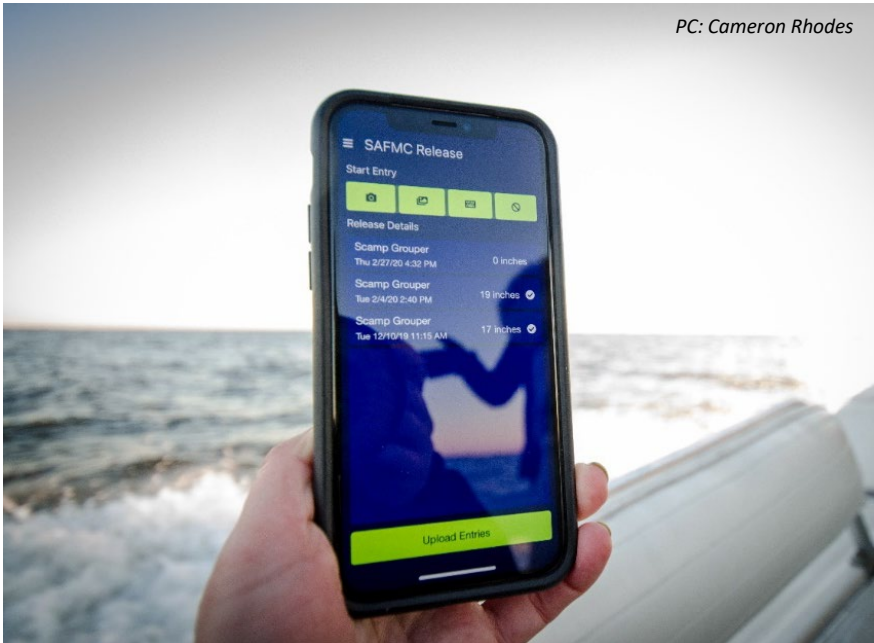


PC: Cameron Rhodes



PC: Shore Thang Charters



PC: Rusty Hudson

# Citizen Science Program Update

Snapper Grouper AP October 2021



# Program Activities

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New CitSci Project Coordinator – Nick Smillie

CitSci Operations & Project Advisory Committees will meet Nov 1, 2021

Updating CitSci Research Priorities

2021 American Fisheries Society Conference

- Symposium on Angler Engagement  
Sunday, Nov 7 – opportunity to participate virtually

**SAFMC  
CITIZEN SCIENCE  
PROGRAM  
#CitSciFri**

**Citizen Science Research  
Priorities**

PC: Amber Von Harten

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
"To Conserve and Manage"

The graphic features a dark blue background with white circular cutouts. One cutout shows a fishing boat on the water, and another shows a person holding a large fish. The SAFMC logo is in the bottom left corner.

**AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

**151<sup>st</sup>**

**ANNUAL MEETING 2021**

**Baltimore**

**INVESTING IN PEOPLE, HABITAT, AND SCIENCE**

The graphic shows a circular logo with a crab in the center, overlaid on a cityscape background. The text around the logo includes the society's name, the 151st anniversary, the meeting year and location, and the organization's mission statement.

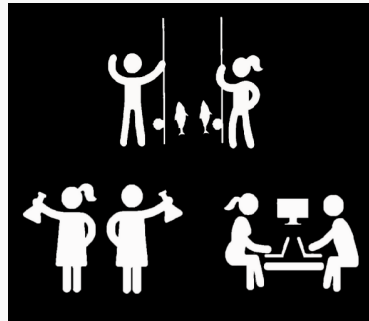
# Initial Evaluation Plan – Phase 1, Interviews

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- Working with Rick Bonney to gather baseline data on knowledge, attitudes, collaborations, engagement, and trust levels of various stakeholders



Interview script  
complete & review  
underway



18 potential interviewees  
identified & recruitment  
emails are being sent out



Interviews will tentatively  
be conducted between  
Oct - Nov



# *FISHstory*

A pilot project to document historic for-hire catch and length estimates using historic photos



PC: Rusty Hudson



# FISHstory Progress Update



## Data Collection Complete

2,120 volunteers

35,470 classifications

King Mackerel measured in 1,347 photos



## Data Analysis Underway

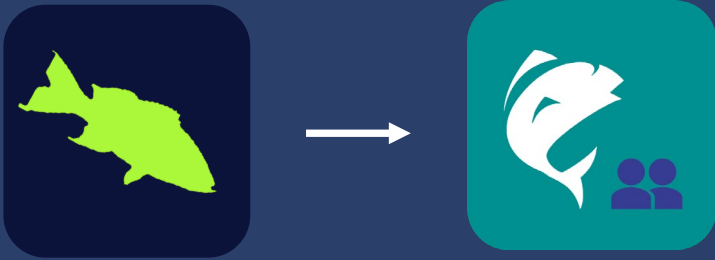
Validation Team photo review

Compare Validation Team to Live Data

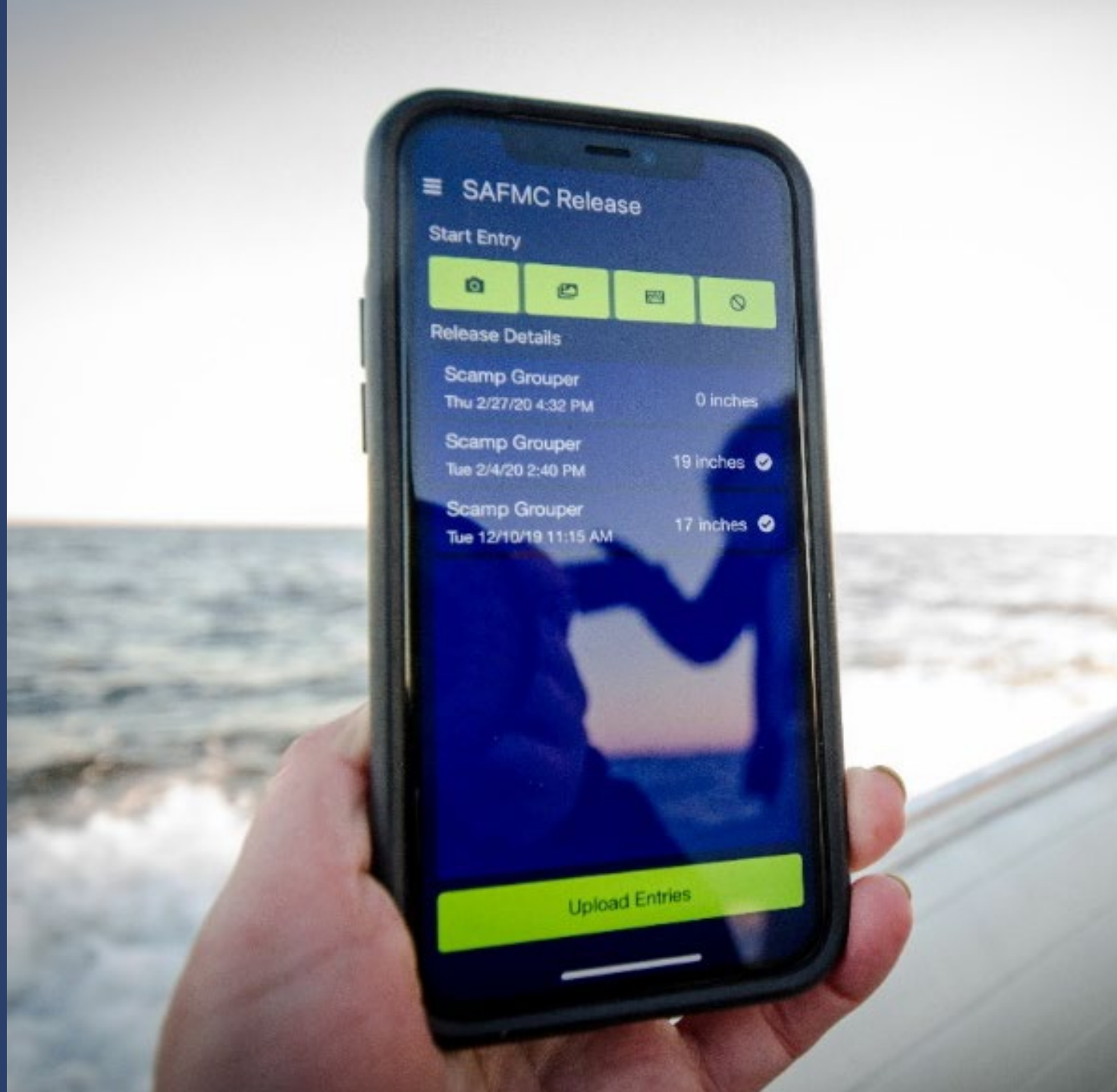
Develop length compositions

# SAFMC Release

- SAFMC Release has moved to SciFish

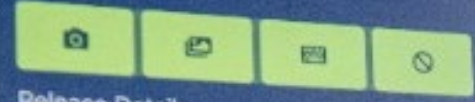


- Expanded to shallow water grouper



## SAFMC Release

Start Entry



Release Details

- Scamp Grouper  
Thu 2/27/20 4:32 PM 0 inches
- Scamp Grouper  
Tue 2/4/20 2:40 PM 19 inches ✓
- Scamp Grouper  
Tue 12/10/19 11:15 AM 17 inches ✓

Upload Entries

# SAFMC Release

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Reel 



Release 

- Reel, Record, Release
- Working with commercial, recreational, for-hire fishermen
- Data fields
  - Length, depth, optional location, any shark interaction/predation, or descending device usage
- Planning to expand further to Red Snapper



PC: Bryan Fluech



# Get Involved!

## Consider joining the project

- Fill out this [ONLINE FORM](#) to set up an SAFMC Release account
- Download the SciFish app



## Help recruit fishermen & promote the project

- Who are key contacts across sectors?
- Are you willing to help introduce project or staff to contacts?
- Fishing Clubs/Industry Associations that may be good to connect with?



# Keep Up with Projects & the Program!

<http://safmc.net/citizen-science-program/>



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