



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston SC 29405  
Call: (843) 571-4366 | Toll-Free: (866) SAFMC-10 | Fax: (843) 769-4520 | Connect: [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net)

---

Melvin Bell, Chair | Carolyn N. Belcher, Ph.D., Vice Chair  
John Carmichael, Executive Director

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

Westin Hotel  
110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

**Monday, March 7, 2022** **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Times subject to change)**

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of minutes

- December 2021 Council

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, Council liaisons) (***Attachments 1a and 1b***)
2. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment (***Attachments 2a and 2b***)
  - a. Overview – Mike Schmidtke
  - b. SSC Recommendations – Genny Nesslage, SSC Chair
3. Allocations Decision Tool (***Attachments 3a and 3b***)
  - a. Review Council guidance from February 2022 – Council Staff

### **Attachments:**

**Attachment 1a:** NOAA OLE Report (*In Late Materials*)

**Attachment 1b:** Gulf Liaison Report

**Attachment 2a:** Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule Amendment Decision Document

**Attachment 2b:** ABC Control Rule Amendment Presentation (*In Late Materials*)

**Attachment 3a:** Allocations Tool Decision Document

**Attachment 3b:** Fishery Performance Report Overview

**Staff Lead:** John Carmichael ([john.carmichael@safmc.net](mailto:john.carmichael@safmc.net))

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Full Council Session I**

**1. Reports (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)**

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

**2. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)**

**Description:** The Council discussed this amendment most recently in September 2021 and provided guidance on development to staff. The SSC reviewed topics related to this amendment most recently in October 2021. Staff will present the most recent actions and alternatives language drafted by the IPT concerning the acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule (with focus on the stock risk rating), carry-overs, and revisions to framework procedures. The SSC Chair will provide SSC recommendations on ABC control rule alternatives, including the stock risk rating.

**Required Council Action:** Discuss the potential stock risk rating process and use, as well as clarify how implementation of carry-overs should be considered through framework procedures.

**3. Allocations Decision Tool Review (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)**

**Description:** Making sector allocation decisions is a difficult and complicated process. To help the Council incorporate other sources of information, in addition to landings, when making sector allocations decisions, staff developed a Decision Tree Approach and presented the most up-to-date draft to the Council in February 2022. Staff also presented an example of how to apply the approach to a managed species (greater amberjack). At this meeting, the Council will have the opportunity to discuss how they envision using the approach moving forward and provide this guidance to staff.

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