

Joint Coral and Habitat Protection & Restoration Committees: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab N

Agenda Item IV: Summary of the Southeast Deep-Sea Coral Initiative

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present the Council with biological information on the August 2017 SEDSCI research expedition. The presentation will focus on the coral species and habitat within the Public Hearing Draft for Coral HAPC Amendment 9.

Agenda Item V: Review of the Public Hearing Draft of Coral Amendment 9

Timeline Status: Public Hearing

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will be presented with the public hearing draft of Coral Amendment 9. The Committee is requested to make any changes it deems necessary. The Committee should also consider selecting preferred alternatives at this meeting and if warranted approve the document for public hearings. If approved, staff will take the document to public hearings after the January 2018 SSC meeting. Suggested locations for public hearings based on the content of the document and past participation are:

Brownsville, TX
Galveston/Palacios, TX
D'Iberville/Biloxi area, MS
Bayou La Batre/Bon Secour, AL
Madeira Beach, FL
Key West, FL
webinar
