



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SAFMC Meeting Agenda FINAL

December 6-10, 2021

The Beaufort Hotel
2400 Lennoxville Road
Beaufort NC 28516

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The Public Comment Session for the meeting, which begins December 8, 2021 at 4 PM, will allow for both in-person and remote verbal public comment. Individuals intending to provide verbal public comment via webinar are asked to sign-up at the following link: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/2021-dec-council-meeting-virtual-comment-signin/>. Members of the public intending to provide verbal public comment in-person will be asked to sign-in at the meeting.

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From November 30th to 5 PM on December 10th, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, December 6, 2021

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I (CLOSED)/Mel Bell 8:30 am – 10:00 am

1. Advisory Panel and SSC Socio-Economic Panel selection
2. Consider Filling Vacant SSC Seat
3. Participant Approval for SEDAR 82 (South Atlantic Gray Triggerfish)
4. Update Participant list for SEDAR 76 (South Atlantic Black Sea Bass)
5. Legal briefing (if needed)

COUNCIL SESSION I /Mel Bell 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

Call to order and introductions

Adopt agenda

Approve minutes

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, Council liaisons)
2. Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Review – NMFS SERO
 - a. SSC recommendations – Genny Nesslage, SSC Chair
3. Exempted Fishing Permit Brief

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Monday, December 6, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Spud Woodward 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Atlantic King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 34)
 - a. Overview and review public hearing input
2. Gulf Cobia (CMP Amendment 32)
 - a. Overview and review public hearing input
 - b. Recommend approval for formal review
3. Gulf King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 33)
 - a. Overview of options

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 12 noon

1. Ecopath project on red snapper recruitment
 - a. Modeling team discussion – Lauren Gentry, FWRI
 - b. SSC comments
2. Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Revisions
 - a. AP comments and recommendations – Jimmy Hull, AP Chair
 - b. Release Mortality Reduction Framework
 - c. Guidance from Private Recreational Workgroup – Spud Woodward, Chair
 - d. Red Snapper Response and Holistic Management Approach
 - e. White Paper on Commercial Snapper Grouper Permits

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

3. SEDAR 68 Scamp Research Track Assessment
 - a. Presentation, NMFS SEFSC
 - b. SSC Recommendations
4. Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
 - a. AP comments and recommendations

- b. Overview of options and approve for scoping
- 5. Golden Tilefish (SG Amendment 52)
 - a. AP comments and recommendations
 - b. Overview of options and approve for scoping
- 6. Gag (SG Amendment 53)
 - a. SSC recommendations
 - b. AP Comments and recommendations
 - c. Overview of options and approve for scoping

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- 7. Greater Amberjack (SG Amendment 49)
 - a. Overview and approve for public hearings
- 8. Yellowtail Snapper (SG Amendment 44)
 - b. Overview of scoping comments
 - c. AP comments and recommendations

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 1:30 pm – 3:45 pm

- 9. Red Pogy (SG Amendment 50)
 - a. Overview
 - b. Approve all actions
- 10. AP comments on items not covered
- 11. Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Project Updates

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 pm

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting (in-person and remotely) regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter. Those intending to provide verbal public comment via webinar can sign-up here: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/2021-dec-council-meeting-virtual-comment-signin/>

Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Requests

Approval for scoping:

- (1) Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
- (2) Golden Tilefish (SG Amendment 52)
- (3) Gag (SG Amendment 53)

Approval for public hearings:

- (1) Greater Amberjack (SG Amendment 49)

Final approval:

- (1) Gulf Cobia (CMP Amendment 32)

Thursday, December 9, 2021

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II (CLOSED)/Mel Bell 8:00 am – 9:00 am

1. Executive Director review

Thursday, December 9, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SEDAR Committee /Mel Bell 9:00 am – 11:00 am

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Report
2. Revise SEDAR/SAFMC Process and Approvals
3. SEDAR 68 Scamp Operational Assessment
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
4. SEDAR 82 Gray Triggerfish Research Track Assessment
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
5. SEDAR 83 Vermilion Snapper Operational Assessment
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
6. SEDAR 86 Red Grouper Operational Assessment
 - a. Terms of Reference Approval
 - b. Schedule Review
7. Review 2024 golden Tilefish Operational Assessment Statement of Work
8. Stock Prioritization

Citizen Science Committee/Kerry Marhefka 11:00 am – 12:00 noon

1. Updated Citizen Science Research Priorities
 - a. Review, discuss, and consider for adoption
2. Citizen Science Program Update

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Outreach and Communications Committee/Spud Woodward 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

1. Outreach & Communications Advisory Panel Report
2. Sea Grant Fellowship Introduction
3. Website Demo

Thursday, December 9, 2021

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION III Mel Bell 3:00 pm – 5:30 pm

1. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2020 Award
2. Exempted Fishing Permit Discussion
3. Legal brief (if needed)
4. SSC recommendations not covered under Committees (if needed)
5. Council staff reports
 - a. Executive Director
 - b. Climate Change Scenario Planning
6. NMFS SEFSC reports
 - a. Commercial E-Logbook Update
 - b. Headboat Survey Annual Report
 - c. Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) Annual Report

Friday, December 10, 2021

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION III/Mel Bell 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

7. Briefing on Kitty Hawk Wind project – Rick Robins
8. Committee & Full Council Sessions Reports
9. FMP Workplan Review and Upcoming Meetings
10. NMFS SERO reports
 - a. SEFHIRE Update
 - b. Protected Resources Update
 - c. SAFE Report Status
 - d. Blueline Tilefish Summary
11. Other business

Adjourn