

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

Agenda Item IV: Government Accountability Office Report on Allocations

Timeline Status: Presentation

Council input and next steps: Ms. Anne-Marie Fennell of the Government Accountability Office (GAO) will give a presentation on the GAO report on allocation in Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic mixed-use fisheries. The presentation will summarize the report and discuss the findings and recommendations made by the GAO. The Committee may ask questions and discuss the material presented.

Agenda Item V: Update on Allocation Review Working Group

Timeline Status: Presentation and Discussion

Council input and next steps: Staff will give a presentation on the Allocation Review workgroup. The presentation will discuss the membership of the workgroup, its previous meetings, and an expected timeline for upcoming activities and meetings. The Committee is expected to ask questions, discuss the material presented and, suggest next steps as warranted.

Agenda Item VI: Modification of Fishing Access in Eastern Gulf of Mexico Marine Protected Areas

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the actions and alternatives and accompanying analyses, and select its preferred alternatives, if appropriate. The revised document includes analyses of aggregated commercial reef fish vessel monitoring system (VMS) data and shrimp vessel electronic logbook transit activity through the reserves (see Appendix B and C). Staff will summarize recommendations from the Law Enforcement Technical Committee on the presented actions and alternatives and public comments received. The Committee will also review the codified text and if the management actions are deemed necessary and appropriate, the Committee should recommend that the Council certify them as such for transmittal to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation. The Committee should also consider whether to request that the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) division of the National Marine Fisheries Service implement commensurate regulations for HMS in the Madison-Swanson and Steamboat Lumps MPAs.

Agenda Item VII: Report from Joint Working Group on Section 102: Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018.

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will receive a summary of the first webinar meeting of the Joint Working Group on Section 102: Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018. This joint Council workgroup includes six members of the Gulf Council and five members of the South Atlantic Council. These Council members have been tasked with reviewing alternative recreational fisheries management strategies, determining appropriate candidate species on which to trial these alternative strategies, and communicating these recommendations to the respective Councils. The joint Council workgroup aims to be reconvened for further discussions in August or September of 2020.

Agenda Item VIII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Potential Additional items

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will discuss a NOAA Fisheries letter on Executive Order 13921. Additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.
