



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SAFMC Executive Committee

AGENDA

(PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION)

Via Webinar

Thursday, December 10, 2020 8:30 am – 10:30 am (Times Subject to Change)

Agenda Approval – Mel Bell

Minutes Approval – Mel Bell

1. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation (**Closed Session**)
2. 2021 Draft Budget Update (*Attachments 1a & 1b*) – John Carmichael & Kelly Klasnick
3. 2021 FMP Workplan (*Attachments 2a & 2b*) – John Carmichael

Other Business – Mel Bell

Adjourn – Mel Bell

Committee Members

Mel Bell, Chair

Steve Poland, Vice Chair

Carolyn Belcher

Chester Brewer

Jessica McCawley

Attachments

Attachment 1a: Budget Summary Table

Attachment 1b: Revised 2021 Activity Schedule

Attachment 2a: SAFMC 2021 Workplan

Attachment 2b: Active Amendments Summary

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OVERVIEW

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval: September 2020

1. Executive Director Annual Performance Evaluation – CLOSED SESSION

The Committee will meet in a closed session to conduct the annual performance evaluation of the Executive Director.

2. 2021 Draft Budget Review

The Committee met via webinar on November 12, 2020 and reviewed the final 2020 and draft 2021 budgets. The Committee approved the final 2020 budget and the draft 2021 budget by motions that will be brought before the Council for consideration during the full Council session of this meeting. The Committee will be briefed on any budget developments occurring between the November 12 and the current meeting.

Kelly Klasnick and John Carmichael will review requested revisions to the 2021 Activity Schedule. The revisions provide greater detail in the ‘other meetings’ section, including items such as Liaisons to other Councils, CCC activities, and Council workgroups.

3. 2021 FMP Workplan

At the November 12 meeting, the Committee reviewed the draft 2021 through 2022 workplan and was briefed on staff efforts to resolve the Council meeting overload predicted for June 2021. The updated workplan provided here is offered as a potential solution to that overload.

The overload is resolved by refining the expected discussion time at 2021 meetings and skipping consideration of some amendments at some Council meetings. The skipped meetings are scheduled to allow time for SSC and AP discussions. Staff also proposes a general FMP development timeline that allows for AP discussion after the Council receives an assessment report or otherwise initiates an amendment, and Council scoping approval after the AP discussion. An example of the proposed general timeline, shown on the second worksheet in the attachment titled “General FMP Timeline”, will be reviewed at the meeting.

The shift in projects created opportunities for new items to be added to the workplan. Placeholders are added for projects to start in September 2021, March 2022, and September 2022. These opportunities are contingent upon existing projects proceeding as planned, so start dates may be refined in the future. Council is asked to preliminarily identify projects to be started. To assist, the list of currently identified future projects is included on the workplan sheet, under the “Other Amendments” heading. Staff recommends the following changes and considerations to the list of other amendments:

- Drop SG RA 31 (Recreational AMs) and SG A 46 (Recreational Reporting) from the list.
 - This is based on discussions and guidance from the November 9 webinar meeting on recreational topics. Reporting and AMs will be considered through new, future amendments that are consistent with recommendations of the Joint Gulf and South Atlantic Workgroup on Section 102 of the Modernizing Recreational

Fisheries Act, and the newly created SAFMC working group on private recreational catch estimation for snapper grouper species. Accountability measures may also be addressed through species-based FMPs developed in response to new assessment information.

- Combine the unassessed species ABC & ACL proposed amendment with any actions based on the evaluation of species for continued management (discussed during the Snapper Grouper Committee at this meeting.)
- Consider the need for a separate deepwater species allocation activity.
 - Council could consider actions for individual assessed species when addressing assessment results and consider unassessed species in the potential unassessed species ABC & ACL amendment.

Other Business

Adjourn