



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### **Mackerel Cobia Committee**

Villas by the Sea Resort  
1175 N. Beachview Drive  
Jekyll Island, GA

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024 –8:30 am – 10:00 am (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes (December 2023)

- Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Report (***LE AP Report***) – Captain Scott Pearce
- 1. Mackerel Port Meetings Discussion (***Attachment 1***)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. **Committee Action:** review document and approve final plan for port meetings.

Other Business

Adjourn

### **Committee Members**

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### **Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** Mackerel Port Meetings Discussion Document

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## **OVERVIEW**

### Mackerel and Cobia Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from the December 2023 meeting and the agenda for the March 2024 Committee meeting.

- **Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Report (*LE AP Report*)**

**Description:** The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel met on January 29 and 30, 2024 in Charleston, South Carolina. The AP Chair, Captain Scott Pearce, will provide a summary of Advisory Panel discussion and recommendations on items relevant to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics fishery, namely the sale of tournament caught king and Spanish mackerel.

**Committee Action:** review Advisory Panel input and provide guidance to staff.

1. **Mackerel Port Meetings (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** Based on recommendations from the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel, the Council directed staff to begin work on a plan to conduct port meetings for king and Spanish mackerel to gain a comprehensive understanding of the fisheries to improve management efforts. At the December 2023 meeting, the Council reviewed and provided input on the draft port meeting structure and port meeting locations. Staff will present an updated planning document for Council discussion and final approval.

**Committee Action:** review document and approve final plan for port meetings.

Other Business