



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Shrimp Committee

North Charleston Marriott
4770 Goer Drive
North Charleston, SC 29406

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 10:45 AM – 12:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

1. Giant Manta Ray and Smalltooth Sawfish Section 7 Reinitiation Updates (*Attachment 1*)
 - a. Overview – NMFS Protected Resources
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review and provide feedback
2. Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members:

Carolyn Belcher, Chair
Amy Dukes, Vice Chair
Gary Borland
Jimmy Hull
Jessica McCawley
Trish Murphey
LT Tom Pease
Andy Strelcheck
Charlie Phillips

Attachments:

Attachment 1: GiantMantaRaySmalltoothSawfishSection7Overview_202509

Previous Shrimp Committee Report (June 2024): [ShrimpCommitteeFINALReport_202406](#)

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OVERVIEW

Shrimp Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from the agenda for the September 2025 Committee meeting.

1. Giant Manta Ray and Smalltooth Sawfish Section 7 Reinitiation Updates (*Attachment 1*)

Description: In June 2023, the SERO Sustainable Fisheries Division requested the SERO Protected Resource Division reinitiate Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 consultation on southeast U.S. shrimp fisheries (Gulf and South Atlantic). Reinitiation of consultation is required by the ESA because new information indicates shrimp fishing is affecting smalltooth sawfish and giant manta rays more than predicted in the previous 2021 Shrimp Opinion (i.e., the product of the last consultation). SERO staff will review the key summary data on smalltooth sawfish and giant manta ray assembled for the reinitiation of Section 7 consultation compiled over the past two years. SERO staff will also present paths forward for collaboration and advancing the consultation, consistent with the October 2024 ESA/Magnuson-Stevens Act policy directive. The Committee should decide how they want to engage in this Section 7 consultation.

Committee Action: Review presentation from Protected Resources and provide feedback.

2. Other Business