



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **Full Council Session I** **Via Webinar**

Monday March 1, 2021 **12:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. (Times subject to change)**

Adoption of Agenda – Mel Bell

Introductions – Mel Bell

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment (*Attachment 1*)
 - Overview – Mike Schmidtke
2. Exempted Fishing Permit Request (*Attachments 2a and 2b*) – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
3. Regional Electronic Technologies Plan: 2020-2024 (*Attachment 3*) – Jessica Stephen, NMFS SERO
4. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project (*Attachment 4*) – Rick Robins and Brian Benito

Attachments:

Attachment 1: ABC Control Rule Amendment Decision Document

Attachment 2a: EFP Letter to SAFMC

Attachment 2b: EFP Application (Portnoy)

Attachment 3: Presentation on Regional Electronic Technologies Plan – *In Late Materials*

Attachment 4: Presentation on Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project

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OVERVIEW

Full Council Session I

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment (*Attachment 1*)

The Council discussed this amendment at its December 2020 meeting and provided guidance to staff. The SSC will review topics related to this amendment at their April 2021 meeting and provide recommendations to the Council. Council staff will present discussions by the IPT and request Council guidance on the FMPs included in this amendment and structuring of actions addressing ABC Control Rule modifications and determining acceptable risk of overfishing. The Council will also review actions pertaining to rebuilding and phase-ins at this meeting. Remaining actions, for which SSC input is expected in April 2021, will be discussed in June 2021.

2. EFP Request (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)

NMFS SERO staff will provide a briefing on a request to obtain an EFP to temporarily allow harvest of speckled hind in federal waters of the South Atlantic. The samples would be used by Texas A&M University to assess speckled hind population structure, connectivity, and life history. The EFP would be valid through August 31, 2022. The public will have an opportunity to comment on the request during the public comment session on Wednesday, March 3, 2021.

3. Regional Electronic Technologies Plan: 2020-2024 (*Attachment 3*)

SERO staff will present the history behind the Regional Electronic Technologies (ET) Plan, the region's current vision for 2020-2024, and highlights of ongoing ET projects within the region. The agency is looking for any additional insights from the Fishery Management Councils as the plan is finalized. Updates to the plan will occur annually and allow for Councils to address any new concerns.

4. Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind Project (*Attachment 4*)

The Kitty Hawk Offshore wind project team will provide an update on the project, including an indicative layout. The update will include an overview of fisheries dependent and fisheries independent data for the project area.