



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Snapper Grouper Private Angler Advisory Panel

Meeting 2: November 4, 2024

Webinar

Webinar Registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7916016870236511830>

Meeting Materials: <https://safmc.net/events/nov-2024-snapper-grouper-private-angler-ap-meeting/>

AGENDA

Monday, November 4, 2024, 9:00am – 11:30 am (Times Subject to Change)

Agenda Approval

Public Comment

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
2. Comment on potential Council actions in Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Private Recreational Permitting and Education Requirement) (*Attachments 1a – 1c*)

Other Business

Adjourn

Advisory Panel Members

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Martha Guyas
Daniel Leschorn
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Attachments

- Attachment 1a.** Discussion document for Snapper Grouper Amendment 46
- Attachment 1b.** Summary presentation for Snapper Grouper Amendment 46
- Attachment 1c.** Summary report for the Snapper Grouper Private Angler Advisory Panel
May 2024 meeting

OVERVIEW

Snapper Grouper Private Angler Advisory Panel

After introductions, the advisory panel (AP) will approve the agenda for the November 2024 meeting. This will be followed by an opportunity for public comment.

1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Description: The Council's APs all have a Chair and Vice-Chair that are elected by their fellow AP members. The Chair helps lead the discussion of agenda items and delivers the AP's summary report to the Council at one of the quarterly meetings. The Vice-Chair fills in for these responsibilities if the Chair is not available.

Requested AP action: Elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for the Snapper Grouper Private Angler AP.

2. Comment on potential Council actions in Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Private Recreational Permitting) (*Attachments 1a – 1c*)

Description: Amendment 46 considers establishing a private recreational permit and education requirement for the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery. Of note is that reporting is not being considered in this amendment. The Council has developed the amendment over several meetings after receiving input from several APs.

The amendment examines permitting actions that would: 1) Establish a permit in the snapper grouper fishery and specify whether a permit should be issued to a vessel or angler and 2) Specify the snapper grouper species that would be covered by the permit.

For the education component, the amendment includes actions that would: 3) Establish a required education component and 4) Specify the timing of when the education component would need to be renewed.

Finally, the Council is considering 5) Establishing an exemption to the federal private recreational permit requirement based on permitting by the states. This action would allow a state to implement their own private recreational snapper grouper permit and education requirement if it mirrors the federal requirements. Doing so could eliminate duplicate state and federal permitting and utilize existing state licensing and permitting infrastructure.

At the May 2024 meeting, the AP reviewed the first two actions in the amendment but did not have time to discuss the education component and the exemption from the federal permit requirement in detail. At this meeting, the AP will review summary recommendations made so far and provide feedback on the remaining actions in the amendment.

Requested AP action: Council staff will review a discussion document to help gather the AP's comments and recommendations on the actions that are being considered.

Other Business

Adjourn