



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda (Revised 5/29/26)

World Golf Renaissance
500 S. Legacy Trail
St. Augustine, FL 32092

June 8-12, 2026

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From June 2 to 5 PM on June 12, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, June 8, 2026

COUNCIL SESSION I

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

- Approve agenda
- Litigation brief (if needed)
- 1. Appointments
 - a. Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)
 - b. SSC Social and-Economic Panel (SEP)
 - c. Advisory Panels (AP)
 - d. Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR)
 - i. SSC members on SEDAR review panels
 - ii. SEDAR pool

2. Clarification on term limits for AP members
3. Select 2025 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

-- Lunch --

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

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (March 2026)
 - Litigation brief (if needed)
1. Reports
 - a. Law Enforcement
 - i. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - ii. US Coast Guard
 - b. Council liaisons
 - i. Mid-Atlantic Council – Sonny Gwinn
 - ii. Gulf Council – CJ Sweetman
 - c. Council Coordination Committee
 - d. Lines of Communication (North Carolina)
 - e. Shrimp Workgroup
 - f. NMFS Southeast Regional Office (SERO) and Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC)
 - i. Protected Resources
 - ii. Progress on Commercial Electronic Logbook Communication Plan – SEFSC
 - iii. Update on the Shrimp Futures Project – Carissa Gervasi, SEFSC
 - Staff
 - SSC (items not covered during committees) – Marcel Reichert, outgoing Chair
 - SEP (items not covered during committees) – Jennifer Sweeny-Tookes, Chair
 - Species Outside SAFMC Jurisdiction (if any)
 - International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
 - Highly Migratory Species
 - Take Reduction Teams

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

COUNCIL SESSION I

COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 8:30 am – 10:00 am

- NMFS Risk/Value Matrix Update
2. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update – Richard Cody, Fisheries Statistics Division Director, Office of Science and Technology

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper/McCawley 10:15 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (March 2026)
 - Update on submitted amendments – NMFS SERO
 - Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) applications update – NMFS SERO
1. Joint SAFMC and MAFMC Sub-Committee on Blueline Tilefish – update on progress
 2. Vermilion Snapper Allocations Report – approve
 3. Wreckfish ITQ Review – overview of outline and progress

-- Lunch --

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

- Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report – Haley Stephens, Vice Chair
 - SEP/SSC Reports – Jennifer Sweeny-Tookes & Marcel Reichert
4. Commercial Management Measures (Amendment 60)
 - a. Sub-committee report
 - b. Overview and approve for public hearings

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

5. Fishery Management Unit Revision (Amendment 61)
 - a. Overview
6. Headboat Vessel Limits for Snapper Grouper Species (Regulatory Amendment 38)
 - a. Overview

-- Lunch --

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

7. Evaluate Sunsetting of Spawning Special Management Zones (Regulatory Amendment 39)
 - a. Overview

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

PUBLIC COMMENT

4:00 pm

Public comments 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: [\[link\]](#)

Approval for public hearings:

- SG Amendment 60 (Commercial Management Measures)

Thursday, June 11, 2026

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper/McCawley 8:30 am – 10:30 am

8. Yellowtail Snapper & Mutton Snapper (Amendment 44)
 - a. Overview
9. Re-opening of Nearshore Seasonal Closed Areas to On-Demand Black Sea Bass Pot Gear and Trip Limit Modification (Regulatory Amendment 40)
 - a. Overview
10. Black Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Update

Dolphin Wahoo/Marhefka 10:45 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2024)
1. Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)
 - a. SSC Feedback – Marcel Reichert
 - b. Review modeling for Regulatory Amendment 3 measures
 - c. Provide feedback for the SEFSC on management procedures

-- Lunch --

Dolphin Wahoo/Marhefka 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Dolphin MSE (continued)

2. Regulatory Amendment 3 (Minimum Size Limits and Recreational Retention Limits for Dolphin)
 - a. Provide direction on whether to re-start amendment development

Outreach and Communications/Roller 3:15 pm – 5:00 pm

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2022)
1. Advisory Panel Report – Scott Baker, Chair

2. Outreach and Communications Goals and Objectives
3. Return 'Em Right (RER) Expansion in the South Atlantic – Nick Haddad, RER

Friday, June 12, 2026

COUNCIL SESSION II

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

1. SAFMC Workplan
2. Committee Reports
 - Full Council 1 (Closed)
 - Full Council 1 (Open)
 - Snapper Grouper
 - Dolphin Wahoo
 - Outreach and Communications
3. Upcoming SAFMC Meetings

Other business

Adjourn