

# Tab G, No. 3

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

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**Agenda Item IV:** Review and Discuss Proposed 2026 Activities (Tab G, No. 4a) and Budget (Tab G, No. 4b)

**Timeline Status:** Information and Feedback

**Council Input and Next Steps:** A draft of the 2026 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 also includes meetings that will be charged to the Inflation Reduction Act Award and have been noted accordingly. The draft budget only relates to the 2026 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 2026 budget because total funding for 2026 is unconfirmed. Under the current continuing resolution, the Department of Commerce has been funded through January 30, 2026. The Council has not received any of its 2026 funding. Other regional management councils are budgeting at level funding for activities in 2026. The budget in Tab G, No. 4b is based on known cost increases and planned activity. Staff will bring the final funded budget back to the Council later in 2026 for review and approval.

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**Agenda Item V:** Update on Final 2020-2024 Administrative Award and Inflation Reduction Act Funding

**Timeline Status:** Informational

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Staff will provide a verbal update on the status of the Council's final 2020-2024 Administrative Award as well as the status of the Inflation Reduction Act funding. The Committee should ask any clarifying questions regarding the status reports.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Review Advisory Panel Appointments for Red Drum, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, Ad Hoc Red Snapper / Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ), and Ad Hoc Charter For-Hire Data Collection (**Tab G, No. 6**)

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

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The Committee should direct staff whether to proceed with re-advertising for Red Drum and Coastal Migratory Pelagics 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 2026 Council meeting. Then, at the June 2026 Council meeting, the Council will review the fishing violations background check results of selected individuals and make their final AP selections.

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 and Council staff anticipates these Ad Hoc APs have remaining work to complete on the Council's charges.