



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston SC 29407

September 11-15, 2023

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The public comment session for the meeting (September 13, 2023, at 4 PM), will allow for both in-person and remote (via webinar) verbal public comment. Individuals intending to provide verbal public comment remotely are asked to [sign-up here](#). Members of the public intending to provide verbal public comment in-person will be asked to sign-in at the meeting.

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From September 5 to 5 PM on September 15, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Photo scanning event for FISHstory project: staff will be ready to scan historic photos contributed to the project all day on Wednesday, September 13.

Monday, September 11, 2023

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- Call to order and introductions
 - Oath for new members
 - Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (June 2023)
1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, Council liaisons, state agencies)
 2. Joint Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment – consider for final approval
 3. Climate Change Scenario Planning Update – report and May 2023 NRCC guidance/Potential Action Menu)

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

4. Allocation Review Process – review draft
5. Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) and Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP) Updates
6. Marine Recreational Information Program pilot study on the recreational Fishing Effort Survey design – Richard Cody, NMFS Office of Science and Technology, Fisheries Statistics Division Chief
7. NMFS Council Governance Procedural Directive Discussion

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Roller 8:30 am – 10:00 am

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (June 2023)
1. CMP Framework Amendment 13 (Spanish mackerel) – review options
 2. Port meetings update

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-based Management Committee/Murphey 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (March 2023)
1. Habitat Program Blueprint – consider approval

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-based Management Committee/Murphey 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

2. Advisory Panel Report (May 2023)
 - a. EFH policies revision
 - b. EFH review update
3. SSC comments on coral distribution model (May 2023)
4. Approve topics for Habitat Advisory Panel meeting

SEDAR Committee/Belcher 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm (Partially Closed Session)

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes (March 2023)

- 1. April 2023 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report
- 2. SEDAR Projects Update
- 3. Statements of Work Approval for 2026 Assessments (Snowy Grouper and Dolphin Management Procedure or Spanish Operational Assessment)
- 4. New SSC appointments to SEDAR panels to replace outgoing members **(CLOSED)**

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes (June 2023)

- 1. Wreckfish (Amendment 48)
 - c. Overview of amendment – approve revised timeline
 - d. Presentation on compliance of cost recovery fee

- 2. Private Recreational Permit (Amendment 46)
 - a. Advisory Panel report
 - b. Overview of amendment

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 1:30 pm – 3:45 pm

- 3. Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper (Amendment 55)
 - a. SSC recommendations
 - b. Overview of amendment and scoping comments

Wednesday, September 13, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 pm

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting (in-person and remotely) regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter. Those intending to provide verbal public comment via webinar can [sign-up here](#).

Final Approval: Joint Amendment Addressing Electronic Reporting for Commercial Vessels

Thursday, September 14, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

4. Yellowtail Snapper (Amendment 44)
 - a. Overview of amendment

5. Black Sea Bass Management Options
 - a. SSC recommendations – review of requested projections and catch levels
 - b. On-demand Gear Workshop Report
 - c. Review potential actions

6. Updates
 - a. System Management Plan Workgroup
 - b. Best Fishing Practices Outreach

7. SEDAR 86 (Red Grouper) Modifications
 - a. SSC recommendations

8. Approve topics for Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Thursday, September 14, 2023

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Belcher 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Awards
 - a. 2022 Law Enforcement of the Year
 - b. Award of Excellence
2. Litigation Brief (if needed) – NOAA General Counsel
3. Staff Report
4. Approve topics for Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel
5. Review topics for Outreach and Education Advisory Panel
6. NMFS Southeast Regional Office Report
 - a. Briefing on ongoing system issues at Permits Office
 - b. Biological Opinions updates (Dolphin, Wahoo and Shrimp)
7. NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Report

Friday, September 15, 2023

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Belcher 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

8. Committee reports
9. Council workplan
10. Upcoming meetings

Other business

Adjourn