

Joint Meeting of the South Atlantic and Gulf Scientific and Statistical Committees

October 20, 2026

Hybrid Meeting:
Town & Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

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AGENDA

Other than the starting and ending time of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. Periodic breaks will be taken during each morning and afternoon session at the discretion of the Chair.

Tuesday, October 20th

8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

1. Introductions

- Approval of Agenda

2. Public Comment

3. Southeast Black Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Operating Model Review (3 hrs)

- Presentation: Dr. Bill Harford, Nature Analytics
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Review the operating model, data inputs, and associated uncertainties for the Southeast Black Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE). Discuss additional data inputs and modeling configurations necessary in order to provide catch level recommendations using this MSE.*

4. Other Business

5. Public Comment

6. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

7. Adjourn Joint Committee

Public Comment Process

Written comment: Written comment on SSC agenda topics is provided to the Committee through an online form, similar to all other Council briefing materials. Written comment can be submitted at [this link](#). For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12:00 p.m., October 20th.

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An opportunity for comment on specific agenda items will also be provided as each item come up for discussion. This opportunity for comment will happen after all the initial presentations are given and before the SSC starts the discussion of the agenda topic. As before, those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

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