

Overview

SAFMC Visioning Workshop

December 2, 2013

Hilton Wilmington Riverside Hotel
Wilmington, NC

Council members will: (A) receive an overview of discussions from the September 2013 workshop and the decisions that were made; (B) review draft strategic goal statements and continue discussion and refinement of the current snapper grouper FMP goals and objectives based on the September 2013 workshop discussion; (C) discuss structure, timing, and schedule of 2014 port meetings; and (D) provide input on proposed outreach strategies for port meetings.

A. Recap from September 2013 Workshop (*Attachment 1*)

Council members will receive a short summary of the discussions that took place during the September 2013 Visioning Workshop at the Charleston, SC Council meeting. Council staff will also review the timing of future steps in the process.

B. Review of Draft Strategic Goal Statements and Continued Revision of Snapper Grouper FMP Goals/Objectives (*Attachments 2 and 3*)

During its September 2013 meeting, the Council decided upon four strategic goal areas to frame the creation of goals and objectives as well as port meeting discussions. The four strategic goals are Science, Management, Communication, and Governance. The Council then continued discussions on drafting goals and objectives for the snapper grouper fishery. Staff prepared a document outlining the proposed strategic goal statements (*Attachment 2*) and proposed revisions to the current goals/objectives (*Attachment 3*) based on the discussions at the September 2013 meeting. The Council will review strategic goal statements, continue to revise objectives and develop new ones, and develop a list of focus area topics with the intent of providing a list of objectives that stakeholders can comment on during the port meetings.

C. Discussion of Planning for Port Meetings (*Attachment 4*)

Staff prepared an overview of options for the structure and format of the port meetings planned for the Spring 2014 to solicit input from stakeholders on the future of the snapper grouper fishery. Council staffs recently attended facilitation training and are proposing to use one of the methods taught at the training for the port meetings. Council staff will provide an overview of the facilitation method and discuss options of how to structure and format the port meetings (*Attachment 4*). Additionally, some Council members provided input on locations for the port meetings and these will also be discussed. The Council will have the opportunity to finalize port meeting structure, format, and meeting locations.

D. Discussion of Facilitation Questions for the Port Meetings (*Attachment 5*)

If the Council chooses to use the focused conversation method for the port meetings, staff will review draft facilitation questions (*Attachment 5*) and request that the Council provide input on questions for each strategic goal area – Science, Management, Communication, and Governance.

E. Review of Outreach Strategies for Port Meetings (*Attachments 6, 7, and 8*)

Staff will review proposed outreach strategies that will take place prior to the port meetings to include a bulk mail-out to all federal snapper grouper permit holders, web-based outreach materials, and webinars. Staff will present several documents (**Attachments 6, 7, and 8**) to be used for outreach prior to the port meetings for the Council to provide feedback.