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## AGENDA

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March 1-5, 2010

{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.}

#### Monday, March 1

#### ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

**10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Information and Education Advisory Panel/Chris Woodward (TAB 1)**

1. Receive an update on recent I&E activities relevant to management issues
2. Review of current outreach tools and materials, including Web site, print materials, and media/press releases

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#### Concurrent Sessions

#### COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

**Catch Shares Workshop (TAB 2)**

1. Overview of NOAA Draft Catch Shares Policy
2. Update on all Catch Shares Draft Amendments
3. Discussion on Catch Shares Issues in the South Atlantic

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

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**

**Catch Shares Committee/Rita Merritt (TAB 3)**

1. Development of Comments in Response to NOAA Draft Catch Shares Policy
2. Presentation on the economic impact of management decisions in the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery
3. Update on Wreckfish shareholders meeting and other catch shares related events

**Monday, March 1**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

- Mackerel Committee/George Geiger (TAB 4)**
1. Review the Gulf Council's actions and develop recommendations - **ACTION**
  2. Status of the Council's mackerel data request

**5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

- SEDAR Committee/Duane Harris (TAB 5)**
1. Review SEDAR Steering Committee Report
  2. Review SEDAR participant appointment process - **ACTION**
  3. Discuss conflict of interest policies - **ACTION**
  4. Development recommendations for SEDAR 23 participants, schedule and Terms of Reference - **ACTION**
  5. Develop guidance and recommendations for the May 2010 SEDAR Steering Committee meeting - **ACTION**

**Tuesday, March 2**

**ADVISORY PANEL MEETING**

**8:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.**

- Information and Education Advisory Panel/Chris Woodward (TAB 1)**
4. Discuss outreach, media, and educational needs and develop recommendations - **ACTION**

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

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

- Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Brian Cheuvront (TAB 6)**
1. Review CE-BA 2 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**
  2. Update on the National Center for Coastal Ocean Research (NCCOS)'s Eat Lionfish! Campaign
  3. Review draft policy on invasive species
  4. Ecosystem update presentation

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

- Joint Shrimp Committee/Shrimp AP/Deepwater Shrimp AP/Spud Woodward (TAB 7)**
1. Presentation on economic data collection program
  2. Shrimp Review Panel report (status of overwintering shrimp and pink shrimp stocks) - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

- Joint Shrimp Committee/Shrimp AP/Deepwater Shrimp AP continued/Spud Woodward (TAB 7)**
3. Advisory Panel input on Biological Opinion issues

**Tuesday, March 2**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Joint Executive/Finance Committee/Duane Harris & David Cupka (TAB 8)**

1. Report on our no-cost extension request
2. Approve proposed CY 2010 budget - **ACTION**
3. Status of the 2011 Congressional Budget
4. Develop details of Council and SSC member compensation policy relative to webinars - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, March 3**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Mark Robson (TAB 9) (Closed Meeting)**

1. Review applications and develop recommendations for appointments - **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

**SSC Selection Committee/Dr. Roy Crabtree (TAB 10) (Closed Meeting)**

1. Joint SSC and SSC Selection Committee Meeting Report - **ACTION**
2. Discuss SSC Code of Conduct - **ACTION**
3. Review conflict of interest policies - **ACTION**
4. Discuss regional representation on the SSC - **ACTION**
5. Discuss interaction between SSC and IPTs - **ACTION**

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

**Information and Education Committee/Robert Boyles (TAB 11)**

1. Receive an update on I&E activities
2. Review outreach tools, including Web site and discuss needs
3. Review Advisory Panel report and develop recommendations - **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

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

**Joint Law Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel/George Geiger and Captain Chisolm Frampton (TAB 12)**

1. Discuss monitoring and enforcement of area closures - **ACTION**
2. Review the allowable gear regulations in proposed snapper grouper closed area - **ACTION**
3. Discuss enforceability and analysis of proposed regulations - **ACTION**
4. Finalize development of a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award program - **ACTION**

**Wednesday, March 3**

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

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

3:30 - 3:45

Call to Order, Introductions & Roll Call  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of December 2009 Minutes/Duane Harris

3:45 - 4:00

Presentations

4:00 - 5:30

**Snapper Grouper/Mac Currin**

1. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

5:30

**There will be an open informal public question and answer session with NMFS Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and Council Chairman Duane Harris.**

**After the informal session the public will be provided an opportunity to officially comment on any of the agenda items.**

**Thursday, March 4**

**8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

8:30 - 12:00

**Snapper Grouper cont./Mac Currin**

3. Continue review of Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**  
4. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 18 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

12:00 - 1:30

**Lunch**

1:30 - 6:00

**Snapper Grouper cont./Mac Currin**

5. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 20 and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**  
6. SSC presentation on the Control Rule relative to the ACL Amendment - **ACTION**

**Friday, March 5**

**8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

8:30 - 10:00

**Snapper Grouper cont./Mac Currin**

7. Review Comprehensive ACL Amendment and provide direction to staff - **ACTION**

**Friday, March 5**

**10:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

- 10:00 - 10:15      Catch Shares Committee Report/Rita Merritt (TAB 3)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:30      Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 4)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45      SEDAR Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 5)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:00      Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront/Mark Robson (TAB 6)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:15      Shrimp Committee Report/Spud Woodward (TAB 7)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30      Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris & David Cupka (TAB 8)  
➤ Approve the CY 2009 Budget (as necessary) - **ACTION**  
➤ Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:45      Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Robert Boyles (TAB 9)  
➤ Appoint/Reappoint AP members and consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 12:00      Briefing on legal issues/Monica Smit-Brunello  
**(Closed Session)**
- 12:00 - 1:00      Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:15      SSC Selection Committee Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (TAB 10)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Friday, March 5**

**1:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 14)**

1:15 - 1:30

Information and Education Committee Report/Robert Boyles (TAB 11)

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

1:30 - 1:45

Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 12)

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

1:45 - 2:00

Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 1) - **ACTION**

2:00 - 2:15

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 17B
3. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A DEIS
4. Protected Species Issues

2:15 - 2:30

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Tom Jamir (Attachment 3)

1. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
2. Progress reports on headboat data entry
3. Status of Recreational Catches versus Allocations: Atlantic King Mackerel and Spanish Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish, Snowy Grouper, Red Porgy, Greater Vermilion Snapper, Gag, Mutton Snapper, Yellowtail Snapper, Amberjack and Dolphin
4. Status of Data request letters

2:30 - 3:15

Agency and Liaison Reports

3:15 - 3:30

Other Business

Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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