



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

June 10-14, 2019

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### **Monday, June 10, 2019**

**8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M.**

1. Personnel Matters

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Personnel Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 1)**

**9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.**

1. SAFMC Handbook

- a. Overview of Proposed Changes – Gregg Waugh

- b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations on changes – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

2. SOPPs

- a. Overview of Timing & Any Other Issues – Gregg Waugh/Jessica McCawley/Mel Bell

- b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon** **Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

1. Report from May 2019 CCC Meeting

- a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Jessica McCawley/Mel Bell

- b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

2. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization & Modern Fisheries Act

- a. Overview – Gregg Waugh

- b. Modern Fisheries Act Presentation – NMFS HQ

- c. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 noon Executive Finance Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

3. CCC Working Paper
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Draft Calendar Year (CY; January-December) 2019 Operational Budget
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Kelly Klasnick
  - b. Committee Action: Review and approve CY 2019 operational budget – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. SSC Selection Committee/Anna Beckwith (CLOSED) (TAB 4)**

1. Appointments to Open SSC Seats
  - a. Overview – Dr. Mike Errigo
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

**2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 5)**

1. Appointments to Open AP Seats and review of AP structure
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and develop recommendations – Chester Brewer – **ACTION**

**3:30 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 6)**

1. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year **(CLOSED)**
  - a. Overview – Mel Bell
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and develop recommendation – Mel Bell – **ACTION**
2. Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Report
  - a. Overview – Capt. Bob Lynn
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Mel Bell – **ACTION**

**4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs – Christina Wiegand
2. Status of Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 - Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
3. Spiny Lobster Commercial Trip Limit off NC, SC, and GA
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Gulf Council Carry Over Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand/Ryan Rindone
  - b. Committee Action: Consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**5:30 P.M. to 5:45 P.M. NC Aquarium EFP Request (TAB 13, Attachments 6a&b)**

1. Overview – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)**

1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial) – sent to NMFS on 1/24/10
  - b. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 (Recreational) – sent to NMFS on 4/16/19
  - c. Amendment 42 – sent to NMFS on 4/24/19
3. SERFS Update – Dr. Marcel Reichert
4. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report – Jimmy Hull
5. Scientific & Statistical Committee Report – Dr. George Sedberry
6. Amendment 38 Update
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch**

**Tuesday, June 11, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 4:50 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)**

7. SMP Update – Dr. Chip Collier
8. Options paper for removing Jacks from the Snapper Grouper FMP – Myra Brouwer
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
9. Regulatory Amendment 33 (Red Snapper Season Modifications)
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review options and provide guidance on amendment content and timing; consider approving for public hearing – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
10. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices & Powerheads)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Consider public input, select preferred alternatives, and approve all actions – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**4:50 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Presentation – JRD & Associates, Inc**

**5:00 P.M. S-K Panel Discussion** (Elliott Amphitheater) – JRD & Associates, Inc. were contracted by NOAA Fisheries to conduct an assessment of the Saltonstall-Kennedy (S-K) Grant Program. As part of their analysis, they are conducting feedback sessions and interviews across the country at fishery management council meetings to obtain feedback and recommendations from fishing community constituents on ways to improve communications, dissemination, and utilization of results achieved through projects funded by the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program.

**5:00 P.M. Informal Public Discussion** (Plantation Ballroom) – Roy Crabtree, Clay Porch, Jessica McCawley, Mel Bell, and Monica Smit-Brunello

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**                      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON**    **Snapper Grouper Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)**

11. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
12. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Review draft final document and provide guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
13. Economic Performance of the Snapper Grouper Fishery – Dr. Christopher Liese, SEFSC

**12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M.    Lunch**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019**                      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.**                      **Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Review of the goals and objectives for the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**
3. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**
4. Scoping comments on adding bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

**3:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.**                      **Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

5. Ranking of Amendments for work schedule
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Committee Discussion and Guidance – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Wednesday, June 12, 2019 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4:00 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.**  
(Plantation Ballroom)

**Approval for Formal Review:**

- (1) Gulf Council Carry Over Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (3) Consideration of Atlantic Group King Mackerel Emergency Trip Limit

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
- (2) Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 8 (King mackerel trip limits, season two)

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 33 (Red Snapper Season Modifications)

**Other Items of Interest:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 45/Sargassum Amendment 4 & Coral Amendment 11 (ABC Control Rule)
- (2) Recreational Accountability Measures Amendment
- (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
- (4) Wreckfish ITQ Review
- (5) Bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan

**5:00 P.M. S-K Panel Discussion (Elliott Amphitheater) – JRD & Associates, Inc.**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**  
**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (PARTIALLY  
CLOSED) (TAB 10)**

1. SEDAR Appointments – **CLOSED SESSION**
  - a. Scamp Research Track
2. Assessment Activities Update
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. SSC Report
  - a. Overview – George Sedberry
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Research and Monitoring Plan
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Action: Approve plan – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON**

**Committee of the Whole/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11)**

1. Allocation Discussion
  - a. Presentation on History of Allocations – Council Staff
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**

**Committee of the Whole Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11)**

2. Allocation Review Trigger Policy
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**

**Mackerel Cobia Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 12)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. CMP Framework 6 (King mackerel trip limits) – sent to NMFS 11/9/2018
3. Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Report – Ira Laks, AP Chair
4. Consideration of Atlantic King Mackerel Trip Limit Emergency Action
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
5. CMP Framework Amendment 8 (commercial king mackerel trip limits in season two).
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for scoping – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**
6. Update on previous considerations to address commercial Spanish mackerel closures.
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**3:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.      Executive Finance Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

6. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Thursday, June 13, 2019      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

**4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.**

[Legal Briefing on Litigation – Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**) if needed]

4:00 - 4:10      Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair

Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley

Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley

4:10 – 4:45      Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**

1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 13, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 13, Attachment 2**) – Dr. Chip Collier
3. Citizen Science Update (**TAB 13, Attachment 3**) – John Carmichael/Julia Byrd
4. Update from April 2019 Atlantic Large Whale TRT meeting – Christina Wiegand/Charlie Phillips

4:45 – 5:00      NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM) (**TAB 13, Attachment 4**)
3. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 13, Attachment 5**) – Jenny Lee

5:00 – 5:15      NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 13, Attachment 6a**)
2. Status of MRIP Conversions (**TAB 13, Attachment 6b**)

5:15 – 5:30      Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

1. North Carolina Aquarium (**TAB 13, Attachments 7a&b**)

**Friday, June 14, 2019      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

**8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

8:30 – 9:30      Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

9:30 - 9:45      Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 12)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

**Friday, June 14, 2019**                      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

- 9:45 - 10:00 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 SSC Selection Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:20 SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 10)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:20 - 10:45 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 - 11:15 Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30 Committee of the Whole/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:35 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:35 - 11:40 Personnel Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**
- 11:40 - 11:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**



**Friday, June 14, 2019**                      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

11:45 – 12:05 HMS Presentation (**Tab 13, Attachments 8a-e**) – NMFS is conducting scoping/hearings on 4 actions:

- Gear Restricted Area and Weak Hook Amendment (Proposed rule): Will consider changes to the area-based and weak hook management measures for bluefin tuna in the pelagic longline fishery, with a focus on measures that were implemented to reduce dead discards of bluefin tuna. The rulemaking is intended to determine if existing area management and weak hook measures remain appropriate to both achieve the current management objectives and provide flexibility to adapt to fishing variability in the future.
- Amendment 13 Scoping: Will consider modifications of the bluefin tuna regulations, specifically, the Individual Bluefin Quota Program (pelagic longline fishery), modification of the directed tuna fishery quota system (rod and reel and harpoon gear), and sunseting the purse seine fishery.
- Amendment 14 Scoping: Will consider a review of current HMS process for establishing the acceptable biological catch (ABC) and annual catch limits (ACLs) for domestically managed sharks, and a review of the process governing the distribution of the ACL to the various sectors.
- Spatial Management Scoping: Will consider options to conduct research and collect both fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data in areas currently closed to fishing for Atlantic highly migratory species.

12:05 – 12:25 Biscayne National Park Presentation (**Tab 13, Attachments 9**) – Jessica McCawley

12:25 – 12:45 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 13, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**

12:45 – 12:55 Other Business – **ACTION**

12:55 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 13, Attachment 11**) – **ACTION**

1:00                      **ADJOURN**

**Voices of the Southeast Oral History**

The NOAA Southeast Oral History Kiosk will be set up outside the meeting room. The kiosk houses a video loop on a large monitor and a smaller iPad where one can listen to clips of oral history interviews on a variety of topics. They have included individuals from both the South Atlantic and Gulf in the story map and video loop, and the topics vary from commercial and recreational fishing to management and environmental changes.

Christina Package-Ward, NMFS SERO staff, will be available to discuss the Voices from the Fisheries Program and demonstrate how to navigate the story map on the iPad and answer other questions about either Oral History or the SERO Social Science Branch.

Christina will give a short overview during a committee meeting once she arrives and is set up.

**U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

“The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)—an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress—is conducting a study on allocation reviews for mixed-use fisheries (those with a combination of commercial, recreational, or for-hire fishing sectors) in federal waters of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. GAO staff will be in attendance at the June 2019 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting and would like to meet with fishery stakeholders to discuss mixed-use fisheries allocations. GAO will post a signup sheet in the area outside the Council meeting space by 8:30 am Monday, June 10th for those interested in scheduling a meeting time with GAO. GAO will be available for meetings Monday, June 10th through Wednesday, June 13th, generally from 8:30 am to 6 pm, with the exception of the Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization & Modern Fisheries Act discussion and the Council’s Public Comment session. Information from stakeholders is a critical part of this study, and GAO staff hope to speak to as many interested stakeholders as possible at this meeting. Please direct any questions to [FisheriesAllocations@gao.gov](mailto:FisheriesAllocations@gao.gov).”