



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## **AGENDA** **Full Council Session I**

The Shores Resort & Spa  
2637 South Atlantic Avenue  
Daytona Beach Shores, FL

**Monday, June 10, 2024**                      **1:30 pm to 5:00 pm (Times subject to change)**

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of agenda

Approval of minutes (March 2024)

1. Reports
  - a. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)
  - b. US Coast Guard
  - c. Council liaisons (*Attachment 1c*)
  - d. State agencies (*Attachment 1d*)
2. Best Fishing Practices and Citizen Science Update (*Attachments 2a-2c*) – Christina Wiegand and Julia Byrd
3. Consideration of Limited-Entry in South Atlantic For-Hire Fisheries
  - a. Summary of comments on control dates (*Attachment 3a*) – NMFS SERO
  - b. Overview of options (*Attachment 3b*) – John Hadley and Myra Brouwer
4. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Improvement
  - a. ACCSP For Hire Methodology Technical Review (*Attachment 4a*) – Geoff White, ACCSP
  - b. Overview of options (*Attachment 4b*) John Hadley and Myra Brouwer
5. Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation Update (*Attachment 5*) – NMFS SEFSC

### **Attachments:**

**Attachment 1a:** NOAA OLE Report

**Attachment 1b:** NOAA OLE presentation

**Attachment 1c:** Gulf Council Liaison Report  
**Attachment 1d:** Biscayne National Park Update  
**Attachment 2a:** Best Fishing Practices and Release Outreach Progress Report Presentation  
**Attachment 2b:** Citizen Science Program Update Presentation  
**Attachment 2c:** 2023 Citizen Science Program Annual Report  
**Attachment 3a:** Summary of comments on December 8, 2023, control date  
**Attachment 3b:** For-Hire Limited Entry Discussion Document  
**Attachment 4a:** ACCSP For Hire Methodology Technical Review Presentation  
**Attachment 4b:** SEFHIER Improvement Discussion Document  
**Attachment 5:** Dolphin MSE Update Presentation

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# **OVERVIEW**

## **Full Council Session I**

**1. Reports (*Attachments 1a-1d*)**

**Description:** Representatives will provide reports to the Council.

**2. Best Fishing Practices and Citizen Science Update (*Attachments 2a-2c*)**

**Description:** In 2022, the Council approved expanded outreach initiatives for best fishing practices and SAFMC Release. Council staff will provide a progress report on activities that have been completed to date as well as those that are upcoming. Additionally, staff will provide an update on current Citizen Science program activities that have occurred since the last Council meeting.

**Required Council Action:** None.

**3. Consideration of Limited-Entry in South Atlantic For-Hire Fisheries (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)**

**Description:** SERO staff will provide a summary of comments received on the requested control date of December 8, 2023. Council staff will provide an overview of a discussion document addressing guidance and requests from the March 2024 Council meeting.

**Required Council Action:** Determine whether to consider a moratorium on for-hire permits to develop a limited access program for the for-hire component of the Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagics fisheries.

**4. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement (*Attachments 4a and 4b*)**

**Description:** The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) has been undertaking a for-hire methodology technical review with goals that include more fully utilizing for-hire logbooks in MRIP catch statistics and setting specifications that allow Atlantic Coast logbook programs to adopt MRIP certified design requirements. ACCSP staff will provide an overview of this effort. Council staff will then review options to potentially improve the SEFHIER program to obtain higher compliance with reporting requirements.

**Required Council Action:** Determine if an amendment is appropriate at this time or if the Council would like to wait until the ACCSP for-hire methodology technical review is completed. If an amendment to the Snapper Grouper, Dolphin Wahoo, and Coastal Migratory Pelagics fishery management plans is deemed necessary, specify a range of actions to include.

**5. Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation Update (*Attachment 5*)**

**Description:** SEFSC staff will update the Council on progress on the Dolphin MSE and recent stakeholder working group meetings.

**Required Council Action:** None