



Habitat and Ecosystem
Advisory Panel
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THE SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Habitat Workplan 2026-2028 and Future Meetings



Workplan



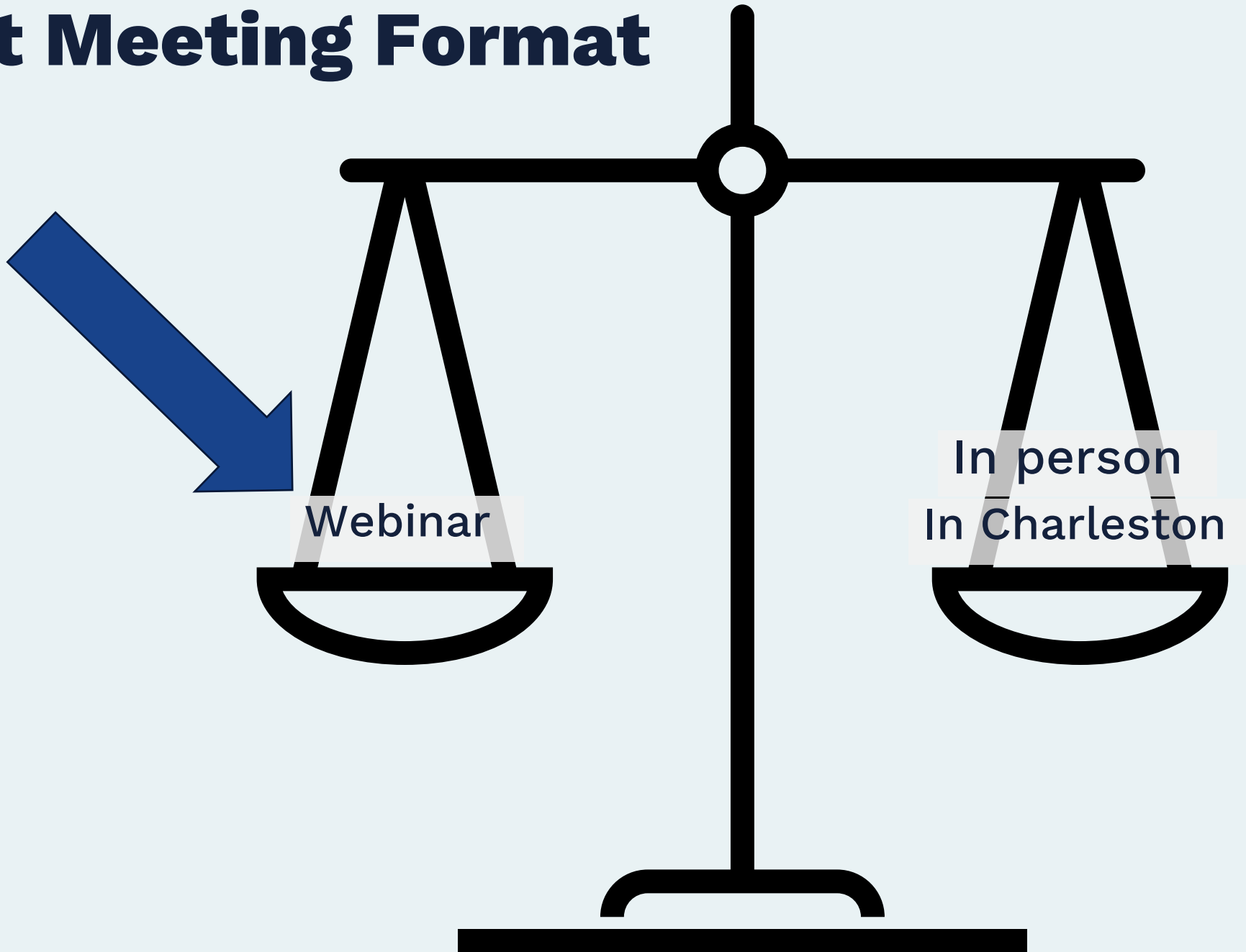


Next Meeting Dates

Week of	Pro	Con
January 11-15		Near holidays, the briefing book will be due far in advance, posted December 28, may be difficult with staff holidays
January 18 - 22		Briefing Book Posted January 4, may be difficult with staff holidays
January 25-29	Briefing book posted January 11	
Feb 1-5	Two week turn around for report	
February 8-12		One week turn around for report

Is the AP still comfortable with the summer/winter schedule?

Next Meeting Format





Next Policy Updates?

- Marine Aquaculture (Developed- June 2014)
 - Staff have received emails about the use of this policy
- Marine Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (Revised June 2014)
- Alterations to Riverine, Estuarine and Nearshore Flows (June 2014)
- Marine & Estuarine Ecosystems from Non-Native and Invasive Species (Developed 2014)



Reappointments

Agency representatives

- SCDNR: Stacie Crowe
- SC CZM: Benjamin Thepaut
- NC CZM: Gregg Bodnar
- GA CZM: open (previously declined)
- SEFSC: Matt Johnson
- NOAA NMS: Scott Kathey
- ASMFC: Simen Kallstad
- US Navy: Laura Busch
- NOAA CIOERT: Laurent Cherubin
- USCG: open (previously declined)

Talk with your supervisor

Submit your CV to John Hadley john.hadley@safmc.net **By November 3rd**



Reappointments

Open seats

- NC: Brendan Runde
 - SC: Paula Kenner
 - GA: Thomas Jones and Stephen Morrison
 - No State Limitation: Kevin Spanik, Wilson Laney, Rua Mordecai
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- Full reappointment process
 - I will send you the [application link](#)
 - **Apply by November 3rd**

All appointments will be in December

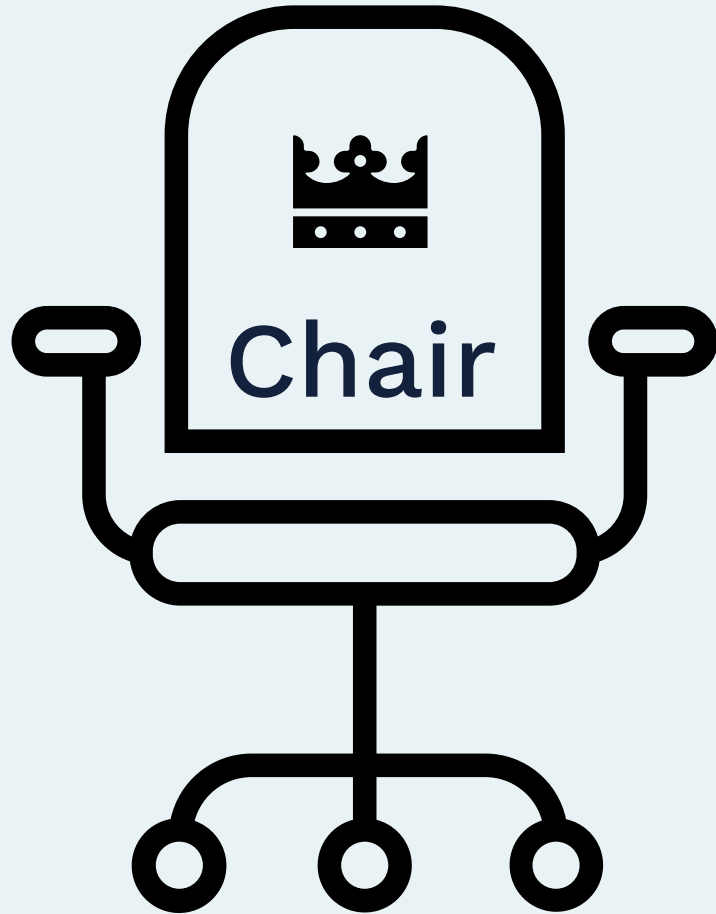


Chair and Vice Chair Elections

- Paul Medders has retired and is no longer our Vice Chair
- This meeting is Stacie's final meeting as Chair
- This is the first Chair appointment since the blueprint was finalized (December 2023)
- The Committee and Advisory Panel chairs emphasized that state representation is important but didn't want to limit who could take the chair position
- There will be a state rotation that is not agency specific
- Stacie – SC and Paul – GA, so the next chair and vice chair need to be from NC and FL

3-year term for chair and vice chair

Nominations?





Elections

- Motion #1: I nominate ___ for the position of Chair from December 2026 – December 2029.
- Motion #2: I nominate ___ for the position of Vice Chair from December 2026 – December 2029.

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**Other Business?
Public Comment**