



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SAFMC Meeting Agenda

Westin Hotel
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

March 7-11, 2022

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Monday, March 7, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I /Mel Bell 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Call to order and introductions

Adopt agenda

Approve minutes

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, Council liaisons)
2. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment
3. Allocations Decision Tool Discussion

Monday, March 7, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SEDAR Committee/Mel Bell 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Terms of Reference for Yellowtail Snapper Interim Analysis

2. Golden Tilefish Statement of Work

Tuesday, March 8, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Kerry Marhefka 8:30 am – 10:00 am

1. Options for Dolphin size limit and recreational retention limits framework amendment
 - a. Consider approval for scoping
2. Approve topics for Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel (AP) meeting

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Spud Woodward 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

1. Atlantic King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 34)
 - a. Law Enforcement AP input
 - b. Consider for final approval
2. Gulf King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 33)
 - a. Overview

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Release Mortality Reduction and Red Snapper Catch Levels Framework
 - a. Law Enforcement AP input
2. Recreational Reporting/Permitting Amendment (Amendment 46)
 - a. Recommendations from the Private Recreational Reporting Workgroup

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

3. Wreckfish ITQ Modernization (Amendment 48)
4. Greater Amberjack (Amendment 49)
 - a. Overview and approve for public hearings
5. Red Pogy (Amendment 50)
 - a. Law Enforcement AP input
 - b. Consider for final approval

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 1:30 pm – 3:45 pm

6. Gag (Amendment 53)
 - a. Scientific and Statistical Committee recommendations
 - b. Overview and summary of scoping comments

4:00 pm

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Approval for scoping:

- (1) Dolphin size limit and recreational retention limits amendment

Approval for public hearings:

- (1) Greater Amberjack (SG Amendment 49)

Final approval:

- (1) Atlantic King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 34)
- (2) Red Pogy (SG Amendment 50)

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

- 7. Snowy Grouper (Amendment 51)
 - a. Overview and summary of scoping comments
- 8. Golden Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish (Amendment 52)
 - b. Fishery Overview for Blueline Tilefish
 - c. Overview and summary of scoping comments
- 9. Updates:
 - a. South Atlantic Red Snapper 2022 Recreational Season
 - b. Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Project
 - c. South Atlantic Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Projects
- 10. Law Enforcement AP input not covered in previous agenda items
- 11. Approve topics for Snapper Grouper AP meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Executive Committee/Mel Bell 1:30pm – 2:30 pm

- 1. Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Update

COUNCIL SESSION II Mel Bell 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- 1. Legal brief (if needed)
- 2. Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) Update
- 3. Council staff reports

- a. Executive Director
- b. Climate Change Scenario Planning
- c. CCC Area Based Management
- d. Citizen Science
- e. Outreach and Communication
- 4. Approve topics for AP meetings
 - a. Spiny Lobster
 - b. Golden Crab
- 5. NMFS Southeast Regional Office reports
 - a. Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Update
 - b. Protected Resources Update

Friday, March 11, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Mel Bell 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- 6. Committee & Full Council Session Reports
- 7. FMP Workplan Review and Upcoming Meetings
- 8. NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center reports
 - a. Commercial E-Logbook Update
- 9. Other business

Adjourn