



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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REVISED AGENDA

Full Council Session

Via webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5877592690994291039>

Friday, January 23rd, 2026, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes from the [December 2025 joint Habitat and Shrimp Committee](#)

Statement regarding the basics of financial conflicts of interest, disclosure, and recusal under the MSA – Anne Kersting, NOO General Counsel

1. Coral Amendment 11/ Shrimp Amendment 12 (*Attachment 1a-1c*)
 - a. Overview of updated information – Kathleen Howington, Allie Iberle
 - b. Public comment
Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting regarding the item on the Council agenda. Those intending to provide verbal public comment need to sign-up here: [[LINK](#)]
 - c. Consider approval for formal review
2. Other Business

Adjourn

Attachments:

Attachment 1a: Review of Coral Amendment 11 and Shrimp 12 Presentation

Attachment 1b: Draft Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12 Amendment

Attachment 1c: Draft Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12 Codified Text

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OVERVIEW

The Council will approve the minutes from the joint meeting of the Shrimp and Habitat & Ecosystem Committees from December 2025 and the agenda for the January 2026 Council meeting.

[December 2025 Joint Committees Meeting Report](#)

1. Establish a Shrimp Fishery Access Area (SFAA) in the Oculina Habitat Area of Particular Concern (Coral Amendment 11/ Shrimp Amendment 12) (*Attachments 1a-1c*)

Description: In September 2024, staff were directed to develop a joint amendment to the Coral and Shrimp FMPs to propose establishing an SFAA within the northern extension of the OHAPC and incorporate updated information, including a recent mapping study. In June 2025, the Council selected Preferred Alternative 2 and approved Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12 for public hearings. Hearings were held in August 2025. In September 2025 the Council reviewed the public comments and offered rationale for how the amendment meets the goal and objectives of the Coral and Shrimp FMPs. During the December Council meeting, the council was presented with an updated draft amendment. Due to the government shutdown, the social and economic section of chapter three was not updated. The Council decided to postpone final action until January 2026 to allow SEFSC staff to finalize the socio-economic analysis. Staff will review the summary of updates to the draft amendment and the codified text. The Council will consider approving the amendment for final submission.

Council Action: Consider the draft amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

2. Other Business