Scope of Work
Standing, Shrimp, Socioeconomic, and Reef Fish SSC Meeting
March 26-27, 2018
Tampa, Florida

Synopses of the agenda action items are as follows.

I) **Introductions and Adoption of Agenda**

Any changes to the agenda or additions under Other Business should be made at this time

II) **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the January 9-10, 2018 meeting of the Standing, Coral, Socioeconomic, and Reef Fish SSC should be reviewed, and any needed corrections noted.

The Shrimp SSC portion of the March 27-29, 2017 meeting of the Standing, Shrimp, Reef Fish, and Socioeconomic SSC should also be reviewed and any needed corrections noted. This is a final review and acceptance of the meeting summaries.

III) **Selection of SSC representative at April 2018 Council meeting**

The SSC should select a representative to attend the April 16-19, 2018 Council meeting in Gulfport, Mississippi. The SSC representative will present the SSC's comments and recommendations from the current meeting on items reviewed to the appropriate Council committees.

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IV) **Stock Status Review**

NMFS staff will provide the SSC with the updated stock assessments for penaeid shrimp. The SSC should discuss the assessments and provide any comments. There is no action needed by the SSC at this time.

V) **Up-date on the Economic Analysis Requested by Council**

Staff will update the SSC on the status of this agenda item. No action is needed by the SSC.

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VI) **Grouper/Tilefish IFQ Program 5-Year Review**

Staff will give a presentation on the initial 5-year review of the grouper-tilefish individual fishing quota program. The Socioeconomic and Standing SSCs are expected to discuss the review, including the studies and surveys conducted to support the review, and the findings of the review. The SSCs may suggest revisions to the review. The SSCs are also expected to make recommendations to the Council relative to the methodology, studies, and findings of the review.

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VII) **5-Year Review on Inclusion/Exclusion of Species and Species Groupings in Fishery Management Plans**

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. There were 13 species removed from federal management in 1012 under the Generic ACL/AM Amendment. The purpose of this agenda item is to initiate the first such review. The SSC may recommend no changes to the current list of managed species. However, if this task is continued to a subsequent meeting, the SSC should indicate what data and analysis will be needed.

VIII) **Further Development of a Stock Assessment Prioritization Spreadsheet**

Dr. Shannon Calay (SEFSC) will review the stock assessment prioritization for Gulf stocks. The stock prioritization exercise will be a further development of a spreadsheet begun at the March SSC meeting. Before the spreadsheet is final, the SSC and Council need to provide input on the weighting factors, and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center should agree that the data is final.

IX) **Update on MRIP Fishing Effort Survey and Status of Certification of State Data Collection Programs**

Kelly Denit and John Foster from the NMFS Office of Science and Technology will give a update via webinar on the MRIP fishing effort survey (the mail survey that is replacing the MRIP telephone survey). The presentation will also provide an update on the status of certification of state data collection programs. This is for information only. No action is needed by the SSC.

X) **Habitat Mapping and Characterization on the West Florida Shelf**

Steve Murawski, University of South Florida, will give a presentation on habitat mapping and characterization on the West Florida Shelf. In conjunction with Florida FWRI and NOAA, USF has a large habitat mapping project to map and characterize reef fish and sea turtle habitats on the Shelf. The project seeks to provide a total of about 2,800 square kilometers of high resolution multibean maps and ground truth characterization using towed video. The SSC is asked to provide input as to which areas should be considered priorities.

XI) **Tentative 2018 SSC Meeting Dates**

Staff will review the tentative schedule of SSC meetings in 2018. SSC meetings are generally scheduled 3 weeks in advance of each Council meeting. The can be rescheduled if necessary due to conflicts or availability of review materials. SSC members should let staff know if they have any conflicts with the propose dates.

XII) **Other Business**

If the SSC has any other issues to discuss that are not on the agenda, they can be discussed here.