



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

September 7, 2023

Webinar:

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AGENDA

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 the session at the discretion of the Chair.

Thursday, September 7th

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Introductions

- *Approval of Agenda*
- *Approval of July 2023 meeting minutes*

2. Public Comment

3. SEDAR 86: Red Grouper Operational Assessment

- *Presentation: SEFSC*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review spatial considerations for the SEDAR 86: Red Grouper Operational Assessment. Recommend whether the one-area or two-area model configuration is more appropriate for the operational assessment and discuss approaches to incorporate changes into the assessment if warranted.*

4. Draft Climate Governance Policy

- *Presentation: Judd Curtis, SAFMC Staff*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review the NMFS draft Fisheries Climate Governance Policy and provide feedback on the proposed process.*

5. Other Business

- *Black Sea Bass Workgroup – SAFMC Staff*

6. Public Comment

7. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

8. Next Meetings

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., September 7, 2023.

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An opportunity for comment on specific agenda items will also be provided as each item comes 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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