

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

Agenda Item IV: Draft Allocation Review Guidelines

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council input and next steps: Council staff will present draft allocation review guidelines. The review guidelines detail the process to follow to conduct allocation reviews in the Gulf of Mexico. Allocation reviews are mandated by the NMFS Allocation Review Policy. The Committee should consider the information presented and ask questions. The Committee is expected to give feedback, and suggest revisions and next steps, as warranted.

Agenda Item V: SSC Recommendations on Using Field Experiments to Assess Alternative Mechanisms for Distributing Fish to the Recreational Sector

Timeline Status: Information and Discussion

Council input and next steps: The SSC representative will summarize SSCs discussion and recommendations made following a presentation on using field experiments to assess alternative mechanisms for distributing fish to the recreational sector. The presentation was given by Dr. Alexander Gordan of the SEFSC during the September 27-30, 2021 SSC meeting. The Committee is expected to consider the information presented and ask questions. This agenda item is for information only, the Committee is not expected to take further action.

Agenda Item VI: Report to Congress on Shark and Dolphin Depredation

Timeline Status: Information and Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: The 2021 Congressional Appropriation Act Joint Explanatory Statement directs NOAA fisheries to review, collect, and report on issues related to dolphin and shark depredation. Ms. Karyl Brewster-Geisz from the office of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species will provide a presentation outlining the objectives of the report, review the proposed report development timeline, and solicit input from the Council. The Committee should listen to the presentation, ask questions of NOAA staff, and provide feedback during the Council meeting that could also be sent via a formal comment letter to NOAA Fisheries about depredation conflicts in the Gulf of Mexico.

Agenda Item VII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Potential Additional items

Council Input and Next Steps: 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.
