New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Agenda Tuesday - Thursday, November 15-17, 2016

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Tuesday, November 15, 2016

9:00 a.m. Introductions and Announcements (Chairman Dr. John Quinn)

9:05 Reports on Recent Activities

Council Chairman, Council Executive Director, NOAA's Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Regional Administrator, NOAA General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Enforcement

10:30 VMS/Enforcement Committee Report (Terry Alexander)

Update on codend certification program development; brief overview of Anthropocene Institute mapping project; initial input on measures under consideration in Atlantic Herring Framework 5 and Amendment 8

11:00 Skate Committee Report (Dr. Matt McKenzie)

Receive Skate Monitoring Report with overview on stock status, landings, and revenue; approve scoping document for Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5 to consider limited access

12:00 p.m. Presentation on Draft Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery Management Plan to End Overfishing and Rebuild Dusky Sharks (NMFS HMS staff)

12:30 Lunch Break

1:45 Monkfish Committee Report (Vincent Balzano)

Final action on Framework Adjustment 10 to set fishing year (FY) 2017-2019 specifications and additional measures if needed

3:00 Small Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Committee Report (Mark Gibson)

Receive committee progress report on development of limited access options for Amendment 22

3:45 Habitat Committee Report (Dr. John Quinn)

Review preliminary impacts analysis for Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment; discuss alternatives that overlap with new Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument; consider a management action to implement fishing regulations in the monument area

5:30 Public Hearing on Draft Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Plan Following Council Adjournment (NMFS HMS staff)

Wednesday, November 16, 2016

8:30 a.m. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report (Dr. Jake Kritzer)

Receive Atlantic sea scallop overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for FY 2017 and OFL and ABC defaults for FY 2018; discuss issues related to improving control rules and ABC recommendations for groundfish and other stocks

9:30 Scallop Committee Report (Mary Beth Tooley)

Final action on Framework 28, including: FY 2017 specifications and default specifications for FY 2018; and measures to (1) potentially restrict possession of shell stock inshore of the days-at-sea demarcation line north of 42° 20′ N, (2) modify the process for setting annual catch limits (ACLs), and (3) modify the Closed Area I Access Area boundary consistent with potential changes to habitat and groundfish mortality closures. Specifications include ABCs, ACLs, days-at-sea, access-area allocations, Northern Gulf of Maine total allowable catch (TAC), and observer/research set-asides

12:00 p.m. Open Period for Public Comments

Opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on issues relevant to Council business but not listed on this agenda (please limit remarks to 3-5 minutes)

12:15 Lunch Break

1:30 Groundfish Committee Report (Terry Stockwell)

Final action on most Framework 56 measures, including: (1) 2017 U.S./Canada specifications; (2) scallop fishery sub-ACL for northern windowpane; (3) scallop fishery accountability measure (AM) triggers for Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail flounder; (4) GB haddock sub-ACL increase for the Atlantic herring midwater trawl fishery; and (4) timely notification process for recreational measures; review draft scoping notice for Groundfish Monitoring Program Amendment

4:30 National Standard 1 Guidelines (Deb Lambert, NMFS staff)

Briefing on revisions to National Standard Guidelines 1, 3, and 7 to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act

Thursday, November 17, 2016

8:30 a.m. 2017 Council Priorities – Final Action (Executive Director Tom Nies)

10:30 Observer Safety Program Review (Jane DiCosimo, NMFS)

Briefing on NMFS's comprehensive review of all elements associated with observer safety

11:00 Atlantic Herring Committee Report (Peter Kendall)

Framework Adjustment 5: Final action to modify haddock bycatch AMs in the Atlantic herring midwater trawl fishery; Amendment 8: Approve agenda for second Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) workshop to develop ABC control rule alternatives; receive update on measures to address localized depletion

12:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 Atlantic Herring Committee Report Continued

3:45 Other business

Times listed next to the agenda items are estimates and are subject to change.

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Monday, December 5, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (TAB 1)

- (1) Review applications for the SEDAR Advisory Panel and provide recommendations (CLOSED SESSION) ACTION
- (2) System Management Plan (SMP) Advisory Panel ACTION

9:30 A.M. – 10:30 A.M. Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 2)

- (1) Report on level of commercial logbook reporting at time of permit renewal SEFSC ACTION
- (2) Compliance with reporting requirements ACTION
- (3) Follow up on items from Joint LEAP/ LE Committee meeting ACTION

10:30 A.M. – 12 Noon SSC Selection Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 3)

- (1) SSC Conflict of Interest Policy ACTION
- (2) SSC Update on complex analysis review process ACTION
- (3) SSC Public Comment Policy ACTION

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

Monday, December 5, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M. Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4)

- (1) Update from SERO ACTION
- (2) Snapper Grouper BiOp ACTION
- (3) Appoint Council Member to the Large Whale Take Reduction Team ACTION
- (4) Update from FWS ACTION

2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans & Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 5)

- (1) Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management AP Report ACTION
- (2) Review and Approve SAFMC EFH Policy Statements for FEP II ACTION
- (3) Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
- (4) Council Actions on Habitat ACTION
- (5) Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force Final Report **ACTION**

Monday Reception hosted by Lenfest – 5:30 pm

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M. SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

- (1) Recommend appointments to the following (CLOSED SESSION): ACTION
 - a. SEDAR 50, Blueline tilefish
 - b. SEDAR 48, Black Grouper
 - c. SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass
 - d. SEDAR Stock ID and Meristics Workshop
- (2) SEDAR projects Update & Approvals ACTION
 - a. SEDAR 48, Black Grouper, TORS & Schedule
 - b. SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass, TORs & Schedule
 - c. Ongoing Project Updates
- (3) Review SEDAR Steering Committee Report ACTION
- (4) Assessment priorities **ACTION**
 - a. SSC assessment prioritization recommendations
 - b. Long-term assessment plan

10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)

- (1) FWC presentation on spiny lobster regulations in Florida ACTION
- (2) Discussion Document on action to restrict recreational traps in the South Atlantic EEZ ACTION
- (3) SSC recommendations for OFL and ABC ACTION

11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. Lunch

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel Cobia

Committee/Anna Beckwith, Dr. Michelle Duval, & Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- (1) Overview of Commercial & Recreational Dolphin Wahoo Catches versus ACLs NMFS **ACTION**
- (2) Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 NMFS
- (3) Status of 2015 Commercial Yellowtail Snapper Catch ACTION
- (4) DW Amendment 10/SG Amendment 44 (Dolphin and Yellowtail Snapper Allocation)
 - a. Discuss and approve for public hearings ACTION
- (5) DW Amendment 11/SG Amendment 45/CMP Amendment 31 (For-Hire Limited Entry)
 - a. Discuss and provide guidance to staff ACTION

Tuesday, December 6, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

4:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Information & Education Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 9)

(1) Report from I&E Advisory Panel – ACTION

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 16)

- (1) National Standard 1 Final Rule
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (2) Electronic Reporting Project Proposals
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10)

- (1) Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs NMFS SERO **ACTION**
- (2) Status of Amendments under Formal Review NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure) submitted 3/4/16
 - b. Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs) submitted 8/30/16
 - c. Amendment 37 (Hogfish) submitted 9/23/16
- (3) Advisory Panel Report Kenneth Fex, AP Chair
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (4) Scientific & Statistical Committee Report Dr. Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (5) Evaluating the efficacy of descending devices in increasing the survival of deepwater groupers Brendan Runde, NCSU
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (6) Red Grouper discards from the commercial discard logbook data
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (7) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for formal review- ACTION
- (8) Annual review of Vision Blueprint
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION

Lunch 12:00 noon - 1:30 pm

1:30 P.M. – 4:30 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval

- (9) Recreational Visioning Amendment (Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for scoping ACTION
- (10) Commercial Visioning Amendment (Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for scoping ACTION
- (11) Red Snapper Landings by County in Florida NMFS SEFSC
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (12) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for scoping ACTION

Wednesday, December 7, 2016 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public comment will first be accepted on items before the Council for approval for 4:30 P.M. formal review, public hearings, or scoping:

Approval for Formal Review:

- (1) Atlantic For-Hire Amendment
- (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton)
- (3) CMP 29 Gulf King Mackerel Allocations
- (4) CMP 30 Cobia Fishing Year

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) (in-person)
- (2) Recreational Visioning Amendment (webinar)
- (3) Commercial Visioning Amendment (webinar)

Approval for Public Hearings (in-person):

(1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (Allocations)

Public comment will then be accepted regarding any of the other items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

Thursday, December 8, 2016 **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Personnel Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11) (CLOSED) 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.

- (1) Executive Director's Performance Review
 - a. Discuss and take action **ACTION**

9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. **Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting Continued /Dr. Michelle Duval** (TAB 10)

- (15) Golden Tilefish
 - a. Consider emergency rule for 2017 season ACTION
 - b. Direction to staff on how to proceed for amendment development ACTION

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. **HMS Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 12)**

- (1) Draft Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP (Dusky Shark) NMFS HMS a. Discuss and take action as appropriate – ACTION

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 13)

- (1) Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs NMFS SERO
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (2) Status of Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs (for cobia include the number of MRIP intercepts, catch, and PSE by wave by state for 2015 and 2016) - NMFS SERO
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (3) Framework Amendments 4 & 5/CMP Amendment 26 (King mackerel ACLs/boundary/management measures) – status of review
- (4) Report from October 2016 Gulf Council meeting
- (5) CMP Amendment 30 (Cobia Fishing Year)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for formal review ACTION
- (6) Cobia Public Information Document (ASMFC Document) Dr. Louis Daniel, ASMFC
 - a. Discuss and develop any comments/guidance ACTION
- (7) CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel allocations)
 - a. Discuss, modify document, and approve for formal review ACTION

Thursday, December 8, 2016 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Lunch 12:00 noon – 1:30 P.M.

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Citizen Science Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 14)

- (1) Status of Citizen Science Program
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION

2:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 15)

- (1) Bycatch Reporting Amendment: Status Update/Review SBRM Rule NMFS SERO
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (2) Voluntary Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - a. Status Update NMFS SEFSC
 - b. Reporting Options and Advances Mike Cahall, ACCSP
 - c. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (3) Status of SAFMC/ACCSP Pilot Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (4) SAFMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - a. Headboat electronic reporting status and implementation outreach Ken Brennan, SEFSC
 - b. Overview of document John Carmichael
 - c. Committee reviews and approves for formal review (GMFMC approve Jan 2017) ACTION

4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Executive Finance Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 16)

- (1) Status of Expenditures for CY 2016
- (2) Draft CY 2017 Activity Schedules & Budget
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (3) Council Follow-up and Priorities
 - a. Discuss and take action as appropriate ACTION
- (4) Standards and Procedures for Webinar Meetings
 - a. Discuss and provide guidance **ACTION**

ASMFC Public Hearing (Cobia PID) – beginning at 6:00 p.m.

Friday, December 9, 2016

8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 17)

[Legal Briefing on Litigation - Monica Smit-Brunello (CLOSED SESSION) if needed]

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of September 2016 8.30 - 8.45Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval Presentations: (1) Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award (2) Dr. Louis Daniel 8:45 - 9:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 10) • Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper) for Secretarial Review - ACTION • Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 26 (Recreational Vision Blueprint) for Scoping – ACTION • Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial Vision Blueprint) for Scoping – ACTION • Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) for Scoping - ACTION • Approve/Disapprove Golden Tilefish Emergency Action and Provide Guidance on Amendment Development – ACTION • Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION 9:30 - 10:00 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 13) • Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 30 (Atlantic Cobia Recreational Fishing Year) for Secretarial Review – ACTION • Discuss/Approve Comments on ASMFC Cobia PID – ACTION • Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 29 (Gulf King Mackerel Quota Share) for Secretarial Review – ACTION • Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - ACTION 10:00 - 10:15 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 15) • Approve/Disapprove For-Hire Reporting Amendment for Secretarial Review - ACTION • Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION 10:15 - 10:30 Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Anna Beckwith, Dr. Michelle Duval, & Ben Hartig (TAB 8) • Approve/Disapprove DW Amendment 10/SG Amendment 44 (Dolphin & Yellowtail Snapper Allocation for Public Hearings – ACTION • Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION 10.30 - 10.40Information & Education Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 9) • Consider Committee recommendations and take action as

appropriate – ACTION

Friday, December 9, 2016 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 17)
10:40 - 10:50	 Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 4) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
10:50 - 11:00	 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 1) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
11:00 - 11:10	 SSC Selection Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 3) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
11:10 - 11:20	 SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
11:20 - 11:30	 Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 5) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
11:30 - 11:40	 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 2) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
11:40 - 11:50	 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
11:50 - 12:00	 HMS Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 12) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
12:00 - 12:10	 Citizen Science Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 14) Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
12:10 - 12:20	 Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 16) Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities – ACTION Approve Regional Operations Agreement – ACTION Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – ACTION
12:20 - 12:25	SERO Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

Friday, December 9, 2016 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.	COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 17)
12:25 - 12:30	 SEFSC Report/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 2) Status of Bycatch Collection Programs Annual Headboat Report
12:30 – 12:40	Review Experimental Fishing Permit requests as appropriate (Attachment 3) - ACTION • Comment on South Carolina Aquarium Request – ACTION
12:40 - 12:50	Agency and Liaison Reports and additional information (Attachment 4) – ACTION
12:50 – 12:55	Other Business – ACTION
12:55 – 1:00	Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5) – ACTION
1:00 P.M.	ADJOURN