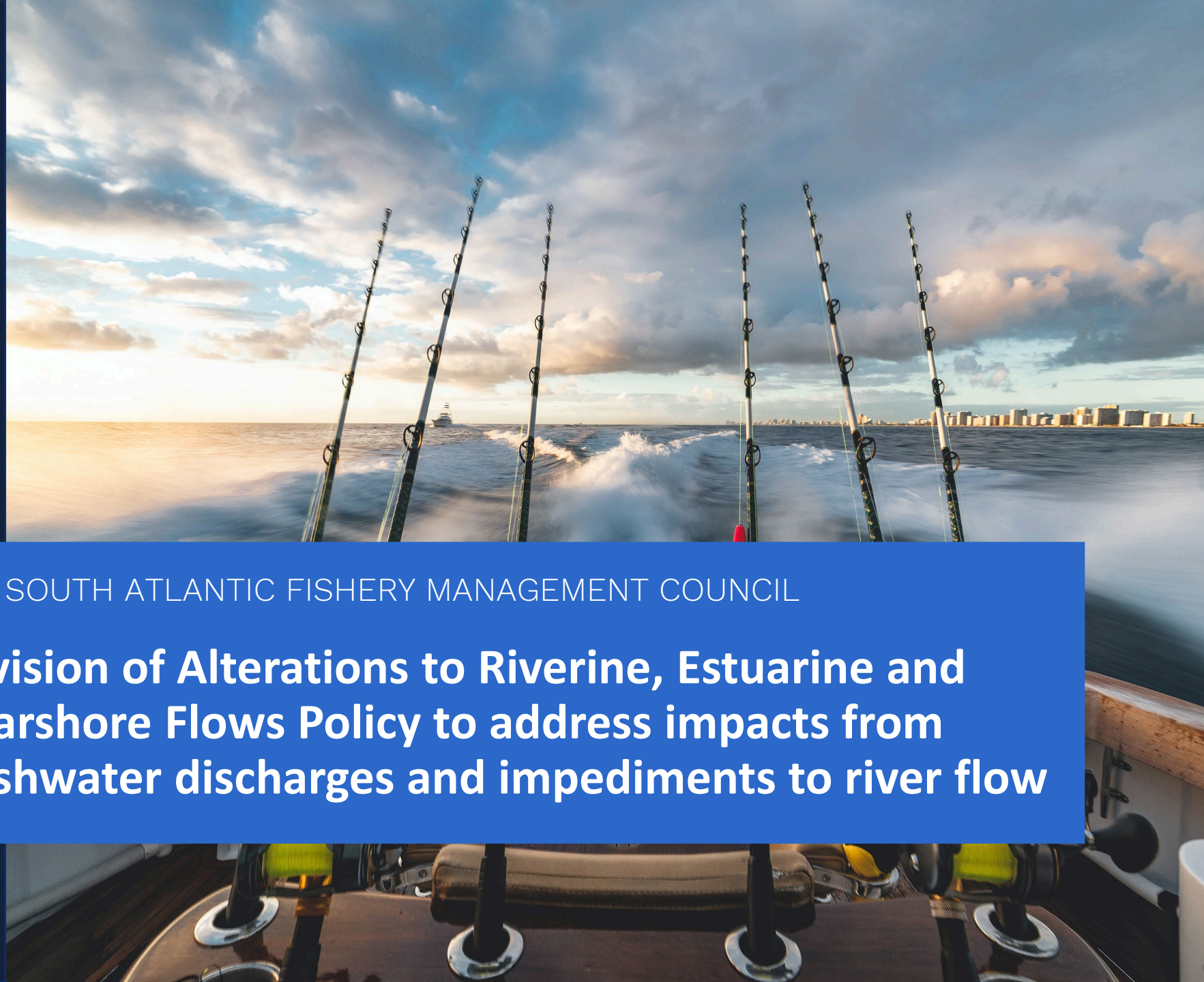




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**Revision of Alterations to Riverine, Estuarine and  
Nearshore Flows Policy to address impacts from  
freshwater discharges and impediments to river flow**





# Flow policy

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- In April 2024, the HEAP received a presentation on the impacts of flow alterations and storm drainage on the Indian River Lagoon
- In response to this presentation , the HEAP added revisions to the policy to the workplan
- SAFMC agreed to the addition



# Next steps

1. Establish a Working Group (WG)
2. WG meets at least three times before Spring 2025
3. WG reviews the existing policy, identifies data needs, and assigns writing responsibilities
4. WG checks in on work done and answer questions.
5. WG finalizes revisions

Goal: review the updated policy at the spring 2025 meeting





An aerial photograph of three albatrosses in flight over a vast, turquoise ocean. The birds are seen from above, with their dark wings and white undersides clearly visible. They are positioned at different heights and locations across the frame, following a diagonal path from the bottom left towards the top right. The water is a vibrant turquoise color, with white foam from the waves creating a textured, dynamic background. The overall composition is clean and minimalist, emphasizing the natural beauty of the scene.

**Volunteers?**