



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda (Revised)

Lumina Holiday Inn
1706 N. Lumina Avenue
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

December 2-6, 2024

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 4, 2024, 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 [HERE](#). Members of the public intending to provide comments in-person will be asked to sign in at the meeting.

Written Comments:

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From November 26 to 5 PM on December 6, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, December 2, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

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

- Litigation brief
- 1. Review Advisory Panel (AP) Policy
- 2. Review applicants for advisory panels and Citizen Science Projects Advisory Committee
- 3. Review Law Enforcement of the Year Award process

COUNCIL SESSION I /Murphey 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes (September 2024)
- Litigation brief

- Remarks from Dr. Cisco Werner, NOAA Fisheries Director of Scientific Programs and Chief Science Advisor.
1. Reports:
 - a. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - b. Council liaisons
 - c. State agencies
 - i. Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission’s Red Snapper Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP) report
 - d. US Coast Guard
 2. Southeast Reef Fish Survey (SERFS) and Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP) Update – Tracey Smart, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

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

3. Highly Migratory Species update on electronic reporting – Karyl Brewster-Geisz and Cliff Hunt, NOAA Highly Migratory Species Division
4. Southeast For-hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Improvement Amendment
 - a. Social and Economic Panel (SEP) recommendations – Jennifer Sweeny Tookes, SEP Chair, or Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - b. Presentation on use of electronic vessel trip report (eVTR) data by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) – Jason Didden, MAFMC Staff
 - c. SEFHIER presentation – Jessica Stephen, NMFS SERO
 - d. Overview of amendment – Council Staff

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

5. Allocations Review – Council Staff
 - a. Approve summary allocations report on Atlantic Spadefish & Jacks Complex
6. Headboat Vessel Limits Report – Council Staff
7. Council Coordination Committee Report – Council Staff
8. Staff Report – Council Staff
9. Stakeholder Engagement Meetings – Council Staff

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Citizen Science/Marhefka 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2023)
1. Citizen Science Program Initial Evaluation
 - a. Program Evaluation Background – Council staff
 - b. Overview of Manager & Scientist Survey Findings – Rick Bonney, Director Emeritus, Public Engagement in Science, Cornell Lab of Ornithology
 - c. Overview of Fishermen Interview Findings – Jennifer Sweeney Tookes, Georgia Southern University
 - d. Program Evaluation Overview & Recommendations – Council Staff
 - e. Program Planning Progress Update & Recommendations – Council staff
 2. Citizen Science Projects Update – Council Staff

Dolphin Wahoo/Marhefka 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2023)
1. Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) update –John Walter, NMFS SEFSC
 2. Regulatory Amendment 3 – Council Staff

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SEDAR/Murphey 8:30 am – 10:30 am

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (September 2024)
1. Change in SEDAR process
 - a. SSC recommendations – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 2. Key stocks – Council Staff

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes (September 2024)
- Status of amendments under review – NMFS Southeast Regional Office Staff
- Snapper Grouper AP report (items not on agenda) – James Paskiewicz, Snapper Grouper AP Chair

1. Black Sea Bass (Amendment 56)
 - a. AP recommendations – James Paskiewicz, Snapper Grouper AP Chair
 - b. SSC recommendations – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - c. Overview – Council Staff

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

2. MSE for the Snapper Grouper Fishery – Adrian Hordyk, Blue Matter Science
 - o AP recommendations – James Paskiewicz, Snapper Grouper AP Chair
 - o SSC recommendations – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair

Wednesday, December 4, 2024

PUBLIC COMMENTS

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](#).

Thursday, December 5, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

3. Assessment Review and Response Planning Discussion for Ongoing Assessments.
 - a. Assessment Review for Blueline Tilefish – Council Staff
 - b. Assessment Review and Response Planning for Yellowtail Snapper and Mutton Snapper – Council Staff
4. Stock Risk Rating for Golden Tilefish, Blueline Tilefish, Red Snapper, Mutton Snapper, and Yellowtail Snapper – Council Staff
5. Private Recreational Permit & Education (Amendment 46)
 - a. Private Angler AP report – Martha Guyas, AP Chair
 - b. Overview – Council Staff

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

6. Golden Tilefish Stock Assessment
 - a. Assessment presentation – Matt Vincent, NMFS SEFSC
 - b. SSC recommendations – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair
 - c. Fishery Overview – Council Staff
7. Commercial Fishery Sub-Committee report – Jessica McCawley, Sub-Committee Chair

Thursday, December 5, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Murphey 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Agency reports
 - a. Southeast Regional Office – NMFS SERO
 - b. Southeast Fisheries Science Center – NMFS SEFSC
2. Outreach and Communications Advisory Panel (OC AP) report – Scott Baker, OC AP Chair
 - SSC report (items not covered in committees) – Marcel Reichert, SSC Chair

Friday, December 6, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II /Murphey 8:00 am – 9:00 am (CLOSED)

- Executive Director Review

COUNCIL SESSION II/Murphey 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

- Committee Reports
 - Executive (from September 30 meeting)
 - Full Council I (closed session)
 - Full Council 1 (open session)
 - Citizen Science
 - Dolphin Wahoo
 - SEDAR
 - Snapper Grouper
- 3. SAFMC Workplan
- 4. SAFMC Meetings 2025

Other business

Adjourn