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June 8-13, 2008

Sunday, June 8

SSC MEETINGS

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

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

Monday, June 9

SSC MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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

Concurrent Sessions

COUNCIL COMMITTEES

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

SOPPs Committee/George Geiger (TAB 2)
1. Status of Secretarial review of Council SOPPs
2. Develop changes to SOPPs as necessary - **ACTION**

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

Advisory Panel Selection Committee/David Cupka
(CLOSED SESSION)(TAB 3)
1. Review applications and develop recommendations for
appointment - **ACTION**

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

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Duane Harris
(TAB 4)
1. Review Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) public hearing and
SSC comments and modify FEP as necessary - **ACTION**

6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Lenfest Ocean Program Report/Dr. Andy Cooper

Tuesday, June 10

SSC MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. **Scientific and Statistical Committee/Carolyn Belcher**
(TAB 1)(See separate SSC agenda)

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. **Ecosystem-Based Management Committee cont./Duane Harris (TAB 4)**
2. Review FEP Comprehensive Amendment public hearing and SSC comments and modify the Comprehensive Amendment as necessary - **ACTION**

10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon **Shrimp Committee/David Cupka (TAB 5)**
1. Review Shrimp Review Panel report and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Amendment 7 economic impacts/Dr. Mike Travis
3. Review Amendment 7 and approve for public hearings - **ACTION**

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

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. **Spiny Lobster Committee/Tony Iarocci (TAB 6)**
1. Review the three-Council import amendment and approve for public hearing - **ACTION**
2. Develop public hearing schedule - **ACTION**
3. Report on the status of State of Florida actions on spiny lobster
4. Develop time line for the next amendment - **ACTION**

3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. **LAPP Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 7)**
1. Review the results of contacts with the golden tilefish fishermen relative to a LAPP and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
2. Presentation of proposal for a Property Rights Based Management Program/Bruce Irwin
3. LAPP Outreach Activities - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. **Allocation Committee/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 8)**
1. Presentation on ACCSP/Mike Cahall
2. Review list of alternatives and provide guidance to staff - **ACTION**

Wednesday, June 11

ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

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

Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel/Mark Marhefka (TAB 11)

1. Presentation of analysis of new data on economic impacts in Amendment 15B/Dr. Steve Holiman
2. Review and comment on Snapper Grouper Amendments 15B, 16 and 17 - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel cont./Mark Marhefka (TAB 11)

3. The Snapper Grouper AP will join the Committee meeting to hear the SEDAR presentations and SSC report
4. Review and comment on Amendment 18 - **ACTION**
5. Presentation on the results of the LAPP consultation with the golden tile fishermen and AP comments - **ACTION**
6. Presentation of proposal for a Property Rights Based Management Program/Bruce Irwin - **ACTION**

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

Wednesday, June 11

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

SSC Selection/Mark Robson (CLOSED SESSION) (TAB 9)

1. Review results of SSC appointments and modify as necessary - **ACTION**
2. Make appointments to Technical Committees - **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

SEDAR Committee/George Geiger (TAB 10)

1. Review recommendations from the SEDAR Steering Committee and take action as necessary - **ACTION**
2. Approve Terms of Reference and schedule for SEDARs 18 and 19

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

Lunch

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 12)

1. Presentations on SEDAR Assessment Results
 - Red Snapper/Dr. Kyle Shertzer
 - Greater Amberjack/Dr. Erik Williams
 - Mutton Snapper/Joe O’Hop
2. Presentation on Snapper Grouper Catch Characterization Study/Dr. Mike Jepson
3. SSC Report on SEDAR assessments, Snapper Grouper Amendments 15B, 16 & 17/Carolyn Belcher

Wednesday, June 11

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 12)

- 4. Oculina monitoring report presentations
- 5. Pre-Amendment 14 Survey/Stacy Harter and Andy David
- 6. Gray’s Reef Research Area and Spearfishing: request for Council action/Dr. George Sedberry - **ACTION**
- 7. Amendment 15B
 - Presentation of analysis of new data on economic impacts/Dr. Steve Holiman
 - Review summary of comments on SDEIS/NMFS SERO
 - Summary of AP comments/Mark Marhefka

Thursday, June 12

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 12)

- 8. Review final Amendment 15B document with new analyses, modify if necessary, and approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- 9. Amendment 16
 - Review public hearing comments
 - Summary of AP comments/ Mark Marhefka
- 10. Review final Amendment 16 document, modify if necessary, and if no significant changes are made, approve for formal review by Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Mac Currin (TAB 12)

- 11. Overview of Amendment 17 options paper
 - Summary of AP comments/Mark Marhefka
 - Provide direction to staff for options to be developed - **ACTION**
- 12. Amendment 18 (Red Snapper)
 - Review scoping comments
 - Summary of AP comments/ Mark Marhefka
 - Consider emergency/interim measures for red snapper - **ACTION**
 - Provide direction to staff for options to be developed for Amendment 18 - **ACTION**

4:00 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

4:00 - 4:15

Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of March 2007 Minutes/George Geiger

Thursday, June 12

4:15 P.M. to 6:30 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

4:15 - 5:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 12)

- Public Comment on Amendment 15B (**4:15 P.M.**)
- Public Comment on Amendment 16 (**following public comment on Amendment 15B.**)
- Public comment on red snapper emergency or interim rule - if the Council proposes such (**following public comment on Amendment 16.**)
- Approve Amendment 15B for submission to the Secretary - **ACTION**
- Approve Amendment 16 for submission to the Secretary - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

5:30 - 6:30

HMS briefing on the proposed rule for authorizing the use of green-stick gear, update on HMS FMP Amendment 2 (sharks) and status of the Florida east coast experimental longline fishery/Randy Blankinship (Attachment 1)

Friday, June 13

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

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

8:00 - 8:15

SOPPs Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 2)

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

8:15 - 8:30

AP Selection Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 3)

- Appoint new AP members - **ACTION**

8:30 - 8:45

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 4)

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

8:45 - 9:00

Shrimp Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)

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

9:00 - 9:15

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 6)

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

Friday, June 13

9:15 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

- 9:15 - 9:30 LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 7)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Allocation Committee Report/Brian Chevront (TAB 8)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 SSC Selection Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 9)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 SEDAR Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 10)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30 Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45 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
 3. Status of Red Drum transfer actions
 4. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 14 (MPAs)
 5. Protected Species Issues
- 10:45 - 11:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 4)
 1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
 2. Progress reports on vermilion snapper and Spanish mackerel aging and 2007 headboat data entry
 3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations:
 ❖ Atlantic King Mackerel & Atlantic Spanish Mackerel
 ❖ Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish & Snowy Grouper
 ❖ Red Porgy, Greater Amberjack & Dolphin

Friday, June 13

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

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)

11:15 - 11:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00

Other Business

Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5)

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