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Monday, June 12, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. SSC Selection Committee/Charlie Phillips (**CLOSED SESSION**) (TAB 1)

- 1) Review applications and make recommendations – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (**PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION**) (TAB 2)

- 1) Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool
 - a) Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b) Committee Action: Review and provide recommendations for Council consideration - Kim Iverson/Chester Brewer – **ACTION**
- 2) Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool Appointments
 - a) Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b) Committee Action – Kim Iverson/Chester Brewer – **ACTION**
- 3) Mackerel Cobia AP and Cobia Sub-Panel
 - a) Current structure and function of the Cobia Sub-Panel
 - b) Discuss options for the open cobia sub-panel seat – **ACTION**
 - c) Discuss the petition sent to Council members concerning a Cobia Sub-Panel member – **ACTION**

-----**OPEN SESSION**-----

- 4) Proposed Process for Future Appointments to the Citizen Science AP/SEDAR Pools and Appointments to Citizen Science APs and SEDARs
 - a) Overview – Amber Von Harten/John Carmichael
 - b) Committee Action – Kim Iverson/Chester Brewer – **ACTION**

Monday, June 12, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:30 A.M. – 12:00 NOON

SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 3)

- 1) Appointments – **CLOSED**
- 2) SEDAR Projects Update – **ACTION**
 - a) Status of projects underway
 - b) Vermilion Snapper schedule and TOR approval
- 3) Assessment process and schedule
 - a) SEDAR Steering Committee Report
 - b) Update on Joint Gulf-South Atlantic SSC meeting
 - c) SSC report (will discuss future priorities and research track)
 - d) Committee action – process and schedule guidance – **ACTION**
- 4) Review NMFS Stock Assessment Improvement Plan (SAIP) Updates
 - a) Overview
 - b) SSC Comments – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - c) Committee Action – provide comments on SAIP – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M. Lunch

Monday, June 12, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.

Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)

- 1) Status of catches versus ACLs – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
- 2) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 – **ACTION**
 - a) Committee review and provide direction to staff
 - b) Approve for formal review
- 3) Updates to align Federal Regulations with FWC Regulations – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M.

HMS Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5)

- 1) Review white paper on HMS general category permit holders' compliance with USCG commercial vessel safety requirements
 - a) Overview – John Hadley
 - b) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – **ACTION**
- 2) Shark Feeding
 - a) Overview – John Hadley/Anna Beckwith
 - b) Committee Action – provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M.

Workshop on Improving Survival of Released Fish/Dr. Chip Collier (TAB 6)

- 1) Introduction to the problem focusing on the discard mortality rates used in assessments and number of fish estimated to be discarded dead – Dr. Chip Collier, SAFMC
- 2) Education Activities conducted and best fishing practices – Andy Loftus, ASA/FishSmart –
- 3) Descending Devices – Steve Theberge, Rising Leaders Academy
- 4) Use of venting and descending devices surveys – Dr. Chuck Adams, FL Sea Grant and Dr. Kai Lorenzen, UF
- 5) Ethical Angling – Tom Twyford, WPFC
- 6) Observations from Billfish Management and need for Outreach – Cameron Rhodes, SAFMC
- 7) Outreach campaign methods – Bryan Huskey, KeepemWet

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.

Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION**) (TAB 7)**

- 1) Selection of 2016 LEOY – **CLOSED**
- 2) Advisory Panel Report – **ACTION**
 - a) Discussion of utility of operator cards
 - b) Discussion of enforcement of offloading and closure timing
- 3) Agenda items for next meeting – **ACTION**
- 4) How non-reporting could result in suspension of permit as per 307 of MSA – Monica Smit-Brunello/NOAA GC – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

**Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/
Doug Haymans & Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 8)**

- 1) Advisory Panel Report – **ACTION**
- 2) Review and approve EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs – **ACTION**
- 3) Review and approve core FEP II sections – **ACTION**
- 4) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development – **ACTION**
- 5) Presentation on International *Sargassum* Conservation – **ACTION**
- 6) Council Actions on Habitat – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Tuesday, June 13, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)

- 1) Status of commercial and recreational catches versus ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- 2) Advisory Panel Report – **ACTION**
- 3) SSC Report – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- 1) Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- 2) Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - a) Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) – sent for formal review on 8/30/16
 - b) Amendment 37 (Hogfish) – sent for formal review on 9/23/16
 - c) Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) – sent for formal review on 2/28/17
- 3) Advisory Panel Report – AP Chair – **ACTION**
- 4) SERFS Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert – **ACTION**
- 5) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff; approve for public hearings – **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- 6) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b) Committee reviews, modifies document as necessary, and provides guidance to staff; approve for public hearings – **ACTION**
- 7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper and Recreational Reporting)
 - a) 2016 Red Snapper Landings and Discards – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - b) Status of the 2017 Red Snapper Fishing Season – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - c) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert – **ACTION**
 - d) SAFMC/Snook and Game Fish Foundation Reporting App – Dr. Chip Collier – **ACTION**
 - e) Overview of Amendment 43 Options – Dr. Chip Collier
 - f) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – **ACTION**
- 8) White Paper on Snapper Grouper For-Hire Limited Entry
 - a) Review white paper – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
 - b) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – **ACTION**
- 9) Update on Snapper Grouper fishery socio-economic characterization/portfolio analysis – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- 10) Red grouper stock status
 - a) Red Grouper Assessment Presentation (SEDAR 53) – NMFS SEFSC
 - b) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - c) Committee guidance – **ACTION**
- 11) Golden tilefish
 - a) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - b) SEDAR Steering Committee Actions – John Carmichael
 - c) Background document on golden tilefish – Myra Brouwer
 - d) Committee recommend development of interim rule and any other guidance – **ACTION**
- 12) ABC Control Rule Modifications
 - a) Background document on ABC Control Rule – John Carmichael
 - b) SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
 - c) Guidance to staff – **ACTION**
- 13) Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - a) Background & Timing – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b) Guidance to staff – **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 14, 2017 PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:30 P.M. Public comment will first be accepted on items before the Council for approval for formal review and public hearings:

Approval for Formal Review:

- 1) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

Approval for Public Hearings (in-person):

- 1) Recreational Visioning Regulatory Amendment 26
- 2) Commercial Visioning Regulatory Amendment 27

Public comment will be accepted on E.O. 13771 (2 for 1 Regulations) to identify regulations that are (1) outdated, (2) unnecessary, or (3) ineffective.

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

Thursday, June 15, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. Citizen Science Committee/Chris Conklin (PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 11)

- 1) Appointments to Citizen Science A-Teams (**CLOSED**)
- 2) Program Update & Terms of Reference – Amber Von Harten – **ACTION**
- 3) Committee review and action as necessary – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)

- 1) Status of Commercial and Recreational Landings versus ACLs/Quotas – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- 2) Status of Amendments under Review – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - a) CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – sent 7/7/16
 - b) Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) – sent 10/18/16
 - c) Framework Amendment 5 (Permit restrictions) – sent 12/2/16
- 3) Mackerel Cobia AP and Cobia Sub-Panel meeting report – Ira Laks, AP Chair – **ACTION**
- 4) Emergency Action for Atlantic Cobia – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin/Ben Hartig – **ACTION**
- 5) Update on the ASMFC Interstate Cobia Plan – Dr. Louis Daniel/Bob Beal – **ACTION**
- 6) Atlantic Cobia 2017 State Reports – **ACTION**
- 7) Consider Framework to Adjust Atlantic King Mackerel Trip Limits – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**
- 8) Common unit for tracking CMP species – NMFS SERO/SEFSC – **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 13)

- 1) Reports and Updates
 - a) For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment Status – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
 - b) Bycatch Amendment: Status of work from NMFS – **ACTION**
 - c) SAFMC/ACCSP Electronic Reporting Project Update – Dr. Mike Errigo – **ACTION**
 - d) Draft Headboat Annual Report – NMFS SEFSC – **ACTION**
- 2) South Atlantic Research Plan
 - a) Overview – John Carmichael – **ACTION**
 - b) Committee review and action as necessary – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

Thursday, June 15, 2017

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 14)

- 1) Report from Council Coordinating Committee
 - a) Overview – Gregg/Brian/Mike/Michelle/Charlie
 - b) Committee Guidance – **ACTION**
- 2) CY 2017 Budget
 - a) Overview – Mike Collins/Gregg Waugh
 - b) Approve 2017 Budget – **ACTION**
- 3) Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - a) Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b) Committee Guidance – **ACTION**
- 4) Standards and Procedures – Gregg Waugh/Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
 - a) Webinar Meetings
 - b) Exempted Fishing Permit Review Procedure
 - c) Document Timing for Briefing Book
 - d) Public Comments at AP Meetings
 - e) SSC Liaison & Role of Council Members at SSC Meetings
- 5) System Management Plan (SMP) Advisory Panel
 - a) Overview – Chip
 - b) Committee Guidance – **ACTION**
- 6) MRIP 5-Year Strategic Plan
 - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh/John Carmichael
 - b) Committee Guidance – **ACTION**

Thursday, June 15, 2017

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 15)

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

- 3:30 - 3:45 Call to Order and Introductions/Dr. Michelle Duval
Adoption of Agenda/Dr. Michelle Duval
Approval of March 2017 Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval
Awards/Recognition/Dr. Michelle Duval
- 3:45 – 4:00 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
 - a) Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 15, Attachment 1**; available by meeting) – Gregg Waugh
- 4:00 – 4:15 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
 - a) Status of any Commercial/Recreational Catches versus ACLs not covered in a Committee (**TAB 15, Attachment 2**)
 - b) Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 15, Attachment 3**)
- 4:15 – 4:30 NMFS SEFSC Presentation on Status of Bycatch Collection Programs (**TAB 15, Attachment 4**) – **ACTION**
- 4:30 – 4:35 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary (**none received**) – **ACTION**
- 4:35 – 4:50 Workshop Report (**TAB 6**) – **ACTION**
- 4:50 - 5:30 Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 8)
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, June 16 10, 2017

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 15)

- 8:00 – 9:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)
- Approve/Disapprove Recreational Visioning Regulatory Amendment 26 for Public Hearings – **ACTION**
 - Approve/Disapprove Commercial Visioning Regulatory Amendment 27 for Public Hearings – **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 10:00 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 12)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:10 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:10 - 10:30 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)
- Approve/Disapprove Spiny Lobster Amendment 4 for Formal Review – **ACTION**
 - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:30 – 10:45 BREAK
- 10:45 - 10:55 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:55 - 11:10 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:10 - 11:20 SSC Selection Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:20 - 11:40 SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:40 - 11:50 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 13)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:50 - 12:00 HMS Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 12:10 Citizen Science Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:10 - 12:25 Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 14)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, June 16 10, 2017

8:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 15)

12:25 – 12:40 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 15, Attachment 5**) – **ACTION**

12:40 – 12:50 Other Business – **ACTION**

12:50 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 15, Attachment 6**) – **ACTION**

1:00 P.M. ADJOURN