



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## SAFMC Meeting Agenda

March 1-5, 2021

Meeting Via Webinar

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**Monday, March 1, 2021**

**COUNCIL SESSION**

**COUNCIL SESSION I/Mel Bell 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm**

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment
2. Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Request presentation (NMFS SERO)
3. Presentation on Regional Electronic Technologies Plan: 2020-2024 (NMFS SERO)
4. Presentation on Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project – Rick Robins and Brian Benito

**Law Enforcement Committee/Spud Woodward 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm**

1. Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LE AP) Report – LE AP Chair
2. Proposed changes to structure of LE AP

**Tuesday, March 2, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Habitat & Ecosystem Committee/Steve Poland 8:30 am – 10 am**

1. Coral Amendment 10 – review scoping comments and approve for public hearings
2. Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP) II roadmap update
3. Habitat and Ecosystem Blueprint update
4. Approve agenda items for advisory panel(s)

**Mackerel Cobia Committee/Steve Poland 10 am – 12 noon**

1. Review of Framework Amendment 10 (King Mackerel) scoping document
2. Update on Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 32 (Gulf of Mexico Cobia)
3. White paper on possible joint ASMFC and SAFMC Spanish Mackerel advisory panel
4. Approve agenda items for advisory panel(s)

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm      Lunch**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm**

1. Snowy Grouper assessment presentation (NMFS SEFSC) and fishery overview
2. Amendment 48 (Wreckfish) – review
3. Amendment 50 (Red Porgy) – review scoping comments and analyses
4. Amendment 49 (Greater Amberjack) – review and approve for scoping

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 10:00 am**

1. Update on Greater Amberjack and Red Snapper research projects
2. Update on Red Snapper recreational landings and 2021 season (NMFS SERO)
3. Approve agenda items for advisory panel(s)

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith 10:00 am – 12 noon**

1. Review Dolphin Wahoo FMP revised goals and objectives
2. Amendment 10 – review public hearing comments and analyses
3. Timing of the next advisory panel meeting

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm      Lunch**

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee (Cont'd)/Anna Beckwith 1:30 pm – 3:45 pm**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2021**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4:00 pm    If you would like to provide comment during the live public comment session, please sign up at the following link:  
<https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/mlmkpl9719pgt3j/>  
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**Exempted Fishing Permit Request**

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 49 (Greater Amberjack)

**Scoping:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Amendment 48 (Wreckfish ITQ Modernization)
- (2) CMP Framework 10 (King Mackerel)

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) Coral Amendment 10

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**SEDAR Committee/Mel Bell 8:30 am – 10:30 am (PARTIALLY CLOSED)**

Closed Session 8:30 to 9:30

1. SEDAR 79 (Mutton Snapper) Assessment approval of appointments (CLOSED)

Open Session 9:30 to 10:30

1. Approval of Terms of Reference for SEDAR 79
2. Update on SEDAR 79 Schedule
3. Update on SEDAR 76 (South Atlantic Black Sea Bass) Schedule

**Executive Committee/Mel Bell 10:30 am – 12 noon**

1. Advisory panel policy review and approval
2. Symposium Series proposal
3. Handbook Update
4. Workplan review

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm      Lunch**

**Thursday, March 4, 2021**

**COUNCIL SESSION**

**COUNCIL SESSION II /Mel Bell 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

Call to order and introductions

Adopt agenda

Approve minutes

1. Council staff reports
  - a. Executive Director
  - b. Allocation Tool development update
  - c. Climate Change Scenario Planning update
  - d. Citizen Science Update
  - e. Commercial Fish Rules Demo
2. Report from Recreational Working Group
3. NMFS SEFSC reports
  - a. Pandemic impacts on sampling and monitoring
  - b. Commercial electronic logbooks update
4. NMFS SERO Reports
  - a. For-Hire Electronic Reporting
  - b. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
5. Protected Resources report

**Friday, March 5, 2021**

**COUNCIL SESSION**

**COUNCIL SESSION II (Cont'd)/Mel Bell 8:30 pm – 12 noon**

6. Committee Reports
  - a. Law Enforcement/Spud Woodward
  - b. Habitat and Ecosystem/Steve Poland
  - c. Snapper Grouper/Jessica McCawley
  - d. Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith
  - e. Mackerel Cobia/Steve Poland
  - f. SEDAR/Mel Bell
  - g. Executive/Mel Bell
7. Agency and liaison reports
8. Other business
9. Upcoming meetings

Adjourn