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AGENDA

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Monday, March 5, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 1)

1. Personnel-related Input for Budget – **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 2)

1. System Management Plan Workgroup

a. SMP Workgroup Overview – Dr. Chip Collier

b. Review of Workgroup Applicants – Kim Iverson

c. Committee Action: review SMP workgroup applicants and provide recommendations for Council consideration – Chester Brewer – **ACTION**

2. Review and Discussion of Applications for Open Advisory Panel Seats

a. Review of Open Seats and Applicants – Kim Iverson

b. Committee Action: review new applications and reapplications and provide recommendations for Council consideration – Chester Brewer – **ACTION**

10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. Citizen Science Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 3)

1. Review Formal Recommendations from Citizen Science Action Teams – Amber Von Harten

a. Recommendations from Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team

b. Recommendations from Finance & Infrastructure Action Team

c. Recommendations from Data Management Action Team

d. Recommendations from Projects/Topics Management Action Team

e. Recommendations from Volunteers Action Team

f. General Recommendations from All Action Teams

g. Committee Action: review and adopt recommendations – Mark Brown – **ACTION**

12:30 - 1:30 LUNCH

Monday, March 5, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)

1. Status of Spiny Lobster Catches vs. ACL
 - a. Letter from NMFS regarding 2016/2017 landings – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review
 - a. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 – NMFS SERO
3. Review Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Bully Nets)
 - a. Review Scoping Comments – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Review Draft Options Paper – Christina Wiegand
 - c. Committee Action: review and approve actions and alternatives; modify the document as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. Joint Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management, Shrimp, and Golden Crab Committee/Doug Haymans/Charlie Phillips/Ben Hartig (TAB 5)

1. SAFMC Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) II Implementation Plan and Road Map
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: review and approve implementation plan and road map – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
2. SAFMC FEO II/Dashboard
 - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - b. Committee Action: review, provide guidance, and approve as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
3. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
 - a. SAFMC EcoSpecies System and Habitat Ecosystem Tools – Roger Pugliese
 - b. South Atlantic Ecosystem Modeling – Roger Pugliese
 - c. Ocean Observing: partnering to address Council needs
 - d. Committee Action: provide guidance as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
4. Council Actions on Habitat
 - a. Committee Action: provide guidance and action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
5. Allowable Fishing Areas
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: discussion and provide direction to staff – Doug Haymans (Habitat)/Charlie Phillips (Shrimp)/Ben Hartig (Golden Crab) – **ACTION**

5:15 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Overview of EFP Request (TAB 12, Attachment 6) – Rick Pearson, HMS staff

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) – sent to NMFS on 2/29/17
 - b. Golden Tilefish Interim Rule – letter to NMFS June 2017
 - c. Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) – sent to NMFS on 11/20/17
 - d. Abbreviated Framework Amendment 1 (Red Grouper) – sent to NMFS 12/21/17
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Recreational Reporting and Best Fishing Practices)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

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

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

4. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: review, modify document as necessary, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
5. Improving Recreational Estimates
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
6. Socio-economic Profile of the South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Commercial Fishery
 - a. Presentation on findings from final report – Dr. Kari MacLauchlin
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide comment – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
7. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: review, modify document as necessary, and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

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

Wednesday, March 7, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

8. Snapper Grouper For-Hire Moratorium
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: review options paper and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
9. Red Grouper Rebuilding
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
10. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish)
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff and approve for public hearings – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
11. Wreckfish ITQ Review
 - a. Status of ITQ Review – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

1:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

12. Yellowtail Snapper
 - a. Potential management options for yellowtail snapper – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
13. Visioning Blueprint Review Guidance for December 2018
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer and Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
14. System Management Plan Review Guidance
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
15. Sea Turtle and Other Protected Resources Release Gear
 - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 7, 2018 **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

4:30 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Approval for Formal Review:

- (1) CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia)

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) None scheduled

Approval for Public Hearings:

- (1) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 (Recreational)
- (2) Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)
- (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish)

Public comment will also be accepted on E.O. 13771 (2 for 1 Regulations) to identify regulations that are (1) outdated, (2) unnecessary, or (3) ineffective. Please refer to the process for the Council's review and the draft list of regulations included under **TAB 11. Executive Finance Committee, Attachments 4a and 4b.** The Council will develop a draft list at the March 2018 meeting and review/approve a final list at the June 2018 meeting.

Thursday, March 8, 2018 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. **SEDAR Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 7)**

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

9:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON **ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole/Charlie Phillips/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)**

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

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 8, 2018

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

1. Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. King mackerel tournament sales vs. commercial ACL update – State Representatives
3. Update on state implementation plans for ASMFC’s Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Cobia – Bob Beal
4. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia)
 - a. Review public hearing comments – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Overview of decision document – Christina Wiegand
 - c. Committee action: review document and vote to send for formal review – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**
5. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (King Mackerel Trip Limits)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: provide guidance to staff – Ben Hartig – **ACTION**

3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 10)

1. Review Policies for Inclusion in SOPPs and/or Handbook
 - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b) Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 11)

1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
2. Final CY 2017 Expenditures and Draft CY 2018 Budget
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
3. Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
4. Regulatory Reform
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
5. Atlantic Coast-Wide Group Discussion
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
6. Council Training/Webinars
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: review and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**
7. Report from CCC February 27-28, 2018 Meeting
 - a. Overview – Charlie Phillips/Mark Brown/Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: discuss and provide guidance to staff – Charlie Phillips – **ACTION**

Friday, March 9, 2018 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 12)

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

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

8:00 - 8:10 Call to Order and Introductions/Charlie Phillips
Adoption of Agenda/Charlie Phillips
Approval of Minutes/Charlie Phillips

8:10 – 8:20 Awards/Recognition/Charlie Phillips

8:20 – 8:40 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**

1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 12, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
2. Report on Economic Impact of Fisheries for SAFMC-Managed Species – John Hadley
3. Update on Electronic Reporting Outreach Project – Amber Von Harten

8:40 – 9:20 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**

1. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) (**TAB 12, Attachment 2a**) – Dr. Nick Farmer
2. Status of For-Hire Amendment – Rick DeVictor
3. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not covered in Committees (**TAB 12, Attachment 2b**) – Rick DeVictor
4. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 12, Attachment 3**) – Mary Wunderlich

9:20 – 9:30 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 12, Attachment 4**)

9:30 – 10:15 MRIP Effort Survey Transition and Estimates Calibration Presentation (**TAB 12, Attachment 5**) – MRIP Staff – **ACTION**

10:15 – 10:45 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

1. Pelagic Longline (PLL) Closed Area Research Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) – (**TAB 12, Attachment 6**)

10:45 – 11:00 BREAK

11:00 – 11:15 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

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

11:15 - 11:30 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

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

11:30 - 11:35 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 4)

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

11:35 - 11:45 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 2)

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

11:45 - 11:50 SEDAR Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 7)

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

11:50 - 11:55 ABC Committee of the Whole Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 8)

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

Friday, March 9, 2018

8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 12)

11:55 - 12:00 Citizen Science Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 3)

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

12:00 - 12:10 Joint Habitat Ecosystem-Based Management/Shrimp/Golden Crab Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 5)

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

12:10 - 12:15 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 10)

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

12:15 - 12:30 Executive Finance Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 11)

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

12:30 – 12:45 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 12, Attachment 7**) – **ACTION**

12:45 – 12:50 Other Business – **ACTION**

1. North Carolina Request About Aquaculture FMP (**TAB 12, Attachment 8**)

12:50 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 12, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**

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