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Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel

Meeting 5: April 9, 2024

Webinar

webinar registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2827809104139306325>
meeting materials: <https://safmc.net/events/april-2024-snapper-grouper-recreational-permitting-and-reporting-ap-meeting/>

AGENDA

Tuesday, April 9, 2024, 1:30 – 4:30 pm (Times Subject to Change)

Agenda Approval

Public Comment

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

Other Business

Adjourn

Advisory Panel Members

Luiz Barbieri, FL FWCC, Chair
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Kathy Knowlton, GA DNR
Kai Lorenzen, SSC
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Attachments

- Attachment 1a.** Discussion document for Snapper Grouper Amendment 46
- Attachment 1b.** Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting
Technical Advisory Panel Summary Report (Meeting 1) – August 2022
- Attachment 1c.** Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting
Technical Advisory Panel Summary Report (Meeting 2) – November 2022
- Attachment 1d.** Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting
Technical Advisory Panel Summary Report (Meeting 3) – May 2023
- Attachment 1e.** Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting
Technical Advisory Panel Summary Report (Meeting 4) – August 2023

OVERVIEW

Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel

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

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

Description: Amendment 46 considers establishing a private recreational permit and education component 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 four meetings of the Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel (AP).

The amendment examines permitting actions that would: 1) Establish a permit 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 completed 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 states to implement their own private recreational permit and education requirement if it mirrors federal requirements. Doing so could eliminate duplicate state and federal permitting and utilize existing state licensing and permitting infrastructure.

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