



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp Committees

Radisson Resort at the Port
8701 Astronaut Blvd.
Cape Canaveral, FL

Thursday, June 12, 2025, 3:15 PM – 5:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes (March 2025)

1. Coral Amendment 11/ Shrimp Amendment 12 (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)
 - a. Decision Document Review – Kathleen Howington, Allie Iberle
 - b. **Committees Action:** Provide feedback on the suite of actions and alternatives and consider approval for public hearings.
2. Other Business

Adjourn

Habitat Committee Members:

Trish Murphey, Chair
Tom Roller, Vice Chair
Robert Beal
Carolyn Belcher
Gary Borland
Amy Dukes
Tim Griner
Judy Helmey
Jimmy Hull
Kerry Marhefka
Jessica McCawley
Lt. Tom Pease
Charlie Phillips
Robert Spottswood, Jr.
Andy Strelcheck

Shrimp Committee Members:

Carolyn Belcher, Chair
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Gary Borland
Jimmy Hull
Jessica McCawley
Trish Murphey
Lt. Tom Pease
Charlie Phillips
Andy Strelcheck

Attachments:

Attachment 1a: Coral Amendment 11 Shrimp Amendment 12 Decision Document

Attachment 1b: Draft Coral Amendment 11 Shrimp Amendment 12

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OVERVIEW

Joint Habitat and Shrimp Committees

The Committees will approve the agenda for the June 2025 Joint Committee meeting.

1. Establish a Shrimp Fishery Access Area Along the Northern Extension of the Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern (Coral Amendment 11/ Shrimp Amendment 12) (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)

Description: In 2021, the Council submitted Coral Amendment 10, which proposed establishing a shrimp fishery access area (SFAA) within the northern extension of the Oculina Habitat Area of Particular Concern (OHAPC) where trawling for rock shrimp is currently prohibited. In 2022, the Council received a letter of disapproval. Among the reasons for disapproval, NMFS stated that the amendment did not include adequate analysis to ensure that the proposed action would minimize adverse effects of fishing on essential fish habitat (EFH) and minimize bycatch. In September 2024 staff were directed to develop a joint amendment to the Coral and Shrimp FMPs to propose establishing a SFAA within the northern extension of the OHAPC and incorporate updated information including a recent mapping study. Staff will review a decision document including three alternatives, preliminary analyses, and the next steps.

Committee Action: Review the decision document, range of alternatives, and preliminary analyses. Select a preferred alternative and consider approving for public hearings.

2. Other Business