



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Best Fishing Practices Outreach Evaluation Workshop

Hampton Inn & Suites Charleston Airport

3020 W Montague Avenue

North Charleston, SC 29418

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Welcome and Participant Introductions – Ana Zangroniz

1. Workshop Introduction (*Attachments 1a-1b*)
 - a. Meeting Overview and Goals – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Current South Atlantic Council Outreach Efforts – Ashley Oliver
 - c. Group Survey – Ashley Oliver

2. Social Norms in Environmental Conservations (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
 - a. Introduction to Social Norms and Angler Behavior – Dr. Chelsey Crandall
 - b. Social Norms and Conservation Case Studies – Christina Wiegand

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Breakout Discussions: [Group Assignments](#)

Report Out and Recommendations – Ana Zangroniz

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3. Research and Evaluation: Presentations (*Attachments 3a-3c*)
 - a. Reeling in Insights and Data – Collaborating with Fishermen Through SAFMC Release – Julia Byrd and Meg Withers
 - b. Southeast Florida and South Carolina Anglers' Release Practices and Their Attitudes Toward Descending Devices – David Moss
 - c. Return 'Em Right: Measuring Behavior Change through Angler Surveys – Dr. Nancy Montes

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Breakout Discussions

Report Out and Recommendations – Ana Zangroniz

Friday, February 21, 2024 – 9:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

Day One Recap and Day Two Goals – Ana Zangroniz

4. Science and Management: Presentations (*Attachments 4a and 4b*)
 - a. Mechanisms for Integrating Best Fishing Practices into Assessments – Dr. Judd Curtis
 - b. Incorporating Descending Devise Use in Recreational Discard Mortality Rates in Pacific Groundfish – Merit McCrea

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Wrap-Up and Next Steps – South Atlantic Council Staff

Other Business

Public Comment

Adjourn

Workshop Attendees

Dr. Chelsey Crandall, Florida FWRI

Julia Byrd, SAFMC

Meg Withers, SAFMC

David Moss, The Nature Conservancy

Dr. Nancy Montes, Return Em' Right

Jill Christopherson, Florida FWC

Tyler Jones, Georgia CRD

Matt Perkinson, South Carolina DNR

Kevin Aman, North Carolina DMF

Amanda Macek, North Carolina DMF

Nick Haddad, Return Em' Right

Ana Zangroniz, Florida Sea Grant

Bryan Fluech, Georgia Sea Grant

Scott Baker, North Carolina Sea Grant

Greyson Webb, South Atlantic Sea Grants

Dr. Marcus Drymon, Mississippi Sea Grant

Alexis Sabine, Texas Sea Grant

Dr. Will Patterson, University of Florida

Dr. Kai Lorenzen, University of Florida

Dr. Steven Scyphers, University of Southern Alabama

Tara Topping, Harte Research Institute, TAMCC

Merit McCrea, Sportfishing Association of California

Staff: Christina Wiegand, Dr. Judd Curtis, and Ashley Oliver

Attachments

Attachment 1a: Best Fishing Practices Evaluation Workshop Overview Presentation

Attachment 1b: Current South Atlantic Council Outreach Efforts Presentation

Attachment 2a: Introduction to Social Norms and Angler Behavior Presentation

Attachment 2b: Social Norms and Conservation Case Studies Presentation

Attachment 3a: Reeling in Insights and Data – Collaborating with Fishermen Through SAFMC Release Presentation

Attachment 3b: Southeast Florida and South Carolina Anglers’ Release Practices and Their Attitudes Toward Descending Devices Presentation

Attachment 3c: Return 'Em Right: Measuring Behavior Change through Angler Surveys Presentation

Attachment 4a: Best Fishing Practices, Management and Stock Assessments Presentation

Attachment 4b: Incorporating Descending Device Use in Recreational Discard Mortality Rates in Pacific Groundfish Presentation