



# *South Atlantic Fishery Management Council* **Citizen Science Update**

SAFMC Meeting

March 2020



# Activities 2020

Updated Cit Sci Research Priorities Adopted –  
Dec 2019 / Jan 2020

## Program Evaluation

- *Working on with Rick Bonney, Jennifer Shirk, and Operations Committee*
- *Developing draft objectives, strategies, indicators for SAFMC review ~June 2020*

## Cit Sci Advisory Panel Meetings

- *Jan & Mar 2020: Operations Committee*

## Presentations

- *Cit Sci presentation requested at MAFMC April 2020 meeting*

AFS symposium submission with NOAA colleagues

Bioscience manuscript, Bonney et al. – working on revisions 2020

Annual Report & Email Distribution List



# Projects & Collaborations



## PROJECTS IN PROGRESS:

- Scamp Release Pilot Project
- FISHstory Pilot Project
- Promoting Gray's Reef Through Engaging Georgia Anglers

## PROJECTS UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

- Rare Species Observations
- Diver Observations for Data Limited Species

## ADDITIONAL COLLABORATIONS UNDER DEVELOPMENT:

- Participatory Workshops
- Shifting Species Proposal

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Catch



Measure



Record



Release

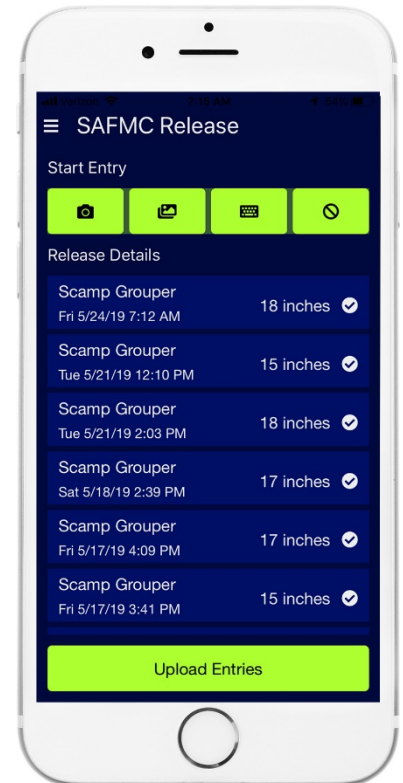
Release



# SAFMC Scamp Release

Pilot app launched June 2019

- Collecting info on scamp discards via mobile app
- Working on recruitment and retention of commercial, for-hire, & recreational fishermen
- Upcoming
  - ACCSP: receive funding Spring/Summer 2020
  - Waitt Foundation: proposal submitted Nov 2019
  - SEDAR: Data will be submitted for review at SEDAR 68 (Gulf of Mexico & South Atlantic Scamp) Data Workshop
  - College of Charleston: Graduate student will review user perceptions of the app



# *FISH*story



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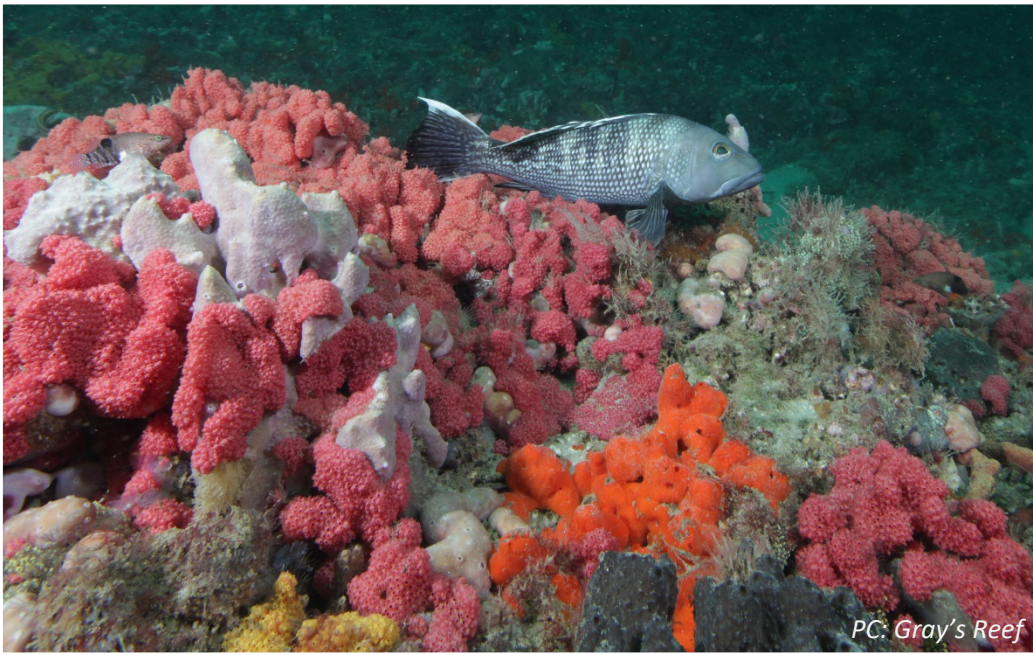


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- Pilot project to document historic for-hire catch and length estimates using historic photos
- For-Hire Catch
  - Project created in Zooniverse
  - Validation Team Training webinars held in Dec 2019 & Jan 2020
  - Project submitted for beta testing
  - Communication plan & promotional materials under development
- Length Composition
  - Database formatted
  - Protocol under development

# Promoting Gray's Reef Through Engaging GA Anglers

- Focuses on increasing awareness of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary among recreational anglers, furthering use of best fishing practices for deep-water species, & promoting collaboration through Cit Sci to help fill data gaps
- Partners: The Nature Conservancy (lead), Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary, National Marine Sanctuary Foundation (funding), GA Sea Grant, GADNR, SAFMC



# Promoting Gray's Reef Through Engaging GA Anglers

## *Fishing Learning Exchanges*

### Brunswick, GA: Golden Isles Library

- *March 6 from 2-4pm*
- *March 7 from 2-4pm*

### Savannah, GA: GSU Armstrong Campus

- *April 3 from 2-4pm*
- *April 4 from 2-4pm*

### Atlanta, GA: Location TBD

- *Tentatively April 14*

If interested in attending, contact

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# Projects & Collaborations Under Development

## Rare Species Observations

- **Partners:** *UNC, NOAA Fisheries, SECOORA, University of Tasmania*
- **Jan 2020:** *Submitted prospectus to Lenfest*

## Diver Observations for Data Limited Species

- **Partners:** *REEF and SECOORA*
- **Jan 2020:** *Submitted proposal to Coral Reef Conservation Program*

## Dolphin Wahoo Participatory Workshops

- **Partners:** *SEFSC*
- **NC/VA Workshops**
  - *March 9: Beaufort, NC*
  - *March 10: Wanchese, NC*
  - *March 11: Virginia Beach, VA*
- **FL Keys Workshops: Summer 2020**





# Keep Up with Projects & the Program!

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