent 6/16/2017
3. ✓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.
4. ✓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. ✓Review structure of the Habitat Advisory Panel at the next AP Selection Committee meeting. (Done – at September 2017 Council meeting.)
4. Include a description of the NGO representatives when advertising open positions on species-specific advisory panels. Ongoing.
5. ✓Have staff develop a new online application form to be used for applying for open/vacant seats on all advisory panels (similar to the form used for Citizen Science AP Pool). (Done – July 2017.)
6. ✓Advertise and solicit applicants for open/vacant seats on the Council's advisory panels as needed for review by the AP Selection Committee at the September 2017 Council meeting. (Done – August 2017.)
7. Readvertise the SC Open Seat on the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel.
8. Advertise open seats on the advisory panels as needed for appointments at the March 2018 meeting.
9. ✓Notify, in writing, the applicants appointed to the various APs at the September 2017 meeting. (Done – October 2017.)
10. 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

1. ✓ Prepare a memo to the SEFSC requesting a source document to support the headboat annual report. Sent 6/23/2017
2. ✓ Submit the approved research prioritization plan. Sent 6/21/2017
3. ✓ Submit comments on the MRIP strategic plan. Sent 6/28/2017

L. Protected Resources – Chip

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

M. Spiny Lobster – Christina

1. ✓ Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 for web-based public hearings and for the June meetings of the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils.
2. ✓ Hold a webinar public hearing for Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4.
3. ✓ Work with Gulf Council staff to finalize Regulatory Amendment 4 to be sent to NMFS for formal review
4. ✓ Work with FWC and Gulf Council staff on changes to federal regulations needed to align with Florida regulations. (Done - in Dec 2017 BB)

N. HMS – John H.

1. ✓ Prepare a report on the number of vessels with a HMS commercial general category permit but not certified as compliant by the US Coast Guard for the safety requirements of a commercial fishing vessel for review by the council at the March 2017 meeting.
2. ✓ Write a letter to HMS in support of splitting the HMS Charter/Headboat Permit into a permit that is recreational only and a permit that allows sale.

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. ✓ Modify Council meeting materials as directed. Done after Sept 2017 Council meeting.
7. Work with CCC to increase the penalties for non-reporting. (On Feb 2018 CCC agenda.)
8. Continue working with the CCC on MSA issues. Ongoing
9. Explore options for meetings of the SMP AP. Will be discussed at Dec 2017 meeting
10. 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. Full Council – Gregg

1. ✓Letter to GMFMC on yellowtail snapper for them to discuss at their August meeting; use alternatives from the South Florida Amendment. Done 7/14/17.
2. ✓Letter to Florida on sheepshead and tripletail management – done 7/15/17.
3. ✓Letter to HMS on comments regarding the East Florida PLL Closed Area EFP. Done 3/29/17.

XIX. NOVEMBER 6, 2017 - Webinar

ALL MATERIALS, EXPERIMENTAL FISHING PERMITS, & PRESENTATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL MUST BE RECEIVED BY COUNCIL STAFF PRIOR TO THE BRIEFING BOOK DEADLINE (10/24/17 @ NOON).

- 1) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 10/24/17
- 2) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 11/17/17 BY NOON
- 3) WEBINAR NOTICE SENT – 10/25/17 @ 5 pm local time.
- 4) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 11/_/17

A. Committee of the Whole (John Carmichael) (TAB 01) – Monday 9:00 – 12:00

1. Revisions to the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule
 - a) Background – John Carmichael
 - b) SSC Recommendations on revisions to the ABC Control Rule – Dr. Marcel Reichert

XX. DECEMBER 4-8, 2017 – Atlantic Beach, NC –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 (11/13/17 @ NOON).

- 5) FIRST MEMO – 10/13/17 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
- 6) HOTEL CUT-OFF – 11/13/17 @ 5 pm local time.
- 7) ALL MATERIALS DUE FROM NON-COUNCIL STAFF – 11/13/17 @ 5 pm local time.
- 8) BRIEFING INFORMATION DUE TO BRIAN BY 11/14/17 AT NOON.
- 9) TECHNICAL STAFF FINALIZE BRIEFING MATERIAL BY 11/16/17 BY NOON
- 10) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 11/16/17 AT 5 PM
- 11) BRIEFING BOOK MATERIALS POSTED TO WEBSITE BY 11/17/17 BY NOON
- 12) BRIEFING BOOK AVAILABILITY MEMO SENT BY NOON 11/17/17
- 13) COMMITTEE CHAIRS RUN THROUGH – 2 pm NOVEMBER 27, 2017.
- 14) SUMMARY MOTIONS DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS BY 12/8/17

[Dale Diaz– 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 7/28/17.

Done _____.

Gregg – memo to Bonnie [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 7/28/17. Done _____]

Specific needs:

**A. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger Pugliese)
(TAB 01) – Monday 9:00 – 11:00**

1. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel Meeting Report
2. Review and Approve SAFMC FEP II Implementation Plan
3. Review and Approve SAFMC FEP II Road Map
4. Review and Approve SAFMC FEP II and FEP II Dashboard
5. Presentation on SECAS and SALCC Blueprint 2.2
6. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
7. Council Actions on Habitat

**B. ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole (John Carmichael) (TAB 02) – Monday
11:00 – 12 noon**

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment (SG Amendment 45/DW Amendment _/CMP Amendment _/Spiny lobster __?/Golden Crab __?/Deep water shrimp __?)
 - a) SSC Recommendations – Marcel Reichert
 - b) Overview of Council webinar – John Carmichael
 - c) Committee provides guidance to staff—Committee Chair

Lunch 12 noon – 1:30

**C. Spiny Lobster Committee (Christina Wiegand) (TAB 03) – Monday 1:30 – 3:00 (Must
be Monday)**

1. Update on Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4?
2. Review draft options for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13
 - a) review the purpose and need as well as draft alternatives and determine if any changes are necessary.

D. Citizen Science (Amber Von Harten) (TAB 04) – Monday 3:00 – 4:30

1. Address policy on Citizen Science AP Pool and Action Team appointments – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Committee reviews and approves policy – Mark Brown
2. Review progress reports from each Action Team – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Update from Data Management Action Team
 - b) Update from Volunteers Action Team
 - c) Update from Projects/Topics Management Action Team
 - d) Update from Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team
 - e) Update from Finance & Infrastructure Action Team
 - f) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Mark Brown
3. Discussion of items brought forward by the Action Teams, as needed. – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Committee provides guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown
4. Update on Citizen Science Pilot project – Amber Von Harten
 - a) Committee provides guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown

E. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 05) – Monday 4:30 – 5:30

1. Status Reports
 - a. SAFMC FHER
 - b. SAFMC Data Collection Pilot
 - c. Outreach plan

F. Recreational Reporting Workshop (Chip Collier) (TAB 06) – Tuesday 8:30 – 12 noon

1. Electronic reporting only for big game - a tag based program
2. iSnapper (Texas) - voluntary reporting program
3. Tails'n'Scales (Mississippi) - mandatory program
4. FWC and LA – enhanced MRIP. States would need to do this
5. Discussion

Lunch 12 noon – 1:30

G. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra Brouwer) (TAB 07) – Tuesday 1:30 – 5:30 & Wednesday 8:30 – 4:30

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) Golden Tilefish Interim Rule
 - c) Red Snapper Emergency Rule
 - d) Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
3. SG AP Report – David Moss
4. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Red Snapper)
 - a) Overview – Chip Collier
 - b) Committee reviews options and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
5. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b) SSC Recommendations – Marcel Reichert
 - c) Review revised actions & alternatives and purpose and need
 - d) Presentation on economic analysis? – John Hadley
 - e) Committee reviews, modifies as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
6. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b) SSC Recommendations – Marcel Reichert
 - c) Review revised actions & alternatives, updated analyses, and purpose and need

- d) Committee reviews, modifies as necessary, and provides guidance to staff
– Michelle Duval
- 7. Amendment 38 Blueline Tilefish
 - i. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - ii. Presentation by SEFSC on SEDAR 50
 - iii. SSC fishing level recommendations – Marcel Reichert
 - iv. Committee reviews, modifies as necessary, and provides guidance to staff
– Michelle Duval
- 8. Snapper Grouper For-Hire Moratorium
 - a) Overview– John Hadley
 - b) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 9. Red grouper
 - a) Overview – Brian Cheuvront
 - b) SSC Recommendations – Marcel Reichert
 - c) Committee provides guidance to staff on amendment development and timing - Michelle Duval
- 10. Golden Tilefish
 - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b) SSC Recommendations – Marcel Reichert
 - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 11. Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - a) Overview of development of the review – Brian Cheuvront
 - b) Presentation on ITQ Review Progress – Brian Cheuvront
 - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 12. Yellowtail Snapper
 - a) Overview
 - b) Review response from Gulf Council on potential joint amendment to examine jurisdictional ACL of yellowtail snapper- John Hadley
 - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval

H. Public Comment 4:30

I. SEDAR (PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION) (John Carmichael) (TAB 08) – Thursday 8:30 – 9:30

- 1. Appointments – CLOSED SESSION
 - a) Cobia stock ID, greater amberjack, red porgy
- 2. SSC Report
- 3. Terms of reference and schedule approvals
 - a) Greater amberjack
 - b) Red porgy
- 4. Steering Committee Report

J. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Christina Wiegand) (TAB 09) – Thursday 9:30 – 11:30

- 1. Status of commercial and recreational catches vs. ACLs - SERO
- 2. Update on the ASMFC Interstate Plan for Cobia – Bob Beal/Louis Daniels (?)

3. Requested timeline for MRIP recalculation of 2015 and 2016 recreational landings for Atlantic cobia – Christina Wiegand
4. CMP Amendment 31
 - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b) Review draft amendment – Christina Wiegand
 - c) Committee action approve for scoping

K. Information & Education Committee (Cameron Rhodes) (TAB 10) – Thursday 11:30 – 12 noon

Lunch 12 noon – 1:30

L. SOPPs (Gregg Waugh) (TAB 11) – Thursday 2:00 – 3:30

M. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 12) – Thursday 4:30 – 5:30

N. Council Session (TAB 13) – Friday 8:30 am – 1 pm

1. Call to Order
2. Presentations
3. Committee Reports & Other Items

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

- a) Staff Reports
 - (1) Executive Director's Report
 - (2) Update on Atlantic-coastwide meeting in November - Gregg & Charlie)
 - (3) Report on Red Snapper mini season data collection – Chip
 - (4) Economic Impacts of Fisheries for South Atlantic Council Managed Species – John Hadley
- b) NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 11/14/2017 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) Turtle release presentation - SERO
 - (4) Other issues?
- c) NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 11/14/2017 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (1) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
- d) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION
- e) Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB 07) – ACTION
- f) Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB 09) – ACTION
- g) Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB 03) – ACTION
- h) Committee of the Whole (ABC Control Rule) Report (TAB 02) – ACTION

- i) Recreational Reporting Workshop Report (TAB 06) – ACTION
 - j) SEDAR Committee Report (TAB 08) – ACTION
 - k) Data Collection Committee Report (TAB 05) – ACTION
 - l) Habitat Committee Report (TAB 01) – ACTION
 - m) Information and Education Committee Report (TAB 10) – ACTION
 - n) Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB 04) – ACTION
 - o) SOPPs Committee Report (TAB 11) – ACTION
 - p) Executive/Finance Committee (TAB 12) – ACTION
 - q) Agency & Liaison Reports
 - r) Other Business
 - s) Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn

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

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- 1) FIRST MEMO – ____/18 (30 DAYS PRIOR TO HOTEL CUT-OFF)
- 2) HOTEL CUT-OFF – ____/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.
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- 6) INFORMATION ON SHARED VOLUME 2/15/18 AT 5 PM
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- 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 7/28/17.

Done _____.

Gregg – memo to Bonnie [Note: see committee & Council presentations below. Memo by 7/28/17. Done _____]

Specific needs:

A. SEDAR Committee (Partially Closed?**) (John Carmichael) (TAB 3) – Monday 1 hour (maybe not)**

1. Steering Committee Report

B. AP Selection

1. Working group for SMZ groups

C. Citizen Science

D. Spiny Lobster Committee (Christina Wiegand) – Monday

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

E. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Myra) (TAB 8) – Tuesday afternoon & Wednesday

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO
 - e) Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - f) Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - g) Others?
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Red Snapper)
 - c) Review and approve for submission
 - d) Overview – Chip
 - e) Committee reviews and votes to submit for formal review – Michelle Duval
4. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - f) Review actions & alternatives and updated analyses
 - g) Overview – Myra
 - h) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and approves for public hearings – Michelle Duval
5. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - e) Review actions & alternatives and updated analyses
 - f) Overview – Myra
 - g) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and approves for public hearings – Michelle Duval
6. Snapper Grouper For-Moratorium
 - c) Overview– John Hadley
 - d) Committee reviews draft amendment and provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
7. Visioning Blueprint Review Guidance for December 2018
8. SMZ Review Guidance
9. Commercial fishery socio-economic characterization/portfolio analysis
 - a. Presentation on findings from final report– Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Committee reviews and provides comment – Michelle Duval
10. Red grouper
 - d) Overview – Brian Cheuvront
 - e) Committee provides guidance to staff ... - Michelle Duval
11. ABC Control Rule Amendment (SG Amendment 45/DW Amendment _/CMP Amendment _/Spiny lobster __?/Golden Crab __?/Deep water shrimp __?)
 - d) Update on ABC Control Rule modifications
 - e) Possibly add adjustment to the AMs
12. Golden Tilefish
 - d) Overview – Brian Cheuvront
 - e) Committee provides guidance to staff ... – Michelle Duval
13. Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - d) SERO Presentation on ITQ Review Process - SERO
 - e) Shareholders meeting report – Brian Cheuvront
 - f) Overview of development of the review – Brian Cheuvront

- g) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 14. Yellowtail Snapper
 - i. Review options paper on potential joint amendment to examine jurisdictional ACL of yellowtail snapper- John Hadley
 - ii. Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval
- 15. Atlantic coast-wide group discussion
 - a) Coast-wide planning to address climate change
 - i. State by state regulations for snapper grouper species in the Greater Atlantic Region? -- Myra Bouwer
 - ii. Discussion on possible complementary regulations for snapper grouper species in Greater Atlantic Region states – Michelle Duval
 - b) Committee provides guidance to staff – Michelle Duval

F. Data Collection Committee (John Carmichael) (TAB 11) – xx hrs

- 1. Status Reports
 - d. SAFMC FHER
 - e. SAFMC Data Collection Pilot
- 2. SBRM
 - f. review NMFS doc, SSC comments

G. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Committee (Roger) (TAB) – Tuesday 1½ hrs

- 1. SAFMC FEP II Implementation Plan roadmap (if needed)
- 2. Report on Coral meeting
- 3. 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
- 4. Council actions on habitat

H. Citizen Science

- 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 reviews and adopts recommendations – Mark Brown
- 2. Update on Citizen Science Pilot project – Amber Von Harten
 - i. Committee provides guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown

I. Mackerel Cobia Committee (Kari) (TAB 9) – Thursday morning 2 hours

J. Executive/Finance Committee (Gregg/Mike) (TAB 12) – 2 hrs

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

1. Elections
 2. Presentations
 - a) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
 3. Committee Reports & Other Items
- [Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION) if needed]
- t) Staff Reports
 - (5) Executive Director's Report
 - u) NMFS SERO Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2017 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (5) Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs
 - (6) Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - (7) Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team Report
 - (8) Others?
 4. Data comm item reports – FHER status, SBRM
 - v) NMFS SEFSC Presentations - (material is to be provided to the SAFMC office by noon on 8/22/2017 for inclusion in the briefing book):
 - (2) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
 - w) Review Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary – ACTION
 - x) Snapper Grouper Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - y) Mackerel Cobia Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - z) Spiny Lobster Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - aa) Law Enforcement Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - bb) AP Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - cc) SSC Selection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - dd) SEDAR Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - ee) Data Collection Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - ff) Habitat Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - gg) Citizen Science Committee Report (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - hh) Executive/Finance Committee (TAB xx) – ACTION
 - ii) Agency & Liaison Reports
 - jj) Other Business
 - kk) Upcoming Meetings
- Adjourn