

Scope of Work – Full Council Meeting

Agenda Item IV: Discussion of SOPPS: Sections 3.0 and 3.2.2

Timeline Status: Discussion and Recommendations

Council input and next steps: The Gulf Council can hold virtual meetings or in-person meetings; however, when the Council meets in-person the Standard Operating Policies and Procedures (SOPPs) currently state the following: “Council members must be physically present at Council meetings in order to present a motion or vote”. The Council may want to consider modifying this portion of the SOPPs, since there is uncertainty with travel and holding large in-person meetings for the remaining part of this year. Several regional Councils allow in-person meetings with some Council members participating remotely including motioning and voting during full Council. If the Council chooses to modify the SOPPs a motion would be needed.

The Council may also want to consider cleaning up Section 3.2.2: Quorum and Roll Call Voting section of the SOPPs. The words “present in the meeting room” could be struck from the last sentence in this section to indicate when Council business and voting are conducted virtually or another edit could be completed to achieve this task. If the Council chooses to modify the SOPPs, a motion would be needed.

Agenda Item V: Discussion of the June Council Meeting

Timeline Status: Information

Council input and next steps: Dr. Frazer will provide an update on the logistics and planning for the June Council meeting. Council members should indicate high priority items and fisheries that may have been impacted by COVID-19 and should be discussed during the June Council meeting.