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{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

Thursday, September 17

1:30 - 2:00

**Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Approval of June 2009 Minutes/Duane Harris**

**Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman
Presentations**

2:00

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.

3:00 - 3:30

**Joint Ecosystem-Based Management and Habitat
Committees Report/Dr. Brian Chevront and Mark
Robson (TAB 7)**

- **Public comment on the Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 (3:00 P.M.)**
- **Approve Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce**
- **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**

Thursday, September 17

- 3:30 - 4:00** **Atlantic Sea Turtle Strategy Update/Jenny Lee (Attachment 1)**
- 4:00 - 4:30** **Update on the National Marine Protected Area Program/Dr. Joseph Uravitch (Attachment 2)**
- 4:30 - 5:30** **Presentation on Draft Amendment 3 to the Consolidated Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fish FMP and update on the swordfish exempted fishery/HMS Staff (Attachment 3)**
- 5:30 - 6:00** **Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 6)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION**
- 6:00 - 6:15** **Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris and David Cupka (TAB 4)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 6:15** **Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (Closed Session)**

Friday, September 18

- 8:30 - 8:45** **LAPP Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 1)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00** **Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:15** **Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 9)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30** **Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 2)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45** **Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 3)**
➤ **Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION**

Friday, September 18

9:45 - 10:00

Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger
(TAB 5)

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

10:00 - 10:15

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 4)

- 1. Status of Commercial quotas by fishing year for: 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), vermilion snapper, black sea bass, red porgy and gag**
- 2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 16**
- 3. Protected Species Issues**
- 4. VMS Compliance report (LE)**
- 5. Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 5) - ACTION**

10:15 - 10:45

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
(Attachment 6)

- 1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans**
- 2. Progress report on aging red and black grouper and 2007 and 2008 headboat data entry**
- 4. Status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate: Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel; cobia; snowy grouper; gag; black sea bass; golden tilefish; red porgy; greater amberjack; dolphin and wahoo; vermilion, red, mutton and yellowtail snapper**

10:45 - 11:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00

Other Business
Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 7)

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