

## **Administrative/Budget Committee: Action Schedule & Next Steps for Tab G**

---

**Agenda Item IV:** Review and Discuss Proposed 2025 Activities (Tab G, No. 6a) and Budget (Tab G, No. 6b)

**Timeline Status:** Information and Feedback

**Council Input and Next Steps:** A draft of the 2025 activities (**Tab G, No. 4a**) and proposed budget (**Tab G, No. 4b**), based on estimated funding have been developed by Council staff. The activities list includes meetings that will be charged to other awards and have been noted accordingly. The draft budget only relates to the 2025 administrative award. The Committee should ask questions and provide feedback regarding the proposed activities and cost projections.

The Committee does not need to pass a motion at this time to approve the 2025 budget because total funding for 2025 is unconfirmed. The anticipated funding amount is expected to be level with 2024. Currently, the Council has only received \$759,449 (approximately 18%) of our total annual funding. The projections are based on known cost increases and planned activity. Staff will bring the final funded budget back to the Council later in 2025 for review and approval.

---

**Agenda Item V:** Update on 2020-2024 Administrative Award No Cost Extension Request (Tab G, No. 5)

**Timeline Status:** Informational

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will review the current position of funding and expenditures for the 2020-2024 administrative award (**Tab G, No. 5**). The table reflects the activities and budget that NOAA have approved for a 12-month no cost extension. The Committee should ask any clarifying questions regarding the proposed activities and cost projections.

---

**Agenda Item VI:** Status Update on Inflation Reduction Act Funding for the Regional Management Councils

**Timeline Status:** Informational

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will provide a brief update on the funding received relating to the Inflation Reduction Act award. All approved funds for proposed activities have been distributed to the Gulf Council which total \$2,025,276. Updates will continue to be provided to the Committee as this project continues.

---

**Agenda Item VII:** Review and Advisory Panel Appointments for Coral, Data Collection, and Spiny Lobster (**Tab G, No. 7**)

**Timeline Status:** Discuss and Provide Feedback via Motion as Appropriate

**Council Input and Next Steps:** At the beginning of each year, the Council reviews any Ad Hoc Advisory Panels and assesses if their charge has been met. The Council currently has two Ad Hoc Advisory Panels that were recently populated and have remaining work to complete the Council's charges.

The Committee should direct staff whether to proceed with re-advertising for the coral, data collection, and spiny lobster APs. If the Committee decides to advertise for new AP members, the usual timing will be for the Council to review applicants and make preliminary selections at the April 2025 Council meeting. Then, at the June 2025 Council meeting, the Council will review the fishing violations background check results of selected individuals and make their final AP selections.