



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### **Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp Committees**

Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk  
5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail  
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

#### **Monday, December 8, 2025, 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm**

Approval of agenda

Approval of minutes:

Joint Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp Committee (September 2025)

Habitat & Ecosystem Committee (March 2025)

1. Coral Amendment 11/ Shrimp Amendment 12 (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)
  - a. Overview – Kathleen Howington, Allie Iberle  
**Committee Action:** Consider approving the amendment for submission.
2. Other Business

Adjourn

#### **Habitat Committee Members:**

Trish Murphey, Chair  
Tom Roller, Vice Chair  
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#### **Shrimp Committee Members:**

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**Attachments:**

**Attachment 1a:** Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12 Decision Document

**Attachment 1b:** Draft Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12 Amendment

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# **OVERVIEW**

## **Joint Habitat and Shrimp Committees**

The Committees will approve the agenda for the December 2025 Joint Committee meeting and approve the minutes from the September 2025 meeting.

### [September 2025 Joint Committees Meeting Report](#)

#### **1. Establish a Shrimp Fishery Access Area (SFAA) in the Oculina Habitat Area of Particular Concern (Coral Amendment 11/ Shrimp Amendment 12) (*Attachments 1a and 1b*)**

**Description:** In September 2024, staff were directed to develop a joint amendment to the Coral and Shrimp FMPs to propose establishing an SFAA within the northern extension of the OHAPC and incorporate updated information, including a recent mapping study. In June 2025, the Council selected Preferred Alternative 2 and approved Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12 for public hearings. Hearings were held in August 2025. In September 2025 the Council reviewed the public comments and offered rationale for how the amendment meets the goal and objectives of the Coral and Shrimp FMPs. Staff will review the decision document that includes new proposed wording for the need, and a summary of updates to the draft amendment. The committees will have the opportunity to recommend approving the amendment for final submission.

**Committee Action:** Consider the draft amendment for submission.

#### **2. Other Business**