

# South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

August 9, 2011  
Charleston, SC

Charleston Marriott Hotel  
170 Lockwood Blvd.  
Charleston, SC 29403

Call 843/723-3000 or 800/968-3569 for hotel reservations.

**Note:** The Council will hold a special 1- day meeting in August to address mandates of the Magnuson-Stevens Act to set **Annual Catch Limits** (in pounds or numbers of fish) and **Accountability Measures** for species not currently listed as undergoing overfishing. These measures must be in place by the end of 2011. A limited number of other issues will also be discussed.

Watch the August 2011 Council meeting *live* from Charleston, SC. Link to the video stream as the meeting occurs. Visit [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net) for details.

Briefing book materials will be posted on the website as they become available.

## Agenda Highlights:

- **Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico** - the amendment establishes Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) and Accountability Measures (AMs) for species managed under the joint management plan (**king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia**). The Council is scheduled to approve the amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce (contingent upon approval by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council).
- **Comprehensive ACL Amendment** - establishes ACLs and AMs for species in the **snapper grouper management complex, dolphin, wahoo and golden crab**. Also contains measures to **prohibit the sale of bag-limit caught dolphin**, establish a 20" size limit for dolphin off of SC, and other measures. The Council is scheduled to approve the amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.
- **Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 11** - addresses options for ending overfishing of speckled hind and warsaw grouper, including **modifications to current restrictions for harvest of deepwater snapper grouper species in waters deeper than 240'**. The Council is scheduled to approve the amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.
- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A** - addresses the management of **wreckfish** under the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan, including the Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program. The Council will continue development of the amendment.

## Public Input

**Tuesday, August 9 - 8:30 AM** - *The Council will take public comment on Amendment 18 relative to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic Fishery Management Plan, the Comprehensive ACL Amendment, and Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 11. The Council will consider all comments prior to making any final decisions. Public comment will also be allowed on any other agenda items.*

# Agenda

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#### Tuesday, August 9

8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Council Session -

8:00 a.m. Call to order, adoption of agenda and approval of minutes

**8:30 am - Public Comment on Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Fishery Management Plan, the Comprehensive ACL Amendment, and Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 11.** *Those wishing to comment should be present at the Council meeting by 8:30 a.m. to sign in.*

**Following the public comment session, the Council will address the following items:**

- **Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP (mackerel and cobia)**
  - Review public comment, modify if appropriate and approve for Secretarial Review
- **Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit (ACL) Amendment**
  - Review public comment, modify if appropriate and approve for Secretarial Review
- **Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 11 (240' closure)**
  - Review public comment, modify if appropriate and approve for Secretarial Review
- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 20A (wreckfish)**
  - Review public comment and continue work on the amendment.

**Note: Except for public comment, the agenda items and schedules are subject to change.**

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or contact the Council office at 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10

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**September 12-16, 2011** Charleston Marriott Hotel, Charleston, SC

**December 5-9, 2011** Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, Raleigh, NC

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