



## SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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### AGENDA

March 4-8, 2019

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#### **Monday, March 4, 2019**

#### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.**

**Information & Education Committee/Spud Woodward (TAB 1)**

1. Information & Education AP Report
  - a. Overview – Cameron Rhodes
  - b. AP Report – Scott Baker/Cameron Rhodes
  - c. Committee Action: Guidance and Action as needed – Spud Woodward– **ACTION**

**9:00 A.M. to 12:30 PM**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Vision Blueprint RA 27 – sent to NMFS 1/24/19
  - b. Vision Blueprint RA 26 – may not be sent for formal review by March meeting
  - c. Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass) – sent to NMFS 11/19/18
3. Status of 2019 Red Snapper Season
  - a. Overview – NMFS SERO
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**9:00 A.M. to 12:30 PM**

**Snapper Grouper Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)**

5. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
6. Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear & Framework Modifications)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
7. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**12:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. Lunch**

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

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 3)**

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas – NMFS SERO
2. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**
3. White Paper on potential Ecosystem Component species
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: As needed – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)**

1. Atlantic Coast-Wide Discussions: How to address species movement northwards?
  - a. Overview of CCC Discussions – Gregg Waugh & Jessica McCawley
  - b. NEFMC Views – Dr. John Quinn (Chair), Terry Stockwell (Vice Chair) and Tom Nies (ED)
  - c. MAFMC Views – Mike Luisi (Chair), Warren Elliott (Vice Chair) & Dr. Chris Moore (ED)
  - d. ASMFC Views – Bob Beal (ED)
  - e. SAFMC Views – Jessica McCawley (Chair), Gregg Waugh (ED) & Roger Pugliese (Sr. Fishery Scientist)
  - f. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Dr. Wilson Laney – **ACTION**
2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and Regional Partner Coordination – Roger Pugliese
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Dr. Wilson Laney – **ACTION**
3. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Dr. Wilson Laney – **ACTION**

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

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)**

8. NMFS SERO Permits Office Presentation
  - a. Presentation Overview – Kevin McIntosh, NMFS SERO
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed - Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
9. Results of Recreational Workshops
  - a. Introductory Remarks – Kellie Ralston, ASA
  - b. Overview – Dr. Kari Buck
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
10. Spearfishing White Paper
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
11. Guidance on agenda items for SG AP meeting
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
12. Review Vision Blueprint Evaluation outreach materials for public input
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer/Cameron Rhodes
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
13. Spawning Special Management Zone Report Outline
  - a. Overview – Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Committee of the Whole (TAB 5)**

1. SG 45/Golden Crab 11/Sargassum 4/Coral 11/Dolphin Wahoo 14 (ABC Control Rule)
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Scoping Comments Review – John Carmichael
  - c. SSC Comments – Dr. George Sedberry
  - d. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. Recreational AMs Amendment
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Scoping Comments Review – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. Allocation Review Trigger Policy
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Allocation Discussion
  - a. Overview – Council Staff
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

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

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. Mackerel Cobia Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia) – sent to NMFS 7/13/2018
  - b. CMP Framework 6 (King mackerel trip limits) – sent to NMFS 11/9/2018
3. King mackerel commercial trip limits in the Atlantic southern zone.
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
4. Spanish mackerel closures in the Atlantic northern zone.
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
5. CMP Framework Amendment 7 (Modifications to Gulf cobia size limits).
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
6. Discussion of Agenda Items for Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Meeting
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

**3:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

1. Ranking of Amendments for work schedule:
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Discussion and Guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Wednesday, March 6, 2019**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4:00 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) Snapper Grouper Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear/SG Framework Procedure)
- (2) Gulf Council Carry Over Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster)

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) None

**Other Items of Interest:**

- (1) Grouper Amendment 45/Sargassum Amendment 4 & Coral Amendment 11 (ABC Control Rule)
- (2) Recreational Accountability Measures Amendment
- (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
- (4) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (5) Wreckfish ITQ Review

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 8)**

1. Appointments to Open AP Seats
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations – **ACTION**

**10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)**

1. Assessment Activities Update
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 10)**

1. Harassment/Professional Conduct Discussion – **Closed Session**
  - a. Overview – Jessica McCawley/Chester Brewer
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**
2. SAFMC Handbook
  - a. Overview of Proposed Changes – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations on changes – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

**Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. Executive Finance Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

1. Status of February & May 2019 CCC Meetings
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. CCC Working Paper
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Draft Calendar Year (CY; January-December) 2019 Operational Budget
  - a. Overview of Executive Finance Committee Webinar Recommendations – Gregg Waugh/Kelly Klasnick
  - b. Committee Action: Review and approve draft operational budget – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**                      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.**      **Executive Finance Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

5. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**3:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**                      **BREAK**

**Thursday, March 7, 2019**                      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

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

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

- 4:00 - 4:10      Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair
  - Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley
  - Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley
- 4:10 – 4:45      Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
  1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 11, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
  2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 11, Attachment 2**) – Kelsey Dick/Dr. Chip Collier
  3. Gulf Council Carry Over Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster)/Approve for formal review (**TAB 11, Attachment 3**) – Christina Wiegand/Ryan Rindone
  4. Citizen Science Update – John Carmichael
  5. Draft letter to HMS stating concerns over the impact of large coastal sharks on fisheries managed by the SAFMC (**TAB 11, Attachment 4**) – John Hadley
- 4:45 – 5:00      NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
  1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
  2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
  3. Status of Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – sent to NMFS 11/19/18
  4. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 11, Attachment 5**) – Jenny Lee
- 5:00 – 5:15      NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
  1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program
  2. Status of MRIP Conversions
- 5:15 – 5:30      Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

**Friday, March 8, 2019      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

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

- 8:30 – 9:30    Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45    Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00    Information & Education Committee Report/Spud Woodward (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15    Habitat Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:20    SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:20 - 10:45    AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:45 – 11:00    BREAK
- 11:00 - 11:15    Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30    Committee of the Whole (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:35    SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 10)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:35 - 11:45    Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:45 – 12:05    MREP Update (TAB 11, Attachment 6) – Alexa Dayton

**Friday, March 8, 2019      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

12:05 – 12:15 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 11, Attachment 7**) – **ACTION**

12:15 – 12:25 Other Business – **ACTION**

12:25 – 12:30 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 11, Attachment 8**) – **ACTION**

12:30            **ADJOURN**