



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

August 15, 2024

Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5605365693113236316>

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, August 15th

8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions

- *Approval of Agenda*
- *Approval of April 2024 meeting minutes*

2. Public Comment

3. SEDAR 76: Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment Projections

- *Presentation:* Dr. Matt Vincent, SEFSC
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions:* Review the Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment model and discuss data inputs, modeling approach, and uncertainties. Review projections and make recommendations to Council.

4. Fishery Management Plan Amendments Update

- *Presentation:* SAFMC Staff
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions:* Receive updates on ongoing fishery management plan amendments in progress and provide comment and recommendations if needed.

(Lunch Break: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

5. Black Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)

- *Presentation:* Dr. Bill Harford, Nature Analytics
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions:* Review the Black Grouper MSE data inputs and modeling approach and make any recommendations to analytical team.

6. SSC Workgroup and SEDAR Panels

- *Presentation:* SAFMC Staff
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions:* Receive summary of appointments to SEDAR panels. Revise SSC workgroups and membership.

7. Other Business

- *Upcoming SCS8 Meeting Update*

8. Public Comment

9. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

10. 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 5:00 p.m., August 14, 2024.

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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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