

SEFSC and SERO Meeting to Discuss the IPT and BSIA Process

Agenda

MEETING INFORMATION

Goal:

For SEFSC and SERO staff to increase their understanding of the Interdisciplinary Plan Team (IPT) and Amendment Review/Certification of Best Scientific Information Available (BSIA) processes, and, if applicable, for SEFSC and SERO staff to develop ways to improve the processes.

Objectives:

- (1) Review the current IPT process, including the protocols as outlined by the Regional Operating Agreements and SEFSC Tasking Protocol.
- (2) Review the SEFSC amendment review and BSIA certification processes.
- (3) Offer potential ways to improve the processes.

Date: April 12, 2016

Place: Webinar; we strongly encourage meeting attendees to participate as groups rather than individually

Time: 9 AM-NOON

Meeting materials: (1) Regional Operating Agreements and (2) SEFSC Tasking Protocol (June 2015)

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1. *Welcoming remarks (5 minutes)*
2. *Broad overview of the fishery management process (Hood lead; 20 min for presentation and discussion)*
 - Purpose of and need for regulations
 - Regulatory process basics
3. *Overview of IPT process*
 - Members, roles, responsibilities, and timelines (*DeVictor lead; 20 min*)
 - SEFSC role on IPT from both SEFSC and SERO Perspective (*Jamir and DeVictor lead; 20 min*)
 - Reviewers and analysts (Writers on rare occasions, such as when text on results and methodology is needed)

4. *NEPA significance (Silverman lead; 15 min)*

- Brief overview of NEPA
- NEPA Checklist

5. *Data requests and review of analyses (Farmer/Johnson & SEFSC: Turner/Gloeckner; 20 min)*

Biological

- Consistency of datasets
- Years for analysis and when to update them
- SSC - SEFSC - SERO interactions and collaboration
- Full and comprehensive scientific review
- Gag/black grouper framework amendment certification issue

Economic and Social

- Interactions amongst SERO and SEFSC economists/anthropologists

6. *Overview of SEFSC review and BSIA certification (SEFSC: Porch/Williams/McPherson; 35 min)*

- Discuss requirement for BSIA
- Clarify SEFSC review and BSIA certification process
- Outline internal process SEFSC uses for review/certification (e.g., How are reviewers chosen? What is the interaction between reviewers and SEFSC IPT representative? Does the SEFSC IPT representative become the contact to help a reviewer understand the action and reasoning behind the action?)
- Discuss how BSIA certification relates to IPT process
- From SERO Perspective, what about the BSIA process is working? What may not be working? What can be improved to ensure more seamless BSIA?

7. *What can we do to improve the processes (All; 30 min)*

- Perhaps ideas such as the IPT Lead should specify when certain members of the IPT will not be needed, such as SEFSC members or LAPP/DM members.
- Additional ideas?