



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

Hilton Garden Inn Outer Banks/Kitty Hawk
5353 N. Virginia Dare Trail
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

December 8-12, 2025

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Monday, December 8, 2025 COMMITTEE MEETING **Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee/McCawley 10:45 am – 12:00 noon**

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (September 2025)
1. Commercial Management Measures (Amendment 60)
 - a. Overview

Lunch

Monday, December 8, 2025 COUNCIL SESSION (CLOSED) **COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm**

- Approve agenda

1. Advisory Panel appointments
2. SEDAR
 - a. Appoint Assessment Technical Team
 - b. Gag Topical Working Group Appointments
 - c. SEDAR 90 (Red Snapper) Review Workshop
3. SSC/SEP
 - a. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)/Social and Economic Panel (SEP)
 - b. SSC member change – NC state seat
 - c. Optimization of SSC/SEP membership
4. Executive Director Review

Joint Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp/Murphey & Belcher 4:15 pm – 5:00 pm

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (September 2025 & Habitat/Ecosystem Committee, March 2025)
1. Shrimp Fishery Access Area (Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12)
 - a. Review draft amendment and consider for final approval

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETING

Citizen Science/Dukes 8:30 am – 10:30 am

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2024)
1. Update Citizen Science Research Priorities
 - a. Review recommendations from Citizen Science APs and consider adoption of updated priorities
 2. Citizen Science Program Indicators
 - a. Provide input on the indicators the Citizen Science Program should regularly monitor.
 3. Citizen Science Program Organizational Structure
 - a. Consider removing the ‘Citizen Science Program Advisory Panel’ which has not yet been formed from the Citizen Science Program’s SOPPS.
 4. Citizen Science Projects and Program Update

Tuesday, December 9, 2025

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 10:45 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (September 2025)
 - Introductions
 - Litigation brief
1. Reports
 - a. Council liaisons
 - b. Staff (written report only)
 - c. Lines of Communication – summary from November 2025 meetings in Georgia
 - d. Law Enforcement
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - US Coast Guard
 - e. National Marine Fisheries Service
 - Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
 - Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC)
 - f. SSC report on items not on the agenda

Lunch

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

2. Update on Management Program Review Project – Steve Poland, Cynoscion Environmental Consulting LLC
3. MRIP FES revisions – Katherine Papacostas, NMFS Office of Science & Technology
4. Presentation on SERO Permitting System – Kevin McIntosh, SERO Permits Office
5. One-Stop Reporting – Jessica Stephen, NMFS SERO

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (September 2025)
 - Update on rulemaking – NMFS SERO
 - Exempted fishing permit (EFP) application briefing – NMFS SERO (applications **not** pertaining to management of red snapper)
 - South Atlantic Red Snapper Research Program update
1. Amendment 60 (Commercial Permit and Trip Efficiency)

- a. December 2025 Commercial Sub-Committee Report
2. Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report
3. State Management of Red Snapper
 - a. Presentation on Year 1 of FWC's red snapper EFP
 - b. Presentations on EFP requests from each state

Lunch

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

4. Black Sea Bass (Regulatory Amendment 37)
 - a. Review public hearing comments
 - b. Consider for final approval
5. Blueline Tilefish Catch Levels (Abbreviated Framework 5)
 - a. AP recommendations
 - b. Review Abbreviated Framework 5
 - c. Consider for final approval

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

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: [[LINK](#)]

- Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application

Final approval:

- Black Sea Bass Management Measures (SG Regulatory Amendment 37)
- Blueline Tilefish Catch Levels (Abbreviated Framework 5)
- Shrimp Fishery Access Area (Coral Amendment 11/Shrimp Amendment 12)

Thursday, December 11, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

6. Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit Revision (Amendment 61)
 - a. AP recommendations
 - b. Overview
7. Yellowtail Snapper & Mutton Snapper (Amendment 44)
 - a. AP recommendations

- b. Allocation Decision Tool
 - c. Overview
8. Management Strategy Evaluations (MSE)
- a. AP recommendations
 - b. SSC recommendations
 - c. Update on Snapper Grouper MSE
 - d. Update on Wreckfish MSE

Lunch

Snapper Grouper/McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

9. Golden Tilefish
- a. Revised assessment presentation – NMFS SEFSC
 - b. SSC recommendations
 - c. Consider resuming work on Abbreviated Framework 4 to adjust catch levels
- AP recommendations on items not on the agenda
10. Innovation Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery
- a. Review goalposts and principles
 - b. Next steps

Friday, December 12, 2025

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Murphey 8:30 am -- 12:00 noon

- Committee Reports
 - Executive (November 17, 2025)
 - Citizen Science
 - Full Council 1 (open and closed sessions)
 - Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp
 - Snapper Grouper
1. SAFMC Workplan
 2. Approve topics for January 2026 Law Enforcement AP meeting
 3. Upcoming SAFMC Meetings

Other business

Adjourn