

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Meeting via Webinar
June 10, 2020

The Committee approved the meeting agenda and the minutes from the March 2020 meeting.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES

Brian Chevront reviewed the Council priorities and amendment workplan for 2020, emphasizing changes required due to the effects of the COVID pandemic. Noting that several issues raised by the Joint Gulf-South Atlantic recreational working group are on the list as future priorities, including recreational permits and reporting, the ABC Control rule, and Recreational Accountability Measure revisions, the Committee recommended bringing these topics to the Council for consideration within the next several meetings. The Committee directed a review of the ABC Control Rule amendment by the SSC in October, with Council consideration in December, and discussion of recreational permitting and reporting at an upcoming meeting as it is also part of the joint workgroup's efforts. Due to the growing workload tied to the amendments added at this meeting, the need to consider emergency actions to address pandemic impacts, and the recent Presidential Executive Order, the Committee agreed to meet via webinar before the September meeting to develop a detailed workplan to accommodate the many recent changes in priorities.

COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

John Carmichael provided an overview of the recent CCC meeting, held May 27-28 via webinar. Several topics discussed at the CCC will be taken up in detail at Full Council. The next CCC meeting will be in September 2020 and will likely be held via webinar.

COUNCIL POLICIES AND PRACTICES

John Carmichael provided a summary of two additional policy update documents offered for consideration at this meeting, one addressing internal research projects and the other addressing staff evaluations. The Committee supported both proposals and expressed appreciation at continued efforts to improve Council operations. An update on harassment prevention efforts at the staff level was provided. Additional discussion on addressing this topic for Council members is planned for the September meeting.

MOTION #1: APPROVE THE INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING AND PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AS MODIFIED.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

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MOTION #2: APPROVE THE STAFF PERFORMANCE EVALAUTION PROCESS AS MODIFIED.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

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Timing and Tasks

Motion #3: MOVE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING and TASKS

- Plan an Executive Committee meeting, via webinar prior to the September Council Meeting, to discuss Council FMP priorities and workload management.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL