



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

April 16-18, 2024

The Crowne Plaza
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd.
North Charleston, SC 29418

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, April 16th

1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

1. Introductions

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Transcript from February Meeting

2. Public Comment

3. SEFSC Minimizing Red Snapper Discards Publication (1½ hrs)

- Presentation: Dr. Scott Crosson and Dr. Kyle Shertzer, SEFSC
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Discuss what strategies could meet goals for reducing discards and rebuilding the red snapper stock.*

4. SEFSC Low Recruitment Workgroup Update (1½ hrs)

- Presentation: Dr. Kyle Shertzer, SEFSC
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive presentation on the progress of the SEFSC's Low Recruitment Workgroup.*

Wednesday, April 17th

8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

5. Florida State Reef Fish Survey (3 hrs)

- Presentation: Dr. Luiz Barbieri and Beverly Sauls, FL-FWCC
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive presentation on the Florida State Reef Fish Survey (SRFS) and discuss the incorporation of these data into upcoming Florida stock assessments.*

(Lunch Break: 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm)

1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

6. Evaluation of Commercial Discard Logbook Data (1 hr)

- Presentation: Dave Gloeckner, SEFSC
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive presentation on the evaluation of the commercial discard logbook data and discuss findings and their implications on commercial data streams in stock assessments.*

7. SEFSC Precision Threshold Workgroup (½ hr)

- Presentation: Dr. Vivian Matter, SEFSC
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive an update on the SEFSC's Precision Threshold Workgroup*

8. SERFS 2023 Trends Report (1 hr)

- Presentation: Dr. Tracey Smart, SCDNR
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive an update on the 2023 trends report from the Southeast Reef Fish Survey.*

9. SEDAR: Red Snapper Benchmark Terms of Reference (½ hr)

- Presentation: SEDAR/SAFMC Staff
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Review the Terms of Reference for the South Atlantic Red Snapper Benchmark Assessment.*

10. SEDAR: Review Scope of Work for Black Sea Bass (½ hr)

- Presentation: SEDAR/SAFMC Staff
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Review the Scope of Work for the next Black Sea Bass assessment.*

Thursday, April 20th

8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

11. South Atlantic Red Snapper Research Project Update (1½ hrs)

- Presentation: Dr. Will Patterson, UF
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive an update on the methods and progress of the South Atlantic Red Snapper Research Project.*

12. SEP Meeting Summary (1/4 hr)

- Presentation: Dr. Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes, SEP
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Preliminary summary report of topics discussed at the SEP meeting.*

13. SCS8 Meeting Update (1/4 hr)

- Presentation: Dr. Judd Curtis, SAFMC Staff
- Public Comment
- Actions: *Receive an update on the planning for the Scientific Coordination Subcommittee (SCS8) meeting.*

14. Other Business

15. Elections

16. Public Comment

17. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

18. 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 10:00 a.m., April 18th.

Verbal comment: Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided at set times during SSC meetings. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

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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