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AGENDA

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March 2-6, 2009

Monday, March 2

SSC MEETING

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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

Concurrent Sessions

COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETINGS

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

SOPPs Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 2)

1. Review the proposed rule addressing Council SOPPs
2. Status of Secretarial review of Council SOPPs
3. Develop changes to SOPPs as necessary - **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

**Joint Executive/Finance Committee/Duane Harris &
David Cupka (TAB 3)**

1. Review status of the CY 2009 budget - **ACTION**
2. Status of the FY 2009 President's/Congressional budget
3. Approve the CY 2009 budget (if the Council's funding level has been determined by the March meeting) - **ACTION**

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

LAPP Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 4)

1. Summary of meeting with golden crab fishermen
2. Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

Monday, March 2

COUNCIL COMMITTEES MEETINGS

5:30 P.M. There will be an open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Duane Harris.

Tuesday, March 3

SSC MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Scientific and Statistical Committee/Dr. Carolyn Belcher (TAB 1)(See separate SSC agenda)

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

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. Golden Crab Committee Meeting/John Wallace (TAB 5)
1. Summary of meeting with golden crab fishermen
2. Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Mackerel Committee/George Geiger (TAB 6)
1. Review the Gulf Council's work schedule for mackerel
2. Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Dolphin/Wahoo Committee/Tom Swatzel (TAB 7)
1. Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. Shrimp Committee/Susan Shipman (TAB 8)
1. Report on status of overwintering shrimp
2. Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Roy Crabtree (TAB 9)
(Closed Meeting)
1. Review membership, discuss policy issues and modify as appropriate

Wednesday, March 4

SSC MEETING

8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Scientific and Statistical Committee/Dr. Carolyn Belcher (TAB 1)(See separate SSC agenda)

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

Wednesday, March 4

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat Committee/Dr. Brian Cheuvront/Mark Robson (TAB 10)

1. Review public comments and revise the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) as appropriate - **ACTION**
2. Recommend the FEP for formal review - **ACTION**
3. Review public comments and revise the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment (CE-BA) as Appropriate - **ACTION**
4. Review scoping comments on CE-BA 2 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
5. Live rock and coral presentations/Ken Nedimyer
6. Report on International coral meeting in New Zealand
7. Update on the South Atlantic Alliance
8. Discuss other habitat issues as appropriate

10:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

Spiny Lobster Committee/Tony Iarocci (TAB 11)

1. Report on the status of the Import Amendment/Dr. Roy Crabtree
2. Discuss the Gulf Council's schedule/timing for Amendment 5 - **ACTION**
3. Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

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

Snapper Grouper Committee/Mac Currin (TAB 12)

1. Update on Oculina monitoring activities
2. Presentations on discard mortality of black sea bass and using acoustics to predict CPUE in reef fish/Dr. Paul Rudershausen
3. Gray's Reef Research Area request for draft proposed regulations/Dr. George Sedberry
4. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

Thursday, March 5

COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETING

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

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

4. Discuss a red snapper interim rule request - **ACTION**
5. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
6. Review scoping comments on the ACL Amendment and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

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

Lunch

Thursday, March 5

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 1:30 - 1:45 Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of December 2008 Minutes/Duane Harris
- 1:45 - 2:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 12)
➤ Public comment on an Interim Rule for red snapper (if the Council considers an Interim Rule request) **(1:45 P.M.)**
➤ Decision on submitting a Red Snapper Interim Rule request to the Secretary of Commerce
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:30 - 3:00 Joint Ecosystem-Based Management/Habitat Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront/Mark Robson (TAB 10)
➤ Public comment on the Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) **(2:30 P.M. or immediately following the Snapper Grouper Committee Report)**
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:00 - 3:15 SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 2)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:15 - 3:30 Joint Executive Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris & David Cupka (TAB 3)
➤ Approve the CY 2009 Budget (as necessary) - **ACTION**
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:30 - 3:45 LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 4)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:45 - 4:00 Golden Crab Committee Report/John Wallace (TAB 5)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:00 - 4:15 Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 6)
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- 4:45 - 5:00 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Tony Iarocci (TAB 11)
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 5:00 - 5:15 Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 1) - **ACTION**

Friday, March 6

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 8:30 - 8:45 Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)
1. Quotas: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, Snowy Grouper, Golden Tilefish, Wreckfish, Greater amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and Dolphin (soft quota ratios)
 2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C quota
 3. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 14 (MPAs)
 4. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16 and the Interim Rule
 5. Protected Species Issues
 6. VMS Compliance report (LE)
- 8:45 - 9:15 NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 3)
1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
 2. Progress reports on red and black grouper aging
 3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations: Atlantic King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Red Porgy, Greater Amberjack and Dolphin
- 9:15 - 9:45 Agency and Liaison Reports
- 9:45 - 10:00 Other Business
Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

ADJOURN

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