

MEMORANDUM



To: Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commissioners

From: Jessica McCawley, Director, Marine Fisheries Management

Date: September 27, 2018

Subject: Marine Fisheries Workplan Update

Purpose:

Provide Commissioners with an update on various Marine Fisheries Management workplan items that are currently in progress.

Summary:

DMFM staff meet each year with FWRI staff to coordinate the annual marine fisheries management workplan. Staff review new and ongoing marine fisheries management issues that have been identified by staff and stakeholders and establish priorities for potential Commission action in the coming fiscal year. Marine fisheries issues often arise mid-workplan as well. These “fly-in” items vary in nature and require staff to reprioritize efforts in order to address emerging issues that warrant immediate action.

This presentation will cover a variety of current workplan topics including bay scallops, sharks, and goliath grouper, and will update the Commissioners on the progress of each item.

Staff will bring a full presentation for the proposed 2018-2020 DMFM workplan to the December 2018 meeting for Commission consideration.

Staff Recommendation:

This presentation is informational in nature. Staff is not requesting Commission action at this time.

Staff Contact and/or Presenter:

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