

**DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 10, 2021**

(MEETING HELD VIA WEBINAR)

The South Atlantic Council’s Executive Committee met via webinar on November 10, 2021. The Committee approved the meeting agenda.

Budget and Activity Schedule Review

Kelly Klasnick provided an overview of the 2021 budget and expenditures and a proposed draft budget for 2022. Expenditures during 2021 are below budget, due to lower than anticipated travel expenses due to ongoing COVID pandemic effects. The proposed 2022 budget was based on assumed status quo funding for 2022. The total budget amount is slightly above anticipated funding due to increased potential travel costs associated with additional AP meetings in 2022 and increased working group activities. The committee did not consider the predicted overage a significant risk because the Council activity schedule typically overestimates actual travel expenses and 2021 expenditures will likely fall under budget. The committee approved the draft 2022 budget. The budget will be revised if 2022 funding is significantly different than assumed.

Workplan Review

John Carmichael reviewed the 2022-2023 workplan. The anticipated workload for the March and June 2022 meetings is higher than desired but likely feasible. Workload outlook will improve after 2022 if the planned final approval of eight amendments in 2022 is accomplished. Delays in completing the Spanish Mackerel and Scamp stock assessments were included in the version for this meeting. The Committee recommended delaying the proposed Council meeting to review the Habitat Blueprint until the second quarter of 2022 to address working group and Council workload issues in early 2022. The Committee recommended holding a special Council meeting in February 2022 to address the Allocations Decision Tool.

Closed Session

The Committee approved increasing SSC compensation from \$250 to \$300 per day, calculated on an hourly basis of \$37.50.

MOTIONS

MOTION # 1: APPROVE THE DRAFT 2022 OPERATIONAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

Approved by Committee

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