

# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## COUNCIL SESSION AGENDA

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March 8, 2013

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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.}

### Friday, March 8

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of December 2012 Minutes/David Cupka

8:45

Public comment will be accepted on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18; Snapper Grouper Amendment 27; Extension of the yellowtail snapper temporary rule; Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Dealer Amendment; Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3; Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (South Atlantic only); 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.

10:30 - 11:15

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval  
(TAB 6)

- Approve the extension of the yellowtail snapper temporary rule for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 27 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
- Approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 for public hearing - **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Friday, March 8**

- 11:15 -12:00 Presentation on Amendment 8 to the Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan/Rick Pearson-NOAA Fisheries HMS Division (Attachment 1)
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:15 Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello  
**(Closed Session)**
- 1:15 - 1:45 Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)
- Approve the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Dealer Amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
  - Approve CE-BA 3 for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
  - Approve the Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment (South Atlantic only) for submission to the Secretary of Commerce - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 1:45 - 2:00 Mackerel Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:00 - 2:15 Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:15 - 2:30 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Tom Swatzel (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:30 - 2:45 Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 2:45 - 3:00 Information and Education Committee Report/John Jolley (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:00 - 3:15 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

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- 3:15 - 3:30                      Executive Finance Committee Report/David Cupka  
(TAB 10)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities - **ACTION**
  - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 3:30 - 4:15                      Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 2)
- Presentation on the reorganization of the 50 CFR part 622 Regulations for the Southeast Region (Attachment 3)
  - Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 4) - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30                      NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith  
(Attachment 5)
- Update on bycatch data collection activities
  - Update on headboat data entry
- 4:30 - 5:00                      Agency and Liaison Reports (Attachment 6)
- 5:00                                Other Business and Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 7)

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