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Recommendation 1:

Identify the South Atlantic Fishery Citizen Science Program as a cooperative program between NMFS, Sea Grant, and the South Atlantic Fishery Council (SAFMC).



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Recommendation 2:

Immediately seek interim funding to support core program infrastructure and administration.



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Recommendation 3:

Hire one full-time Council staff member ASAP to get the program started.



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Recommendation 4:

The program should be long-standing, which will require seeking base-level, perennial funding.



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Recommendation 5: Establish a citizen science steering committee for program management and oversight



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- **Potential initial steering Committee membership**

1. SERO (RA or designee)
2. SEFSC
3. NOAA HQ (S&T designee)
4. SeaGrant (state, rotating)
5. SAFMC Chair
6. SAFMC ED
7. SSC chair or designee
8. For-hire fishing stakeholder (appointed by Council)
9. Private fishing stakeholder (appointed by Council)
10. Commercial fishing stakeholder (appointed by Council)
11. ACCSP
12. NGO (appointed by Council)

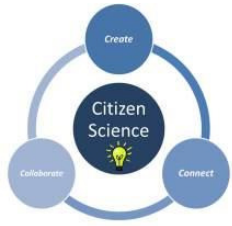


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Recommendation 5: Steering Committee Charge

Charge

- Approve program policy (SOPPS), goals and objectives
- Approve program budget
- Provide infrastructure and governance direction
- Design program evaluation



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Recommendation 5: Steering Committee Charge, cont'd

- Establish 4 task forces to address immediate program policy and infrastructure needs
 - Finance
 - Data standards and management
 - Volunteer and project management
 - Project review and selection



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What does success look like... aka Goals

- Information collected is used to address important, contemporary science or management questions
- Broad participation in projects and support from participants: constituencies, scientific community and partners.
- Improved relations, communication, and information exchange and accessibility among constituents, scientists and managers.
- Program is viewed as a model approach to improve fisheries management around the nation.