



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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

Westin Jekyll Island  
110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA 31527

**Monday, March 6, 2023** **10:00 am to 12:00 Noon (Times subject to change)**

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of agenda

Approval of transcripts (December 2022 Council sessions I & III and September 21, 2022 webinar)

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 and 2b*) – Myra Brouwer
3. Climate Change Scenario Planning (*Attachments 3a and 3b*) – Roger Pugliese
  - a. Outcome of Climate Change Scenario Planning Summit
  - b. Next steps

### **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 3a:** East Coast Climate Scenario Planning Initiative - Summit Agenda

**Attachment 3b:** East Coast Climate Scenario Planning Summit Initiative - Participants

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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 and 2b*)

**Description:** This amendment is being developed jointly with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council) to require commercial logbooks that are under the Coastal Logbook Program be submitted electronically instead of the currently used paper forms. Council staff will present analyses prepared to date and review input from the Gulf Council.

**Required Council Action:** Consider approval for public hearings.

### 3. Climate Change Scenario Planning

Over the past two years, East Coast fishery management organizations have been working collaboratively and engaging diverse fishery stakeholders to explore jurisdictional and governance issues related to climate change, through the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative. Previous steps of the initiative included: 1) conducting a scoping process to seek feedback from stakeholders on issues facing East Coast fisheries over the next several decades; 2) exploring drivers of change in East Coast fisheries in more detail, 3) creating and refining a set of four scenarios describing possible conditions in 2042, and 4) seeking initial feedback from managers on potential changes in governance and management that may be necessary in response to climate related uncertainties.

Roger Pugliese serves as the Council's representative on the Core Team, will summarize the outcome of the [East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative Summit meeting](#) held February 15-16, 2023, in Arlington, VA. The Summit is the capstone to this initiative, where priorities and next steps for follow-on projects were to be identified (*Attachment 3a*).

Summit participants (*Attachment 3b*) consisted of representatives from each of the three U.S. East Coast Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NOAA Fisheries.

The goal of the summit was to develop a set of potential governance and management actions resulting from the scenario-based exploration of the future. Participants will (i) review and refine ideas already generated throughout the process, (ii) add any new ideas, (iii) consider whether these ideas will work, and (iv) identify the practical next steps needed to take them forward.

**Required Council Action:** Support for the initiative but no action at this time.