

# WE NEED YOU ...

## Participate in Community Port Meetings



### SCIENCE



### MANAGEMENT



### COMMUNICATION



### GOVERNANCE



**Do you want to make a difference in future management of the snapper grouper fishery?**

**NOW IS THE CHANCE TO...**

**Have your VOICE HEARD at COMMUNITY PORT MEETINGS!**

#### BACKGROUND

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council is developing a long-term "vision" for managing the snapper grouper fishery. The Council wants to hear from everyone who has an opinion and an interest in the fishery. All stakeholders should be involved in developing this long-term plan in partnership with the Council.

#### PURPOSE of PORT MEETINGS

The Council is looking for fresh ideas and strategies to reach the goals for the fishery. No one knows the fishery better than those that interact with it regularly. The Council needs you to let them know what is working, what is not, and what they can do to improve management.

#### PORT MEETINGS - Structure

The Council will hold port meetings throughout the region to interact one-on-one and listen to ideas.

Please **DO YOUR PART** and **GET INVOLVED!**

The meetings will be a series of facilitated discussions with different sectors including:

1. Commercial
2. Recreational/For-Hire
3. General Fisheries Interests (chefs, restaurants, tourism, hospitality, etc.)

Meetings will be held in Spring 2014 and will run about 2-hours in length.

#### QUESTIONS to CONSIDER FOR DISCUSSIONS

The Council wants to know:

*What **new strategies** should be considered to collect **better science**?  
**Manage** the fishery better? **Improve communication** with stakeholders?*

*What **strategies** have you thought about that could **fix an issue** that the Council has not considered before?*

#### GET INVOLVED

**To participate in one of these meetings, or possibly host one in your community, please contact:**

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**Can't attend a port meeting?** A paper form for submitting comments as well as web-based meetings (webinar)s will be available. Webinar dates and times will be posted on the Council's website or use the e-mail above to request an e-mail notification about the webinars.

You can also share your ideas about visioning anytime by sending written comments to:

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Charleston, SC 29405



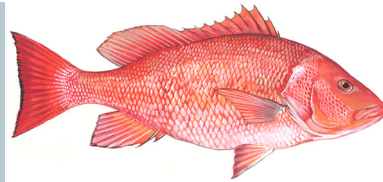
# **WE NEED YOU!!**

***Are you frustrated with federal fisheries management decisions?***

***Do you have new ideas for managing the snapper grouper fishery?***

***Please come share your knowledge of the snapper grouper fishery!***

**READ MORE INSIDE  
on how to get involved!**



**Do you fish for red snapper and have ideas for managing red snapper?**

**Do you want a shot at improving management of the snapper grouper fishery?**



**DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE TO GIVE THE COUNCIL YOUR INPUT -  
PORT MEETINGS COMING TO A TOWN NEAR YOU in 2014!**