

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
FULL COUNCIL I (CLOSED SESSION)
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
September 2024

Litigation Brief – The Council received a litigation brief from NOAA General Counsel.

For-Hire Reporting Advisory Panel

Seats on the new ad-hoc AP were advertised following the June 2024 Council meeting. Only applicants from NC and FL were received. The Council recommended appointing seats from the available pool of applicants and re-advertising to fill the remaining seats during its December 2024 meeting. The following draft motions are presented as recommendations for the Council’s consideration:

MOTION 1: APPOINT ROM WHITAKER AND CHRIS KIMREY TO THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING ADVISORY PANEL.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: APPOINT BOB ZALES AND HALEY STEPHENS TO THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING ADVISORY PANEL.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

DIRECTION TO STAFF: RE-ADVERTISE REMAINING SEATS ON THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING ADVISORY PANEL FOR REVIEW IN DECEMBER. REACH OUT TO EXISTING AP MEMBERS TO ASK WHO MIGHT BE A GOOD PARTICIPANT.

Snapper Grouper AP Seat for Georgia Representative

An open seat on the Snapper Grouper AP for a Georgia representative was readvertised following the June 2024 Council meeting. Seats on the Snapper Grouper AP are state specific but not sector specific.

MOTION 3: APPOINT OSCAR NAVARRETE TO THE SNAPPER GROUPEY ADVISOY PANEL.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: RESCIND THE APPOINTMENT OF OSCAR NAVARRETE TO THE SNAPPER GROUPEY AP
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5: RE-ADVERTISE THE GEORGIA SNAPPER GROUPEY ADVISORY PANEL SEAT AND APPOINT IN DECEMBER.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Citizen Science Operations Committee Appointment

The Citizen Science Program has three advisory groups: the Operations Committee, the Projects Advisory Committee, and Ad-hoc Committees. Participants on these advisory panels must be members of the Citizen Science Pool and/or be a member of another Council Advisory Panel. An open seat was advertised for the Council's Citizen Science Operations Committee along with other advisory panels via news release and newsletter.

MOTION 6: APPOINT ALL APPLICANTS IN TABLE 1, ATTACHMENT 2B, TO THE CITIZEN SCIENCE POOL.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 7: APPOINT BOB ZALES TO THE CITIZEN SCIENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Shrimp AP and Deepwater Shrimp AP Structure

During its June 2024 meeting the Council discussed the merits of combining the Shrimp AP and Deepwater Shrimp AP and requested staff provide a list of pros and cons for doing so. Council staff provided a discussion document including the list and additional items for the Council to consider. The Council also considered adding representation from Virginia and Maryland on the Shrimp AP in recognition of developing fisheries in those areas.

The Council discussed the benefits of having joint discussion on shared issues by a combined AP versus focused discussion on fishery-specific issues by the existing separate APs. The Council decided against combining the APs, while indicating that joint meetings could be considered when beneficial to addressing shared issues. Potential future impacts of developing fisheries North of the current shrimp Fishery Management Unit were also considered. The Council recommended creating non-voting liaison seats on the Shrimp AP for Virginia and Maryland. Liaisons will participate in AP deliberations and receive travel support from the Council. Representatives will be recommended by the marine fisheries agency of each state and appointed by the Council.

MOTION 8: ESTABLISH MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA LIAISON SEATS ON THE SHRIMP ADVISORY PANEL
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Other Business

Council staff noted the recent addition of the following persons filling agency seats on the Coral Advisory Panel: Angela Delaney, Broward Co. Environmental Protection and Growth, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; Laura Eldredge, Dept. of Regulatory and Economic Resources, Miami, FL; Wade Lehmann, EPA, Atlanta, GA.