



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Scientific and Statistical Committee

July 27, 2023

Webinar:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8201353320640398935>

### **AGENDA- DRAFT 2.0**

Other than the starting and ending time of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. Periodic breaks will be taken during each morning and afternoon session at the discretion of the Chair.

#### **Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

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#### **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

##### **1. Introductions**

- *Approval of Agenda*
- *Approval of April 2023 meeting minutes*

##### **2. Public Comment**

##### **3. SEDAR 76: Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment Review (1 hrs)**

- *Presentation: Dr. Matthew Vincent, SEFSC*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review and discuss projections and MSY proxies for the Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment.*

##### **4. Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper Operational Assessment (0.5 hrs)**

- *Presentation: Dr. Kyle Shertzer, SEFSC*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review and discuss rebuilding projections and uncertainties for the Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper Operational Assessment.*

##### **5. Greater Amberjack Project Update (1½ hrs)**

- *Presentation: Dr. Sean Powers & Dr. Mark Albins, University of South Alabama and Dr. John Hoenig, VIMS*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Provide feedback on the methods and potential uncertainties for the Greater Amberjack Estimation Project.*

***Lunch Break: 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.***

**1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

**6. NS1 Technical Guidance Document Review (2 hrs)**

- *Presentation: Dr. Rick Methot, NOAA*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review and comment on the NS1 technical memo. Discuss application of guidance and recommended approaches for the South Atlantic.*

**7. Spanish Mackerel Catch Level Recommendations (0.25 hrs)**

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review equilibrium values from the SEDAR 78 base stock assessment model run for Atlantic Spanish Mackerel.*

**8. SEDAR: Scopes of Work for 2026 Assessments (0.5 hrs)**

- *Presentation: SAFMC Staff*
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions: Review scopes of work for the 2026 assessments: Snowy Grouper, Dolphin, Spanish Mackerel*

**9. Other Business**

- *Workgroups and SEDAR appointments*

**10. Public Comment**

**11. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review**

**12. Next Meetings**

**Public Comment Process**

Written comment: Written comment on SSC agenda topics is provided to the Committee through an online form, similar to all other Council briefing materials. Written comment can be

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An opportunity for comment on specific agenda items will also be provided as each item come up for discussion. This opportunity for comment will happen after all the initial presentations are given and before the SSC starts the discussion of the agenda topic. As before, those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

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