

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Staff Report



June 2022

Executive Director

- Staff Update
 - Media and Communication
 - Citizen Science Projects
- Committee Preferences and 2023 Liaisons

Climate Change Scenario Planning

- **Admin**
 - *Participating Organizations: SAFMC, MAFMC, NEFMC, ASMFC; SERO, SEFSC, GARFO, NEFSC.*
 - *Guidance and Oversight: Northeast Region Coordinating Council, with SAFMC invited to participate*
 - <https://www.mafmc.org/climate-change-scenario-planning>
- **Scenario Creation Phase: Summer 2022**

The next phase of this initiative will be a 2.5-day Scenario Creation Workshop in Arlington, VA on June 21-23, 2022. The workshop product will be a set of scenarios that describe how climate change *might* affect East Coast fisheries in the next 20 years.
- **Applications Phase: Summer 2022-Winter 2023**

Following scenario creation, the Application Phase of the initiative is where participating organizations will apply the scenarios to help generate ideas and offer solutions to the challenges highlighted in the initiative.

 - *Scenario Deepening*: Additional meetings will be conducted following the Scenario Creation workshop to refine and add detail to the scenarios described in a Draft Scenario Report.
 - *Implications and Options Conversations*: In Fall 2022, the Scenario Report will be used as a platform for a series of Implications and Options conversations, likely by region and management body (**i.e., September SAFMC meeting**).
 - *Summit Meeting*: Synthesis of Ideas, first quarter 2023: Ideas and potential solutions generated during the Implications and Options conversations will be synthesized into a final set of outcomes and recommendations, potentially via a

“summit meeting” to bring together fishery managers from different regions and jurisdictions.

- ***Monitoring Phase: Spring 2023***

This phase will focus on completing the final reports and designing a process to continue using the scenarios as a way of informing East Coast fishery management and governance in the future.

SAFE Report Progress

- Web-based document: https://safmc.shinyapps.io/SnapperGrouperSAFE_Report/
- Initial focus on overfished and overfishing Snapper Grouper stocks.

SEDAR

- Steering Committee Meeting May 9
- Schedule Highlights

Outreach and Communication

- SAFMC Website
- Best Practices Events
 - Haddrell’s Seminar Event
 - Tackle shop outreach in Northern and Southern South Carolina and Florida Keys. Upcoming trips to Georgia and North Carolina planned.
 - Upcoming charter trip in Savannah, Georgia with Miss Judy and local writers.
- ICAST