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## AGENDA

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December 6-11, 2009

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#### Sunday, December 6

#### SSC MEETING

3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher  
(TAB 1)(See separate SSC agenda)

#### Monday, December 7

#### SSC MEETING

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

Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher  
(TAB 1)(See separate SSC agenda)

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#### Concurrent Sessions

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Spiny Lobster Committee/Mark Robson (TAB 2)

1. Recommend individuals and approve terms of reference for the SEDAR Update - **ACTION**
2. Review results of the Gulf Council scoping meetings - **ACTION**
3. Review Gulf Council actions - **ACTION**
4. Review NMFS Biological Opinion - **ACTION**
5. Provide guidance to staff on Amendment 10 - **ACTION**

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Law Enforcement Committee/George Geiger (TAB 3)

1. Discuss LE Officer of the Year Award criteria - **ACTION**
2. Report on the Surveillance and Enforcement of Remote Marine Protected Areas (SERMA) Workshop
3. Report on Coral Program FY2010 proposal
4. Discuss alternatives related to mackerel nets - **ACTION**

**Monday, December 7**

- 3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.      Joint Executive and Finance Committee/Duane Harris and David Cupka (TAB 4)**
1. Review CY 2009 budget status - **ACTION**
  2. Briefing on no-cost extension request
  3. Status of FMP/Amendment timelines - **ACTION**
  3. Review proposed CY 2010 budget - **ACTION**
  4. Status of the 2010 Congressional Budget
- 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.      Protected Resources Committee/David Cupka (TAB 5)**
1. Bycatch of shortnose sturgeon in the Altamaha shad gillnet fishery - Doug Peterson
  2. Update from SERO Protected Resources Division - Jennifer Lee
    - Petition to list Atlantic sturgeon under ESA
    - Sea turtle take in large mesh flounder fishery in NC
    - Biological Opinion for shrimp fishery due to incidental take of sawfish
    - Center for Biological Diversity's petition to list 80 species of coral under ESA
  3. Discuss other topics as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Tuesday, December 8**

**SSC MEETINGS**

- 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.      Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher (TAB 1)(See separate SSC agenda)**

-----**Concurrent Sessions**-----

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

- 8:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.      Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Brian Cheuvront (TAB 6)**
1. Overview of changes to CE-BA 2 options paper
  2. Briefing on Florida's Marine Life regulations
  3. Review SSC recommendations for CE-BA 2
  4. Discuss CE-BA 2 and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**
  5. Updates on:
    - Surveillance and Enforcement of Remote Marine Protected Areas (SERMA) Workshop
    - Coral Reef Conservation Program FY2010 proposal
    - Ecosystem Coordination Activities
- 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon      Dolphin/Wahoo Committee/Tom Swatzel (TAB 7)**
1. Review SSC input on for ACL Amendment - **ACTION**
  2. Provide guidance to staff

**Tuesday, December 8**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

**Mackerel Committee/George Geiger (TAB 8)**

1. Review the results from the Gulf scoping meetings
2. Review the Amendment 18 decision document - **ACTION**
3. Discuss alternatives to address cutting mackerel nets/trip limits - **ACTION**
4. Discuss legal issues relative to the State of South Carolina regulating dolphin prior to federal regulations - **ACTION**
5. Briefing on ASMFC Spanish Mackerel PID

**2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 9)**

1. Oculina monitoring report
2. Status of the red snapper Interim Rule
3. Presentation on red snapper rebuilding projections/Dr. Erik Williams
4. SSC report
5. Review Amendment 17A alternatives and modify document as necessary/choose preferred alternatives - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, December 9**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 9)**

6. Continue review of Amendment 17A alternatives and modify document as necessary/choose preferred alternatives - **ACTION**
7. Review Amendment 17B alternatives, modify document as necessary and review the Proposed Rule
8. Develop recommendation on Amendment 17B submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 9)**

9. Review Amendment 18 alternatives, modify document as necessary and provide guidance to team - **ACTION**
10. Review Amendment 20 alternatives, modify document as necessary and provide guidance to team - **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Duane Harris**

**Thursday, December 10**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Personnel Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 10)  
(CLOSED SESSION)**

1. Discuss personnel issues - **ACTION**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 9)**

11. Review Comprehensive ACL Amendment alternatives, modify document as necessary and provide guidance to team - **ACTION**

12. Assign participants and review terms of reference for the black sea bass 2010 SEDAR Update - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

1:30 - 1:45

Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of September 2009 Minutes/Duane Harris

1:45 - 2:00

SSC Report/Carolyn Belcher - **ACTION** (TAB 1)

2:00 - 4:30

**Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral or written statements regarding matters 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. Persons with like or similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.**

4:30 - 5:15

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 9)

➤ Approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B for submission to the Secretary of Commerce (**Public comment on the Amendment 17B will be taken during the 2:00 -4:30 p.m. comment period proceeding this committee report**)

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

5:15 - 5:30

SSC Selection Committee Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

5:30 - 5:45

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 2)

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

5:45 - 6:00

Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 3)

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

**Friday, December 11**

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

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

8:30 - 9:00

Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello  
**(CLOSED SESSION)**

9:00 - 9:15

Lionfish Presentation/Dr. James Morris, NOS, Beaufort Lab

9:15 - 9:30

Joint Executive and Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris and David Cupka (TAB 4)

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

9:30 - 9:45

Protected Resources Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)

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

9:45 - 10:00

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Brian Cheuvront (TAB 6)

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

10:00 - 10:15

Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 7)

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

10:15 - 10:30

Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 8)

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

10:30 - 10:45

Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

10:45 - 11:00

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 3)

1. Quotas

- ❖ Atlantic king mackerel
- ❖ Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone)
- ❖ Atlantic Spanish mackerel
- ❖ Snowy Grouper
- ❖ Golden Tilefish
- ❖ Wreckfish
- ❖ Greater amberjack
- ❖ South Atlantic Octocorals
- ❖ Dolphin (soft quota ratios)

2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C quotas

**Friday, December 11**

**10:45 A.M. to 12:00 Noon      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 11)**

- 11:00 - 11:15                      NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 4)
1. Status of data collection programs to address black sea bass stock assessment update
  2. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations:
    - ❖ Atlantic King Mackerel & Atlantic Spanish Mackerel
    - ❖ Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish & Snowy Grouper
    - ❖ Red Porgy, Greater Amberjack and Dolphin

11:15 - 11:45                      Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00                      Other Business

Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)

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