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## COUNCIL AGENDA

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March 4-8, 2013

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{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

### Monday, March 4

### WORKSHOP/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**Council Member Visioning Workshop (TAB 1)**  
*What do we want our snapper grouper fishery to look like?*  
1. Presentation by the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee  
2. Council discussion  
3. Direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Mackerel Committees/Ben Hartig/Myron Fischer (TAB 2)**  
1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO  
2. Status of recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SEFSC  
3. Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**  
4. Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 19

- Overview of actions/alternatives
- Modify the amendment as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

5. Joint SA/GM Mackerel Amendment 20

- Overview of actions/alternatives
- Modify the amendment as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

6. South Atlantic Mackerel Framework

- Overview of actions/alternatives
- Modify the amendment as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

**Tuesday, March 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.**

**Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 3)**

1. Coral Amendment 8
  - Review actions and alternatives
  - Committee discussion and develop guidance to staff - **ACTION**
2. Draft Councils Coral Memorandum of Understanding
  - Review Habitat and Coral Advisory Panels' input
  - Committee discussion and develop guidance to staff - **ACTION**
3. Ecosystem Activities
  - Update
  - Committee discussion and develop guidance to staff - **ACTION**

**10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.**

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Tom Swatzel (TAB 4)**

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for dolphin and wahoo - NMFS SERO
2. Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Dolphin and Wahoo - NMFS SEFSC
3. Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**
4. Overview of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5 scoping comments
5. Review Amendment 5 Decision Document
6. Discuss actions and alternatives - **ACTION**
7. Provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

**11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Golden Crab Committee/David Cupka (TAB 5)**

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for golden crab - NMFS SERO
2. Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**
3. Golden Crab Advisory Panel meeting report/Robert Palma
4. Status of Golden Crab Amendment 6
5. Determine whether to proceed with Amendment 6 and what further actions to take - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

**Tuesday, March 5**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)**

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SEFSC
3. Committee discussion and action as necessary - **ACTION**
4. Status of amendments under formal review/NMFS SERO
5. Discuss request for extension of the yellowtail snapper temporary rule - **ACTION**
6. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 (VMS)
  - VMS Presentation/Pat O'Shaughnessy, NMFS SE VMS Program Manager
  - Amendment 30 overview and discussion
  - Modify the amendment as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)**

7. Discuss Regulatory Amendment 18 (Vermilion snapper and red porgy)
  - Review public hearing comments
  - Modify the amendment as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, approve for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**
8. Discuss Amendment 27 (management authority and blue runner)
  - Review public hearing comments
  - Modify the amendment as appropriate, select preferred alternatives, approve for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate - **ACTION**
9. Discuss Regulatory Amendment 14 options (multiple species)
  - Review the options paper, provide guidance on actions and alternatives, and discuss timing - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

**Wednesday, March 6**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)**

10. Discuss Regulatory Amendment 16 options (Golden tilefish)
  - Review the Options Paper, provide guidance on actions and alternatives, and discuss timing - **ACTION**
11. Discuss MPAs and HAPCs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper
  - Review results from MPA Expert Workgroup Meeting
  - Provide guidance to staff on actions and alternatives and discuss timing - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman David Cupka**

**Thursday, March 7**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. - 12:00 Noon**

**Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)**

1. Status of Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Dealer Amendment - NMFS SERO/NOAA GC
  - Revise as appropriate and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
2. Review Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Bycatch action only)
  - Revise as appropriate and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
3. Review the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (South Atlantic only)
  - Review results of Gulf Council actions
  - Revise as appropriate and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
4. Review the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (Gulf and South Atlantic)
  - Review results of Gulf Council actions
  - Develop Committee guidance to staff and approve the next steps - **ACTION**
5. Overview of the Joint Generic South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Commercial Logbook Reporting Amendment
  - Review results of Gulf Council actions
  - Develop Committee guidance to staff and approve next steps - **ACTION**
6. Overview of the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
  - Review results of GMFMC actions
  - Develop Committee guidance to staff and approve next steps - **ACTION**

**Thursday, March 7**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

**Information and Education Committee/John Jolley (TAB 8)**

1. Report on the joint Law Enforcement and Information and Education Advisory Panels meeting and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Report on the Information and Education Advisory Panel meeting and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

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

**Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 9)**

1. Report on the joint meeting of the Law Enforcement and Information and Education Advisory Panels
2. Report on the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel meeting
3. Committee discussion and action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Thursday, March 7**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Executive Finance Committee/David Cupka (TAB 10)**

1. Status of federal FY 2013 budget
2. Status of our CY 2013 budget expenditures
3. Update on Joint Committee on South Florida Management Issues activities
4. Council Follow-up and Priorities - **ACTION**
5. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Friday, March 8**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

**8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of December 2012 Minutes/David Cupka

8:45

Public comment will be accepted on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18; Snapper Grouper Amendment 27; Extension of the yellowtail snapper temporary rule; Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Dealer Amendment; Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3; Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (South Atlantic only); followed by public comment regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

**Friday, March 8**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

**10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

10:30 - 11:15

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

- Approve the extension of the yellowtail snapper temporary rule for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 27 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

11:15 -12:00

Presentation on Amendment 8 to the Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan/Rick Pearson-NOAA Fisheries HMS Division (Attachment 1)

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 1:15

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello  
**(Closed Session)**

1:15 - 1:45

Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

- Approve the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Dealer Amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve CE-BA 3 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (South Atlantic only) for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

1:45 - 2:00

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 2)

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

2:00 - 2:15

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 3)

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

**Friday, March 8**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

**2:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

- 2:15 - 2:30      Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 4)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:30 - 2:45      Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:45 - 3:00      Information and Education Committee Report/John Jolley (TAB 8)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:00 - 3:15      Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 9)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:15 - 3:30      Executive Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 10)  
• Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**  
• Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:30 - 4:15      Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)  
• Presentation on the reorganization of the 50 CFR part 622 Regulations for the Southeast Region (Attachment 3)  
• Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 4) - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30      NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 5)  
• Update on bycatch data collection activities  
• Update on headboat data entry
- 4:30 - 5:00      Agency and Liaison Reports (Attachment 6)
- 5:00              Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 7)

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