



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA Citizen Science Committee

Westin Jekyll Island  
Jekyll Island, GA

### Monday, March 5, 2018 – 10:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Mark Brown

Approval of December 2017 Committee minutes – Mark Brown

1. Review formal recommendations from Citizen Science Action Teams (*Attachment 1*) – Amber Von Harten
  - a. Recommendations from Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team
  - b. Recommendations from Finance & Infrastructure Action Team
  - c. Recommendations from Data Management Action Team
  - d. Recommendations from Projects/Topics Management Action Team
  - e. Recommendations from Volunteers Action Team
  - f. General Recommendations – All Action Teams
  - g. Committee Action: review and adopt recommendations – Mark Brown

Other Business – Mark Brown

Adjourn – Mark Brown

#### Committee Members

Mark Brown, Chair  
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Chris Conklin  
Michelle Duval  
Tim Griner  
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#### Attachments

**Attachment 1:** SAFMC Citizen Science Program Recommendations\_Round1\_03\_2018.pdf

Staff Lead: Amber Von Harten

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Citizen Science Committee**

The Committee will approve the minutes from the December 2017 Citizen Science Committee meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

1. **Review formal recommendations from Citizen Science Action Teams – (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** In January 2018, an All-Hands Citizen Science Action Team meeting was held via webinar. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together all 45 members of the Action Teams to provide opportunity for feedback on all of the Action Team work to date; discuss initial program recommendations; and to identify any overlapping tasks where Action Teams can coordinate work in 2018. During the meeting, co-chairs from each Action Team presented their work and discussion topics for the group. The result of the meeting was development of draft program recommendations to present to the Council for review and adoption.

Staff will present a review of the development of the work of the Action Teams as it relates to the SAFMC Citizen Science Program Blueprint recommendations; an overview of the development and membership of the Action Teams; the draft program recommendations from the five Citizen Science Action Teams and an overview of 2018 tasks to be completed by the Action Teams. Below is the list of draft recommendations from each Action Team. Additional supporting details and rationale for each draft recommendation is provided in **Attachment 1**.

**a. Recommendations from Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team –**

RECOMMENDATION 1:

Projects should consider pre-testing and post-validation of the data collection method to be used.

RECOMMENDATION 2:

The Program needs to establish training guidelines for projects to follow.

RECOMMENDATION 3:

The Program should help support evaluation of volunteer expectations and attitudes.

RECOMMENDATION 4:

The Program should establish guidelines for disseminating results of projects.

RECOMMENDATION 5:

Projects need to have a clear plan for sharing data and results of projects.

RECOMMENDATION 6:

The Program should support and develop guidelines for project promotion and sharing results that considers audience type.

**b. Recommendations from Finance & Infrastructure Action Team –**

RECOMMENDATION 1:

The Council should retain operational oversight of the Citizen Science Program and identify options and pathways for securing the necessary funds to do so.

**c. Recommendations from Data Management Action Team –**

**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

The Program should consider use of the Data Management Resources Inventory as a reference for development of proposal review criteria and project/data standards.

**d. Recommendations from Projects/Topics Management Action Team –**

**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

The Program should use existing resources, such as the Council’s Research & Monitoring Plan, to identify priority topics and project ideas for the Program.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:**

The Program should develop a Citizen Science Research Needs document and develop a process for soliciting additional input and review of the document on a regular basis.

**RECOMMENDATION 3:**

Project criteria should be incorporated, when possible, into a SAFMC Citizen Science Project Endorsement Program.

**e. Recommendations from Volunteers Action Team –**

**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

The Program needs to support development of a Volunteer Interest Form to serve as the initial mechanism for engaging volunteers in the Program and to better understand the demographics, interests, skills and experience of potential volunteers.

**RECOMMENDATION 2:** The Program needs to develop Training Plan guidelines to help projects develop initial and continuing training efforts for different types of projects.

**f. General Recommendations – All Action Teams –**

**RECOMMENDATION 1:**

Designate A-team liaisons to coordinate collaboration between A-Teams.

**Required Committee Action:** Review and adopt the draft program recommendations for use by the Council’s Citizen Science Program.

**Other Business**