



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Agenda

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

June 9-13, 2025

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## **Monday, June 9, 2025**

## **COMMITTEE MEETING**

### **Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee/McCawley**

**8:30 am – 10:00 am**

- Review deliverables requested at previous meeting (March 2025).
- Overview and approve for scoping

## **Monday, June 9, 2025**

## **COUNCIL SESSION I**

### **Council Session I (CLOSED)/Murphey**

**10:15 am – 12:00 noon**

- Litigation brief (if needed)
  1. Advisory panel (AP) appointments & AP policy edits
  2. Scientific and Statistical Committee & Social and Economic Panel appointments

3. Council Committees membership discussion
4. 2024 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

**12:00 noon – 1:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**Council Session I/Murphey**

**1:30 pm – 5:00 pm**

- Approve agenda
  - Approve minutes (March 2025)
  - Litigation brief
1. Reports
    - a. Law Enforcement
      - i. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
      - ii. US Coast Guard
    - b. Council liaisons
    - c. Staff
    - d. Council Coordination Committee Meeting Summary (May 2025)
    - e. Resilient Fisheries Projects Update
    - f. National Marine Fisheries Service
      - i. Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
      - ii. Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC)
    - g. Dolphin Wahoo advisory panel
  2. Executive Orders Review
  3. SAFMC Research and Monitoring Plan (2025-2029) Review
    - a. Best Fishing Practices recommendations
    - b. SSC/SEP recommendations
    - c. Recommendations from advisory panels

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**COUNCIL SESSION I**

**Council Session I/Murphey**

**8:30 am – 12:00 noon**

4. For-Hire Reporting Amendment
  - a. Review scoping comments
  - b. Review recommendations from advisory panels
  - c. Overview
5. Terms of Reference for 2026 Gag Assessment

6. South Atlantic Headboats Report

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Mackerel Cobia/Roller**

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

1. Advisory panel report
2. Potential management topics discussion
3. Presentation on Gulf Council's engagement efforts with mackerel stakeholders

**Snapper Grouper/McCawley**

**3:15 pm – 5:00 pm**

- Approve agenda
  - Approve minutes (March 2025)
  - SERO updates (Exempted Fishing Permit applications, update on Secretarial Amendment and 2025 recreational red snapper season, amendments recently submitted)
1. Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Proxies
    - a. Presentation from Florida's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute
    - b. SEFSC presentation
    - c. Council Staff Summary

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Snapper Grouper/McCawley**

**8:30 am – 12:00 noon**

2. Black Sea Bass (Amendment 56)
  - a. Stock Risk Rating
  - b. Assessment presentation
  - c. SSC recommendations
  - d. AP recommendations
  - e. Overview
3. Commercial Sub-Committee Report

4. Golden Tilefish Assessment Update

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm**

**Lunch**

**Snapper Grouper/McCawley**

**1:30 pm – 3:45 pm**

5. Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit Revision

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**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](#)**

- **Approval for scoping:** potential modifications to management of the commercial component of the snapper grouper fishery
- **Approval for public hearings:**
  - Private Recreational Permit and Education Requirement (Snapper Grouper Amendment 46)
  - Shrimp Fishery Access Area (Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12)

**Thursday, June 12, 2025**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**Snapper Grouper/McCawley**

**8:30 am – 12:00 noon**

6. Yellowtail Snapper & Mutton Snapper (Amendment 44)
  - a. Assessment presentations
  - b. SSC recommendations
7. Recreational Permit and Education Requirement (Amendment 46)
  - a. Presentation from NMFS (SEFSC and Office of Science and Technology)
  - b. AP recommendations
  - c. Overview and approve for public hearings

**12:00 noon to 1:30 pm**

**Lunch**

## **Snapper Grouper/McCawley**

**1:30 pm – 3:00 pm**

8. Atlantic Blueline Tilefish
  - a. Assessment presentation
  - b. SSC recommendations
  - c. Fishery Overview
9. AP report (topics not covered on agenda)
10. Management Strategy Evaluation Update

## **Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp/Murphey and Belcher**

**3:15 pm – 5:00 pm**

- Approve agenda
  - Approve minutes (March 2025)
1. Shrimp Fishery Access Area (Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12)
    - a. Overview and approve for public hearings

**Friday, June 13, 2025**

**COUNCILSESSION II**

## **Council Session II/ Murphey**

**8:30 am – 12:00 noon**

- Committee Reports
  - Executive (April 11, 2025)
  - Full Council I (closed session)
  - Full Council I (open session)
  - Mackerel Cobia
  - Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp
  - Snapper Grouper

1. SAFMC Workplan
2. Upcoming SAFMC Meetings

Other business

Adjourn

