



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston SC 29405
Call: (843) 571-4366 | Toll-Free: (866) SAFMC-10 | Fax: (843) 769-4520 | Connect: www.safmc.net

Melvin Bell, Chair | Carolyn N. Belcher, Ph.D., Vice Chair
John T. Carmichael, Executive Director

AGENDA

Socio-Economic Panel of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

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.

1:30 pm Monday, April 25 – 12:00 pm Tuesday, April 26, 2022

1. Introduction
 - a) Introductions – Dr. Scott Crosson
 - b) Review and approve the agenda – Dr. Scott Crosson (*Attachment 1a*)
 - c) Approve the April 2021 Minutes – Dr. Scott Crosson (*Attachment 1b*)
 - d) Opportunity for Public Comment

2. Recent and developing South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Amendments (*Attachment 2*)
 - a) Overview – John Hadley and Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

3. Citizen Science Program update (*Attachment 3*)
 - a) Overview – Julia Byrd
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

4. Using field experiments to assess alternative mechanisms for distributing fish to the recreational sector (*Attachment 4*)
 - a) Presentation – Dr. Alexander Gordon, SEFSC
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

5. Review of the Allocation Decision Tool and stakeholder input for allocations (*Attachments 5a - 5c*)
 - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand and John Hadley
 - Review of revised social and economic questions within the Allocation Decision Tool
 - Review of newly added social and economic questions within the Fishery Performance Report and public input tool
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

6. Best Fishing Practices outreach lexicon (***Attachment 6***)
 - a) Overview – Ashley Oliver and Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

7. Update on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 35 (Catch Levels for Red Snapper and Reducing Discards) (***Attachment 7***)
 - a) Overview – Dr. Mike Schmidtke
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

8. South Atlantic commercial Golden Tilefish fishery (***Attachment 8***)
 - a) Overview – Dr. Scott Crosson, Christina Wiegand, and John Hadley
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Dr. Scott Crosson

9. Other Business

10. Opportunity for Public Comment

11. Report and Recommendations Review

12. Next SEP Meeting

Socio-Economic Panel Members:

Dr. Scott Crosson, Chair
David Dietz
Dr. Chris Dumas
Dr. Jason Murray
Dr. Andrew Ropicki
Dr. Kurt Schnier
Dr. Adam Stemle
Dr. Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes
Dr. John Whitehead

Staff: Christina Wiegand and John Hadley

Documents:

Attachment 1a. Socio-Economic Panel Agenda Overview

Attachment 1b. Minutes from the April 2021 meeting

Attachment 2. Recent and Developing South Atlantic Council Amendments

Attachment 3. Citizen Science Program update presentation

Attachment 4. Using field experiments to assess alternative mechanisms for distributing fish to the recreational sector presentation

Attachment 5a. Allocations Decision Tool discussion document

Attachment 5b. Stakeholder input for allocations discussion document

Attachment 5c. Allocations Decision Tool presentation

Attachment 6. Best Fishing Practices outreach guidance

Attachment 7. Regulatory Amendment 35 update presentation

Attachment 8. Comparison of Tilefish Longline Behavior in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico presentation

Public Comment Process

Written comment: Written comment on SEP agenda topics is distributed to the members through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SEP shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SEP meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12:00 pm Monday, April 25, 2022.

Verbal comment: Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided at set times during SEP 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 SEP 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.