

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Revised Policy Statement on the Use of Descending Tools and Venting Devices

Timeline Status: Revised policy statement for review and approval

Council input and next steps: Based on input provided by Council members at the January meeting, the background information on the draft policy statement has been revised and now includes information on the effect of descending devices on groupers in the south Atlantic. The Committee should review the revised policy statement and decide whether to recommend approval as a Council policy.

Agenda Item V: 5-year review on inclusion/exclusion of species and species groupings in fishery management plans

Timeline Status: Initial review

Council input and next steps: At the June 2011 Council meeting, the Council voted to request that Council staff examine inclusion/exclusion of species and species groupings in fishery management plans for suitability every five years at a minimum and make recommendations to the Council after review by the SSC. Staff will review the history of all species listed in FMPs including those that have been removed. The SSC representative will summarize the SSC's comments on how to proceed. The Committee should provide recommendations to the Council on how to proceed with the 5-year review.

Agenda Item VI: Discussion of Historical Captain Permits

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide a presentation highlighting some items for consideration when converting historical captain permits to for-hire permits. Staff will be seeking Committee input to develop an options paper to be reviewed at the June 2018 meeting.

Agenda Item XII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion, but no action can be taken since they have not been announced

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members, time permitting. If the committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.