



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

Blockade Runner  
275 Waynick Boulevard  
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**Monday, December 5, 2022**

**10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon (Times subject to change)**

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of agenda

Approval of transcript (September 2022 Council sessions I & II)

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, Council liaisons) (*Attachments 1a-1c*)
2. Joint Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment (*Attachments 2a-2c*) – Myra Brouwer
3. Presentation on Proposed Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary (*Attachments 3a-3c*) – LeAnn Hogan, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
4. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Proposed Rule (*Attachment 4*)
  - a. Overview of draft comments – Roger Pugliese
5. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment (*Attachments 5a-5c*)
  - a. Overview – Mike Schmidtke
6. Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop (*Attachments 6a-6d*) – Jonathan Star, Scenario Insight, and Roger Pugliese
  - a. Introduction
  - b. Description and Discussion by Scenario
  - c. Recurring Ideas and Main Takeaways
  - d. Key Discussion Topics for the Summit Meeting

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 1a:** NOAA OLE Report
- Attachment 1b:** NOAA OLE presentation
- Attachment 1c:** Gulf Liaison Report
- Attachment 2a:** Joint Commercial E-Logbook Update Presentation
- Attachment 2b:** Joint Commercial E-Logbook Draft
- Attachment 2c:** Revised Paper vs. Electronic Data Field Comparison Spreadsheet
- Attachment 3a:** Proposed Hudson Canyon NMS Presentation
- Attachment 3b:** SAFMC letter to ONMS on Hudson Canyon
- Attachment 3c:** ONMS Response to the SAFMC Request
- Attachment 4a:** SAFMC letter to FKNMS to request comment extension
- Attachment 4b:** FKNMS response to SAFMC request
- Attachment 4c:** Draft comments on FKNMS proposed rule with APs input (*posted by 11/30*)
- Attachment 5a:** ABC Control Rule Amendment Decision Document
- Attachment 5b:** Draft ABC Control Rule Amendment
- Attachment 5c:** Draft ABC Control Rule Amendment Codified Text
- Attachment 6a:** Workshop Summary Guidance
- Attachment 6b:** Final Scenario Narratives, November 2022
- Attachment 6c:** Summary of Manager Sessions, November 2022
- Attachment 6d:** Climate Scenario Planning Workshop Presentation

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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. **Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment (*Attachments 2a-2c*)**

**Description:** This amendment is being developed jointly with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to require commercial logbooks that are under the Coastal Logbook Program be submitted electronically instead of the currently used paper-based forms. In September 2022, the Council reviewed the draft purpose and need and a comparison of data fields between the current paper forms and what would be required under the ACCSP's platform eTRIPS. Council staff will review progress on the amendment, development timeline, and revisions to the data fields comparison. In addition, staff will provide input received from advisory panels (AP) that met in Fall 2022 (see Mackerel Cobia AP Report & Snapper Grouper AP Report).

**Required Council Action:** Consider AP's input and provide guidance.

3. **Proposed Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary (*Attachments 3a-3c*)**

Hudson Canyon sits approximately 100 miles southeast of New York City. It is the largest submarine canyon along the Atlantic coast measuring 7.5 miles wide and up to 2.5 miles deep. It was nominated as a National Marine Sanctuary in 2016. The National Marine Sanctuaries Act requires the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS) to "provide the appropriate Council with the opportunity to prepare draft fishing regulations as the Council may deem necessary to implement the designation". Councils can recommend draft fishing regulations, recommend that fishing regulations are not necessary, or choose not to act on the matter. The Council submitted a request (*Attachment 3b*) to extend the deadline to submit comments to allow time for input from advisory panels. ONMS granted the extension until February 2023 (*Attachment 3c*). LeAnn Hogan, ONMS Eastern Region Operations Coordinator, will deliver a presentation to the Council.

4. **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Proposed Rule (*Attachments 4a-4c*)**

The Council received a [presentation](#) on proposed changes to the FKNMS regulations via webinar on September 21, 2022. The Council subsequently submitted a request (*Attachment 4a*) to extend the deadline to submit comments on the proposed changes to allow time to develop comments with input from advisory panels and in coordination with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. The Council's request was granted and the deadline for comments was extended to February 2023 (*Attachment 4b*). The Mackerel Cobia, Snapper Grouper, and Habitat and Ecosystem Advisory Panels met in October and November 2022 and provided input. Council staff will review draft comments on the proposed changes including the APs' input.

**Required Council Action:** Consider AP's input and provide additional guidance to finalize comment letter to the FKNMS.

5. **Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment** (*Attachments 5a-5c*)

**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. At the September 2022 Council meeting, the Council received public comment, selected preferred alternatives, and approved all actions. Staff will present an overview of the actions and preferred alternatives, draft rationale, and the draft codified text for this amendment. The Council will consider approval of the amendment for secretarial review.

**Required Council Action:** Review changes to the amendment since September 2022 and draft rationale. Consider approval for formal review.

6. **Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop** (*Attachments 6a-6d*)

**Description:**

1. Review the ideas and reactions by scenarios.
  - a. Do you agree that the issues raised above are the most significant and relevant for this initiative?
  - b. Are we missing any major issues, challenges or opportunities?
  - c. What actions make sense to explore in each scenario?
2. Review the Common Issues Across Scenarios.
  - a. Do you agree that the issues raised in this section are the most significant and relevant for this initiative?
  - b. Are the issues, challenges and opportunities described accurately. As you think about what fishery managers will be facing given climate change in the years ahead, is this a good list?
  - c. What would you add?
3. Identify a short list of issues that you feel are particularly relevant for your organization, in that they comprise the most important factors that your organization needs to deal with.
4. Propose potential actions that should be discussed at the Summit meeting when representatives from all organizations will gather to propose actions to pursue.
5. Discuss the need to develop new approaches to flexible decision-making, such as option generation and experimentation.

**Required Council Action:** Provide input during workshop on key discussion topics and recommendations for the February 2023 East Coast Climate Scenario Planning Summit.