

CRITICAL INPUT NEEDED...



Council Wants Your Opinions on the Draft Vision Blueprint for the Snapper Grouper Fishery



SCIENCE



MANAGEMENT



COMMUNICATION



GOVERNANCE

Remember the
2014 Port Meetings
to talk about future management
of the snapper grouper fishery?
***Learn what has happened with
your input and what the
Council has developed during a
series of public input
opportunities!***

NOW IS THE CHANCE TO...

**TELL COUNCIL
YOUR OPINIONS on the
DRAFT ITEMS
being proposed for
the future!**

BACKGROUND

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is developing a long-term "vision" for managing the snapper grouper fishery. Looking for fresh ideas, the Council hit the road in 2014 to meet one-on-one with fishery stakeholders to hear what is and is not working in the fishery and solutions for managing the fishery in the future. Input received at these port meetings along with ideas from the Council members themselves were compiled to create a DRAFT VISION BLUEPRINT for the snapper grouper fishery.

WHAT IS IN THE DRAFT VISION BLUEPRINT?

The Vision Blueprint consists of proposed objectives and actions under the four broad goals of:

- **SCIENCE**
- **COMMUNICATION**
- **MANAGEMENT**
- **GOVERNANCE**

Fishery stakeholders will have opportunities from late June through September 2015 to provide input on the draft Vision Blueprint. Council wants to hear **what action items you support and why, what action items you do not support and why, and any other solutions and ideas** for managing the snapper grouper fishery.

After compiling public input, the remaining actions proposed under each goal will be separated into short-term and long-term items. Short-term action items will then be prioritized and developed into an amendment to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan in 2016.

PUBLIC INPUT - 4 Easy Ways to Participate

Live Webinars

- **July 6 - 9:** Informational webinars about each strategic goal.
- **July 13 - 30:** Facilitated webinar series on draft vision blueprint with staff & Council members.
- **Registration required.**

Participate at a Local Comment Station

- Meet Council members in-person at local meetings & talk with staff via webinar.
- **July 13-16:** Florida
- **July 20-24:** GA & SC
- **July 27-30:** NC

Submit Written Comments Online

- **Use the web comment form** under the Visioning tab at: **www.safmc.net** to submit your opinions about the draft vision blueprint through Sept.

Attend a SAFMC Public Hearing

- **August 4-19:** Staff and Council will be available to hear public input at scheduled public hearings in the region.
- Check the public hearing page at www.safmc.net

To see the Draft Vision Blueprint and the public input schedule, visit: <http://safmc.net/resource-library/council-visioning-project>
Have Questions? Contact Amber Von Harten at amber.vonharten@safmc.net or 843.571.4366



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*Do you fish for snapper grouper species in
the South Atlantic?*

*Did you participate in the
2014 Port Meetings held by the Council?*

**Let us hear what you think about the
DRAFT VISION BLUEPRINT that
will shape the future of the
snapper grouper fishery!**

READ MORE INSIDE
on chances to participate in public input!



**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO GIVE THE COUNCIL YOUR INPUT on the
DRAFT VISION BLUEPRINT for the SNAPPER GROUPE FISHERY -
PUBLIC INPUT OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE June - September 1, 2015!**

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