

Joint Coral and Habitat Protection & Restoration Committees: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab N

Agenda Item IV: Presentation on the Biology of Corals

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present the Council with biological information on deep-water corals. The presentation is focused on the coral species and habitat within the Scoping Document for Coral HAPC Amendment 7.

Agenda Item V: Revised Scoping Draft for Coral Amendment 7

Timeline Status: Scoping

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will be presented with the revised scoping document outlining the Coral SSC/AP's recommended priority areas. Staff will also update the Committee on the status of the two areas (Pulley Ridge and Viosca Knoll 862/906) still under consideration for boundary revision. Staff will report out the results of the Pulley Ridge working group and discussions about the Viosca Knoll 862/906 revision. The Committee is requested to make any changes it deems necessary and approve the scoping document for public workshops. If approved staff will take the scoping document to the workshops with Public Hearing Draft Shrimp 17B during February and March, 2017 at the following locations:

Brownsville, TX

Galveston, TX

Palacios, TX

Houma, LA

D'Iberville/Biloxi area, MS

Mobile, AL

Madeira Beach, FL

Panama City, FL

Key West, FL

Via webinar

Agenda Item VI: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion, but no action can be taken since they have not been announced

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members, time permitting. If the committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.