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AGENDA

Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committee Meeting

SHERATON ATLANTIC BEACH OCEANFRONT HOTEL
2717 W. FORT MACON ROAD
ATLANTIC BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

Tuesday, December 5, 2006 — 2:30 P.M. to 4:30 PM

1. Introductions and Opening Remarks – Duane Harris
2. Approval of Agenda – Duane Harris
3. Approval of Minutes – Duane Harris
4. Marine Aquaculture Policy Statement (**Attachment 1**; second mailing) and SR1195 (available at the meeting)
 - A. Overview - Dr. Doug Rader
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action – Duane Harris
5. Deepwater Coral Research Plan Completion (**Attachment 2**) – Roger Pugliese
 - A. Overview – Roger Pugliese
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action – Duane Harris
6. Report on Ecosystem Modeling Coordination Meeting – Dr. Pat Halpin
7. Fishery Ecosystem Plan
 - A. Status Report – Roger Pugliese
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action as Necessary – Duane Harris
8. FEP Comprehensive Amendment (**Attachment 3**)
 - A. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - B. Committee Discussion and Action – Duane Harris
9. Other Business – Duane Harris
10. Adjourn – Duane Harris

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Members*:

Duane Harris, Chair	Columbus Brown
David Cupka	Mac Currin
George Geiger	Tony Iarocci
Rita Merritt	Mark Robson
Louis Daniel	Susan Shipman
Roy Crabtree	

*This committee consists of the chairs of the species committees plus the chairs of the Habitat, Protected Resources, MPA, and EIS/NEPA Committees.

Habitat Committee Members:

Duane Harris, Chair	Robert Boyles
Columbus Brown	George Geiger
Vince O'Shea	

DATE:	<u>November 15, 2006</u>
FISHERY:	<u>Fishery Ecosystem-Based Management</u>
SUBJECT:	<u>Briefing Materials</u>
STAFF:	<u>Waugh/Pugliese</u>
SOURCE:	<u>SAFMC</u>

JOINT ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT & HABITAT COMMITTEE OVERVIEW

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Issues to be addressed at this meeting include the following: (1) Draft Marine Aquaculture Policy Statement and proposed legislation; (2) Deepwater Coral Research Plan; (3) Ecosystem Modeling Coordination; (4) Status of FEP development; and (5) Draft List of Items for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Comprehensive Amendment.

Marine Aquaculture

- A. The draft policy statement has been prepared by the Habitat AP and the committee will review and provide staff guidance. It is anticipated that the committee and Council will formally approve at the March 2007 meeting.
- B. Draft legislation is available and staff provided a preliminary response given the deadline. The committee and Council should review and provide formal comments.

Deepwater Coral Research Plan

The FEP teams have provided a draft plan. The committee and Council should review and approve.

Ecosystem Modeling Coordination

A coordination meeting has been held and Dr. Pat Halpin will provide a status report to the committee.

Fishery Ecosystem Plan

Roger Pugliese will provide an update on progress and anticipated completion date.

Draft List of Items for the Fishery Ecosystem Plan Comprehensive Amendment

The Committee and Council have approved a draft list of items to be included (**Attachment 3**). Council staff are proposing some changes to reduce the number of issues to be addressed in the first comprehensive amendment; other items can be addressed in a future amendment. Committee and Council should review, modify as necessary, and approve.