



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA Full Council Session II

Monday, September 14, 2020 1:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (Times Subject to Change)

Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.

Call to Order and Introductions - Jessica McCawley, Chair

Adoption of Agenda - Jessica McCawley

1. Swearing in Ceremony for new and reappointed Council Members – Roy Crabtree
2. Executive Order Response (*Attachment 1*)
 - a. Overview of recommendations – John Carmichael
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review/refine the topics to include in the SAFMC response.
3. Emergency Action Requests Status Update – Rick DeVictor, SERO
 - a. Vermilion Snapper comm trip limit increase
 - b. King Mackerel rec bag limit increase
4. Additional Emergency Action Considerations (*Attachment 2*)
 - a. Overview of possible recommendation – Chip Collier
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review/decide the topics to include in the SAFMC response.
5. SBRM Report on Topics for Amendment Development (*Attachment 3*)
 - a. Presentation on status of SBRM and tasks to be completed – Rick DeVictor, SERO
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review the work to be done.
6. Allocations Options, Data, and Analyses (*Attachments 4a – 4c*)
 - a. Presentation on a suggested allocation decision tree method – Council Staff
 - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss the method, give direction to staff for further development and review.

Attachments:

Attachment 1: Draft Executive Order Response Items

Attachment 2: Carryover of Unused 2020 ACL

Attachment 3: SBRM Requirement and Timeline Presentation

Attachment 4a: Allocations Working Paper

Attachment 4b: Allocation Presentation

Attachment 4c: Allocation Triggers Policy Letter

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Overview

1. The Council Chair will introduce the liaisons from other Councils taking part in Committee deliberations.
2. New and reappointed Council members will be sworn in by SERO Regional Administrator, Roy Crabtree.
3. **Executive Order on Promoting Fisheries**

Description: On May 7, 2020 the President signed Executive Order 13921 on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth, “to strengthen the American economy; improve the competitiveness of American industry; ensure food security; provide environmentally safe and sustainable seafood; support American workers; ensure coordinated, predictable, and transparent Federal actions; and remove unnecessary regulatory burdens”. NOAA Fisheries requested that each Council submit a prioritized list of recommended actions to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and to increase production within sustainable fisheries as required under Section 4 of the order by November 2, 2020. The Committee will review the Executive Order and further develop a draft list of topics for consideration by the Council at the September 2020 meeting.

Council Action: Review/refine the preliminary list of topics (**Attachment 1**) developed by the Executive Committee at their August 2020 meeting to include in the SAFMC EO response.

4. **Emergency Action Requests Status**

At the June 2020 meeting, the Council requested two emergency actions to help fishermen impacted by the unforeseen global events of 2020. The Council requested that NOAA increase the Atlantic recreational King Mackerel possession limit to 4 per person coastwide. And the Council requested that NOAA increase the commercial trip limit for Vermilion Snapper to 1,500 lb gw for 180 days. The formal letters requesting the actions for King Mackerel and Vermilion Snapper were sent to SERO on July 1, 2020.

5. **Additional Emergency Action Considerations**

In June 2020 the Council directed staff to bring an emergency action request for consideration in September to allow carryover of unused 2020 species ACL into 2021. This document (**Attachment 2**) will give a brief overview of the guidance and review how carry-over could be applied in the South Atlantic region for Spanish Mackerel, Vermilion Snapper, and Yellowtail Snapper.

Council Action: Discuss the ACL carryover guidance provided in the paper and decide whether to request emergency action for ACL carryover for Spanish Mackerel, Vermilion Snapper, and/or Yellowtail Snapper.

6. **SBRM Report on Topics for Amendment Development**

The Sustainable Fisheries Act (1996) amended the MSA to require all FMPs establish a standardized bycatch reporting methodology (SBRM). A formal rule was published in 2017. All FMPs must be consistent with the rule by February 21, 2022. Councils are required to review all of their FMPs in coordination with NMFS to evaluate their consistency with the rule. NMFS SERO will present information (**Attachment 3**) about the SBRM rule and the

process of how NMFS and the Council will work together to make sure all the Council's FMPs are compliant.

Council Action: Discuss the method to be used and provide guidance.

7. Allocations Options, Data, and Analyses

Council staff will give a presentation (**Attachment 4b**) outlining a possible Decision Tree Approach method the Council may want to consider as a way to determine which information is relevant to help decide if allocations should be revised, or how they might be revised. The method is described in greater detail in **Attachment 4a** together with examples and related data.

Council Action: Discuss the concepts presented and provide direction as to whether they would like staff to continue future development and review of the Decision Tree Approach to help the Council make allocation decisions.