

**Joint Coral SSC, Coral AP and Shrimp AP
Scope of Work
September 16, 2019
Tampa, FL – Council Office**

Agenda Item II: Election of the Coral AP Chair and Vice Chair

Action: Election of Chair and Vice-chair

Committee input and next steps: The Coral AP members were appointed in June 2019 so it is time to select a chair and vice chair to lead Coral AP discussions and represent the Coral AP as appropriate.

Agenda Item IV: Approval of Joint Shrimp AP, Coral AP, and Coral SSC minutes

Action: Review, modify (if necessary), and approve minutes

Committee input and next steps: The SSC and APs will review, modify if necessary, and approve the minutes from the August 3-4, 2016 joint meeting. A meeting summary from the Joint Standing and Coral SSC meeting on January 9, 2018 has been provided as background information; the minutes from this meeting have already been approved by the Standing SSC.

Agenda Item VI: Update on the Implementation Status of Coral 9

Action: Information

Committee input and next steps: NMFS staff will provide an update on the implementation status of Coral Amendment 9. The SSC and APs can ask questions about the rule-making process and fishing regulations in the proposed habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC).

Agenda Item VII: Update on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Expansion

Action: Information

Committee input and next steps: Mr. Schmahl will present a status update from the proposed expansion of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

Agenda Item VIII: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Expansion (FKNMS)

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Staff from the FKNMS will present the Draft Environmental Impact Statement with the proposed alternatives, preferred alternatives, and proposed fishing regulations. The SSC and APs should ask questions and discuss the FKNMS proposal. The body should determine the best way to provide feedback to the Council, such as providing specific recommendations on the proposed alternatives, preferred alternative 3, and proposed fishing regulations in the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's jurisdiction. These recommendations should include any potential user conflicts, such as those with the commercial shrimping effort. These recommendations will be provided to the Council during its October 21–24th meeting in Galveston, Texas.

Agenda Item IX: Presentation on Stony Coral Tissue Loss Disease

Action: Information and discussion

Committee input and next steps: Mr. Ruzicka will provide an informative presentation about the Stony Tissue Loss Disease, spread of the disease in Gulf and Atlantic waters, and management implications.

Agenda Item X: Coral Reef Conservation Program Update (CRCP)

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Dr. Basher will present updates from the current Coral Reef Conservation Program grant. The SSC and APs should provide feedback and suggestions on completed and ongoing tasks.

Agenda Item XI: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: Other business items should be added to the agenda at the start of the meeting before it agenda is adopted. If there is time available, additional items may be discussion by the members.
