



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## COUNCIL SESSION

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{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

#### **Thursday, March 10**

10:30 - 10:45

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of December 2010 Minutes/David Cupka

10:45

**Public comment will be accepted on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 9 and black sea bass bag limit changes followed by public comment regarding any other items on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment. Persons with like or similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.**

12:00 - 1:30

Lunch

1:30 - 3:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 10)

- Approve Regulatory Amendment 9 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve the black sea bass recreational bag limit changes - **ACTION**
- Initial approval of the Comprehensive ACL Amendment - **ACTION**
- Address Regulatory Amendment 11 issues - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Thursday, March 10**

- 3:30 - 3:45      Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 1)
- Approve Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS for public hearing - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:45 - 4:00      Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 2)
- Approve Mackerel Amendment 18/EA for public hearing - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:00 - 4:15      Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 3)
- Initial approval of CE-BA 2 - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30      Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:30 - 4:45      SEDAR Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:45 - 5:15      Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (**Closed Session**)

**Friday, March 11**

- 8:30 - 8:45      Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00      SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 9)
- Approve changes to SOPPs - **ACTION**
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:15      Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

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- 9:15 - 9:30                      Shrimp Committee Report/Robert Boyles (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 10:00                      Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)
1. Status of Commercial quotas by fishing year for: Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and dolphin (soft quota ratios), vermilion snapper, black sea bass, red porgy and gag
  2. Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
  3. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B
  4. Status of Regulatory Amendment 10
  5. Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:30                      NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)
1. Status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate: Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel; cobia; snowy grouper; gag; black sea bass; golden tilefish; red porgy; greater amberjack; dolphin and wahoo; vermilion, red, mutton and yellowtail snapper
  2. Status of Data Collection & Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
  3. Progress reports on headboat data entry
  4. Review black sea bass catches since Snapper Grouper Amendment 13C was implemented and compare to TAC limits; provide guidance on overfishing and likely impacts on rebuilding schedule.
- 10:30 - 11:30                      Agency and Liaison Reports
- 11:30 - 12:00                      Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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