



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **AGENDA** **Full Council Session I** **(Open Session)**

Key West Marriott Beachside  
3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard  
Key West, FL

**Monday, June 13, 2022** **10:30 AM to 5:00 PM (Times subject to change)**

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of transcript

- March 2022 Council
- 1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, Council liaisons) (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)
- 2. Socio-Economic Panel (SEP) Report (*SSC Report, April 2022; Attachment 2*)
  - a. SEP Input – Scott Crosson, SEP Chair
  - b. Input on Data-Gathering Tool to Inform Sector Allocations – Christina Wiegand
- 3. Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment (*Attachment 3*)
  - a. Overview of options – Myra Brouwer
- 4. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment (*Attachments 4a-4c*)
  - a. Overview – Mike Schmidtke
  - b. **Council action:** approve for public hearings
- 5. Progress Towards Meeting SAFMC Research Recommendations (*Attachment 5*) – Clay Porch, SEFSC

### **Attachments:**

**SSC Report, April 2022**

**Attachment 1a:** NOAA OLE Report

**Attachment 1b:** NOAA OLE presentation

**Attachment 1c:** Gulf Liaison Report

**Attachment 2:** Public Information Tool Summary

**Attachment 3:** (*In Recent Documents*) Commercial Electronic Logbook Options Paper

**Attachment 4a:** Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule Amendment Decision Document

**Attachment 4b** (*In Recent Documents*): ABC Control Rule Amendment Presentation

**Attachment 4c:** Draft ABC Control Rule Amendment

**Attachment 5:** Presentation on SEFSC Progress Towards Meeting SAFMC Research Recommendations

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# OVERVIEW

## Full Council Session I

### 1. Reports (*Attachments 1a-1c*)

**Description:** NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, and Council liaisons will provide reports to the Council.

### 2. Data-Gathering Tool to Inform Sector Allocations (*Attachment 2*)

**Description:** To help inform answers to some of the questions within the Allocation Decision Tool, Fishery Performance Reports (FRPs) will be relied upon where appropriate, particularly social and economic portions of the reports. In addition to the FRPs, at their March meeting, the Council requested that staff develop an online tool to solicit similar information from the public, similar to the [Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Fishermen Feedback](#) (formerly 'Something's Fishy') tool. This tool would be made available at the same time a fishery performance report was conducted.

**Required Council Action:** Discuss how the Public Information Tool will be used in the future to inform allocation decisions thorough the fishery management plan amendment process.

### 3. Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment (*Attachment 3*)

**Description:** The South Atlantic and Gulf Councils have received periodic updates from the SEFSC during their regularly scheduled meetings for several years on the transition of the Coastal Logbook Program to an electronic format. The system is now ready to accept electronic submissions. However, because the language implementing commercial reporting requirements in the Code of Federal Regulations does not specify the submission of logbooks can be accomplished via electronic means (i.e., utilizing the newly developed federal system), each of the applicable fishery management plans that require paper logbook submissions must be amended to allow for electronic submission. The options paper presents draft alternatives, a tentative timeline for development, and IPT comments.

**Required Council Action:** Consider the IPTs' comments, provide guidance on timeline for development, FMPs to be amended, and whether to work jointly with the Gulf Council.

### 4. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment (*Attachments 4a-4c*)

**Description:** This amendment considers revisions to the Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule for the Dolphin Wahoo, Golden Crab, and Snapper Grouper FMPs, including the incorporation of phase-ins of ABC changes and carry-overs of unused portions of annual catch limits. The IPT has developed a draft amendment that is being considered for public hearings.

**Required Council Action:** Review the draft amendment and decision document. Consider the draft amendment for public hearings and when public hearings should be scheduled.

### 5. SEFSC Presentation on Progress Towards Meeting SAFMC Research Recommendations (*Attachment 5*)

**Description:** Dr. Clay Porch will present an overview of research conducted in the region based on the 2021 SAFMC Research and Monitoring Plan. In the most recent version of the

plan, the Council included “provide annual progress reports, by the SEFSC at the June Council meeting, detailing efforts to implement the research recommendations noted in Council Research and Monitoring Plans.” This overview will serve as the progress report addressing research and monitoring needed for management.

**Required Council Action:** None.