



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Via Webinar

Thursday, September 17, 2020 9:00 am – 12 noon (Times Subject to Change)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of minutes

1. Closed Session: AP Composition & Harassment Prevention (*Attachment 1*)
2. Revised Travel Forms (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
 - a. Overview – Kelly Klasnick
 - b. Action: Consider training and implementation options
3. Council Priorities & Work Schedule (*Attachments 3a through 3f*)
 - a. Short review of ABC Control Rule Amendment Status – Mike Schmidtke
 - b. Short review of Coral Amendment Status – Roger Pugliese
 - c. Review Revised Workplan - John Carmichael/Brian Chevront
 - d. Action: Approve workplan and priorities

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Jessica McCawley, Chair

Mel Bell, Vice-Chair

Carolyn Belcher

Chester Brewer

Chris Conklin

Steve Poland

Attachments

Attachment 1: Closed Session Overview

Attachment 2a: New Travel Authorization

Attachment 2b: New Travel Orders

Attachment 3a: ABC Control Rule Background Documents

Attachment 3b: ABC Control Rule Update Presentation

Attachment 3c: Joint Habitat/Shrimp Committee Report Sept 2019

Attachment 3d: Coral Amendment Update Presentation

Attachment 3e: Active Amendments Document

Attachment 3f: Priorities and Workplan Spreadsheet

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OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Agenda Approval

Minutes Approval – March 2020

1. Closed Session

The Committee will have a closed session to discuss Advisory Panel composition and harassment prevention. A separate closed session overview will be provided for these topics.

Committee Action: Review priorities and update as necessary.

2. Revised Travel Forms

Council staff developed electronic travel forms in response to a Council request and directive to improve convenience and efficiency for travelers. Kelly Klasnick, Administrative Officer, will review the new forms (*Attachments 2a and 2b*).

Committee Action: The Committee is asked to provide guidance on how the Council would like to be trained to use the new forms and to recommend an effective date.

3. Council Priorities and Workplan

Mike Schmidtke and Roger Pugliese will give short presentations to remind the Committee where the Council stands on the development of the ABC Control Rule and Coral Amendments as they may be considered for inclusion in the priorities list (*Attachments 3a through 3d*). John Carmichael and Brian Chevront will give the committee an update on the Council's FMP priorities and workplan (*Attachments 3e and 3f*). The Committee reviewed priority and work plan alternatives at its August 7, 2020 meeting and documents presented here incorporate Committee guidance from that meeting. As a reminder, Council members will be asked to update the priority scores for all projects on the workplan at the December 2020 meeting. Results will be used to update the workplan presented in March 2021.

Due to the impact of ongoing virtual meetings on discussion productivity and meeting length, the Council has not been able to address all the topics before it during June and September. Working with Council leadership, staff identified several recreational fishery related topics to consider for a special one-day Council meeting to be held between the September and December regular Council meetings, likely in October 2020. The Committee is asked to support adding this meeting. Proposed topics include:

- Update on status and actions of snapper grouper Regulatory Amendment 31 (recreational accountability measures),
- Update on status and actions of snapper grouper Amendment 46 (recreational permits and reporting),
- Update on MyFishCount results and transfer plan,
- Report of the SAFMC-GMFC joint workgroup for Section 102 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018.

In addition to approving the overall plan for priorities through March 2021, the Committee is asked to consider two specific items from the August 7 meeting: (1) what project should be added to the workplan to begin in December 2020, and (2) does the Committee support prioritizing future projects that will address new and recently received assessments.

To address question 1, the Committee requested a status and content update on Coral Amendment 10 and the ABC Control Rule Comprehensive Amendment. Roger Pugliese will provide the Coral overview, and Mike Schmidtke will address the ABC Control Rule.

Requested Committee Action:

- Consider requesting a recreational topics council meeting (1-day webinar).
- Recommend elevating the priority of either Coral A10 or the ABC Control Rule.
- Consider the general priority approach based on assessment delivery.
- Approve the workplan through March 2021.

Other Business

Adjourn