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March 3-7, 2014

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Monday, March 3

ADVISORY PANEL/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Law Enforcement Advisory Panel/Col. Chisolm Frampton (TAB 1)

1. Update on North Carolina Joint Enforcement Agreement/Col. Jim Kelley
2. Status of the Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Team
3. Update on recently completed and developing amendments
4. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 and Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7 and develop recommendations - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Joint Law Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel/Mel Bell and Col. Chisolm Frampton (TAB 2)

1. Discuss recommendations from the LEAP - **ACTION**

3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney and Doug Haymans (TAB 3)

1. Status of Coral Amendment 8 (Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC) and Transit through the Oculina Bank HAPC) - SERO
2. Status of the Coral Reef Conservation Program's FY 2014-2016 Cooperative Agreement
3. Spatial Representation of Oculina Bank HAPC Options as requested by Deepwater Shrimp Industry - **ACTION**
4. Approval of SAFMC Policy Statements - **ACTION**
5. Update on Ecosystem Activities - **ACTION**

Tuesday, March 4

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

SEDAR Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 4)

1. SEDAR activities update - **ACTION**
2. SEDAR Steering Committee Report - **ACTION**
3. Report on the South Atlantic Fishery Dependent Workshop - **ACTION**
4. Status of the Wreckfish assessment peer review - **ACTION**
5. Develop recommendations for SEDAR approvals (**Closed Session**)
 - Appoint wreckfish reviewers and chair
 - SEDAR 41 participants
 - SEDAR South Atlantic Shrimp Data participants

9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Protected Resources Committee/David Cupka (TAB 5)

1. Update on ongoing consultations/SERO PRD
2. Report on ESA Working Group
3. Update on American Eel status review
4. Report on the Atlantic Sturgeon stock assessment
5. Report on proposed critical habitat for Loggerhead Sea Turtles
6. Status of the proposed listing for Red Knot
7. Committee develop recommendations as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:30 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 Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs/NMFS SERO
3. Status of Amendments under Formal Review/NMFS SERO
4. Status of Oculina Experimental Closed Area Evaluation Team
5. Overview of scoping comments for Regulatory Amendment 16 (Removal of the Black Sea Bass Pot Closure)
 - Modify the document, choose preferred alternatives, and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

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

6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 (Tags to track recreational harvest)
 - NOAA GC Report on LAPP Determination/Monica Smit-Brunello
 - Discuss the amendment and develop guidance to staff - **ACTION**
7. Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 (ORCS and Management Measures for Gray Triggerfish)
 - Overview of public hearing comments and the amendment document
 - Modify the document and develop recommendations for all management measures - **ACTION**
8. Review the Options Paper for Snapper Grouper Amendment 32 (Blueline Tilefish)
 - Modify the document and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, March 5

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

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

9. Review Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 20 (Snowy Grouper and Mutton Snapper) and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
10. Review Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSST) and develop a recommendation for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
11. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 33 and Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7 (Fillets) and provide guidance to staff – **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

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

12. Review the Generic Accountability Measures (Snapper Grouper)/Dolphin Allocation Amendment and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
13. Review status of Visioning port meetings and materials and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
14. SEFSC report as to whether existing data are sufficient to support the use of the economic efficiency analysis/net benefit analysis/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith.

5:30 P.M.

Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Ben Hartig

Thursday, March 6

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

Mackerel Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for Atlantic Group King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel and Cobia/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review/NMFS SERO
3. Review the Joint Amendment 20B (Gulf king mackerel trip limits and seasons, transit provision, regional quotas, framework, cobia ACL) and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
4. Review the CMP Framework Amendment 1 (Spanish Mackerel ACLs), the Gulf Council decisions and public hearing comments
 - Develop recommendations to modify the document as appropriate and approve for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
5. Update on SEDAR 38 Data Workshop and the Gulf Council meeting
6. Review the Joint Amendment 24 (Allocations), scoping comments and Gulf Council decisions
 - Provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
7. Review Joint Amendment 26 (Separate Commercial Permits), scoping comments and Gulf Council decisions
 - Provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Thursday, March 6

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Executive Finance Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

1. Report on the actual Council CY 2014 funding levels
2. Status of our CY 2014 budget expenditures
3. Council Follow-up and priorities - **ACTION**
4. Update on the Joint Committee for South Florida Management Issues and the Ad Hoc Goliath Grouper Joint Council Steering Committee activities - **ACTION**
5. Report on the CCC meeting
6. Address other issues as appropriate - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Thursday, March 6

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)

1. Status of commercial catches versus ACLs - NMFS SERO
2. Status of recreational catches versus ACLs - NMFS SERO
3. Status of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 5
4. Review Amendment 7 (fillets from the Bahamas), modify the amendment as appropriate, and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
5. Review the Generic Accountability Measures and Dolphin Allocation Amendment scoping comments
 - Discuss amendment and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 10)

1. Status of Joint SA/GM Generic Dealer Amendment/NMFS SERO
2. Status of Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment/NMFS SERO
3. Status of Gulf Framework for For-Hire Reporting/NMFS SERO
4. Status of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Bycatch)
 - NOAA GC Presentation on how the South Atlantic Council is meeting its bycatch requirements under the MSA - Mike McLemore/Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA GC
 - Modify the amendment as appropriate and approve for formal Secretarial review or provide other guidance to staff - **ACTION**
5. Update on Commercial Logbook Pilot Study/SEFSC
6. Overview, status, and results of GMFMC actions for SAFMC/GMFMC Generic Charterboat Reporting Amendment
 - Modify the amendment as appropriate and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
7. Report on the Electronic Technology Workshop and Implementation Plan
 - Discuss and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Thursday, March 6

Public Comment

5:30 P.M.

Public comment will be accepted on the following items scheduled for final Council action at this meeting: (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSST), (2) Joint Amendment 20B (Gulf king mackerel trip limits and seasons, transit provision, regional quotas, framework, cobia ACL), (3) CMP Framework Amendment 1 (Spanish Mackerel ACLs) and (4) Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (Bycatch). Following comment on these specific items, public comment will be accepted regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The Chairman, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Friday, March 7

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)

8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of December 2013 Minutes/Ben Hartig

8:45 - 9:15

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)
• Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 21 (MSST) for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
• Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:15 - 9:45

Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 7)
• Approve/Disapprove Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Amendment 20B for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
• Approve/Disapprove the CMP Spanish Mackerel Framework Amendment 1 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
• Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

9:45 - 10:00

Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:00 -10:30

Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 10)
• Approve/Disapprove Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 for formal Secretarial review - **ACTION**
• Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

10:30 -10:45

Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB2)
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

Friday, March 7

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

10:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

- 10:45 - 11:00 Joint Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans and Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)
- Approve/Disapprove SAFMC Policy Statements - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15 Protected Resources Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30 SEDAR Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 4)
- Appoint wreckfish reviewers and chair - **ACTION**
 - Appoint SEDAR South Atlantic Shrimp Data participants - **ACTION**
 - Appoint the SEDAR 41 Participants - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 8)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
 - Take action on the South Florida Management issues as appropriate - **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 12:00 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)
- Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
 - Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**
- 12:00 - 12:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)
- Update on bycatch data collection activities
 - Update on headboat data entry
- 12:15 - 12:45 Agency and Liaison Reports
- 12:45 - 1:00 Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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