



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **AGENDA**

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

North Charleston Marriott

4770 Goer Drive

North Charleston, SC

#### **Monday, September 15, 2025, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes (June 2025)

#### **8:35 am – 9:00 am**

1. Updated Commercial Snapper Grouper Landings Analyses (*Attachment 1*)
  - a. Overview – Chip Collier
  - b. **Sub-Committee Action:** None.

#### **9:00 am – 10:15 am**

2. Amendment 60 (Commercial Permits and Trip Efficiency) (*Attachment 2*)
  - a. Scoping Comments
  - b. Overview
  - c. **Sub-Committee Action:** Review scoping comments and direct staff on actions and alternatives to include in the draft amendment.

#### **10:15 am – 10:30 am**

3. Other Business

Adjourn

#### **Sub-Committee Members:**

Jessica McCawley, Chair

Kerry Marhefka, Vice-chair

Amy Dukes

Jimmy Hull

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**Attachments:**

**Attachment 1:** Commercial Snapper Grouper Landings Analyses Report

**Attachment 2:** Amendment 60 (Commercial Permits and Trip Efficiency) Decision Document

# **OVERVIEW**

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

### **1. Updated Commercial Snapper Grouper Landings Analyses (*Attachment 1*)**

In March and June 2025, Council staff presented a report that analyzed landings for snapper grouper species across several factors, including catch rankings, numbers of trips, and breakdowns of landing effort information by state. At the request of the Sub-Committee staff has updated the report that includes these analyses with additional information about percentages of trips landing trip limits by species and trip limit impacts. Council staff will present the updated report for the Sub-Committee's consideration in developing management actions.

**Sub-Committee Action:** None.

### **2. Amendment 60 (Commercial Permits and Trip Efficiency) (*Attachment 2*)**

Amendment 60 considers revisions to the commercial snapper grouper unlimited (SG 1) permit and changes to management measures intended to increase commercial trip efficiency. In July-August 2025, online scoping was conducted for Amendment 60. Council staff will summarize scoping comments, which are provided through the online form and the September 2025 Council Meeting Briefing Book. Council staff will then present an overview of draft actions and alternatives that have been discussed to this point. The Sub-Committee will discuss which actions and alternatives should be developed in the draft amendment.

**Sub-Committee Action:** Review scoping comments and provide direction to staff on actions and alternatives that should be developed in the draft amendment.

### **3. Other Business**