



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

Blockade Runner
275 Waynick Boulevard
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December 5-9, 2022

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.

Hybrid Public Comment Session:

The public comment session for the meeting (December 7, 2022, at 4 PM), will allow for both in-person and remote (via webinar) verbal public comment. Individuals intending to provide verbal public comment remotely are asked to sign-up at the following link: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/qt3tod0hftvz/>. Members of the public intending to provide verbal public comment in-person will be asked to sign-in at the meeting.

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To submit written comment on items on this agenda, visit the online public comment form:

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Written comments will be accepted from November 18 to December 9, 2022. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration.

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Written comments submitted by mail/fax received by close of business the Monday before the meeting (November 28, 2022) will be compiled, posted to the website as part of the meeting materials, and included in the administrative record.

From November 29 to 5 PM on December 9, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, December 5, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION I

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 8:30 am – 10:30 am (CLOSED Session)

- Adopt agenda
 1. Advisory Panel (AP) selection
 - a. Appoint members for open seats
 - b. AP policy review
 - c. Stakeholder group meetings

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 10:30 am – 12:00 Noon

- Call to order and introductions
- Adopt agenda
- Approve transcript (September 2022)

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, Council liaisons, state agencies)
2. Joint Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment
3. Proposed Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary Presentation – LeAnn Hogan, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries
4. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Proposed Rule Comments

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

5. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment
 - a. Consider for final approval
6. Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop
 - a. Key discussion topics and recommendations for the 2023 Summit Meeting

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- Status of amendments recently submitted
- 1. Release Mortality Reduction & Red Snapper (SG Regulatory Amendment 35)
 - a. Snapper Grouper AP input – Bob Lorenz, AP Chair
 - b. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) input – Jeff Buckel, SSC Chair
 - c. Consider approval for public hearings

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

2. Snapper Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Update
 - a. Snapper Grouper AP input
 - b. SSC input
3. Recreational Permitting & Reporting (SG Amendment 46)
 - a. Private Recreational Permit Advisory Panel report
 - b. Section 102 Workgroup report
 - c. Consider approval for scoping

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

4. Gag and Black Grouper (SG Amendment 53)
 - a. Snapper Grouper AP Recommendations
5. Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
 - a. Consider for final approval

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 1:30 pm – 3:45 pm

6. Golden Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish (SG Amendment 52)
 - a. Consider for final approval
7. AP recommendations for items not on the agenda

4:00 pm

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting (in-person and remotely) regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter. Those intending to provide verbal public comment via webinar can sign-up here: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/qt3tod0hfltvz/>.

Approval for scoping:

1. Recreational Permitting & Reporting (SG Amendment 46)

Approval for public hearings:

2. Release Mortality Reduction & Red Snapper (SG Regulatory Amendment 35)

Final approval:

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment
2. Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
3. Golden Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish (SG Amendment 52)

Thursday, December 8, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION II (CLOSED)

COUNCIL SESSION II/Belcher 8:00 am – 9:00 am

1. Executive Director Review

Thursday, December 8, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Roller 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

1. Mackerel Cobia AP Report – Ira Laks, AP Chair
2. Gulf King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 33)
 - a. Consider recent Gulf Council actions
3. Spanish Mackerel
 - a. SSC Recommendations
 - b. Allocation Decision Tool application
4. White Paper on False Albacore
5. Port Meetings discussion

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Outreach and Communication Committee/Woodward 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

1. Outreach and Communications AP report – Scott Baker, AP Chair
2. Review Draft Best Fishing Practices Outreach Program (to inform Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 35)

Thursday, December 8, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION III/Belcher 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Litigation Brief (if needed)
2. Staff Report
3. Update on Council Member Ongoing Development (CMOD)
4. Habitat Protection & Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report – Cindy Cooksey, AP Chair
5. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Update – Charlie Phillips
6. SSC Recommendations not addressed in Committees
7. NMFS Southeast Regional Office Report
 - a. Protected Resources Update
 - b. Update on SEFHIER program
8. NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Report
 - a. Dolphin MSE Stakeholder Meetings Update
 - b. Update on South Atlantic Ecosystem Status Report and Climate Vulnerability Assessment

Friday, December 9, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION III/Belcher 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

9. Committee reports
10. Council workplan
11. Upcoming meetings

Other business

Adjourn