



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

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

March 3-7, 2025

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Hybrid Public Comment Session:

The public comment session for the meeting (March 5, 2025, 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 [HERE](#)**. Members of the public intending to provide comments in-person will be asked to sign in at the meeting.

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From February 25 to 5 PM on March 7, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

NOTE: The Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee webinar link is [HERE](#)

Public comment for the Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-committee is [HERE](#). Comments can be read [HERE](#).

Monday, March 3, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETING

Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee/McCawley 9:00 am – 12:00 noon

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (November 2024)
1. Review Requested Commercial Data
 2. Discussion of Commercial Issues to be Addressed and Prioritization
 3. Discussion of Next Steps and Timeline

Monday, March 3, 2025

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm (CLOSED)

- Litigation brief
- 1. Advisory Panel Policy Discussion
- 2. Appointments

COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2024)
 - Litigation brief
1. Reports:
 - a. Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP) report (items not on the agenda) – Capt. Scott Pearce, AP Chair
 - b. Council liaisons:
 - i. General Joe Spraggins, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
 - ii. Sonny Gwinn, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
 - c. State agencies
 - d. SERO
 - e. SEFSC
 - f. Staff
 2. MAFMC Recreational Reform Initiative Presentation – Julia Beaty, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Staff

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

COUNCIL SESSION

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

3. For-Hire Electronic Reporting Improvement Amendment
 - a. For-Hire Reporting AP feedback – Bob Zales II, AP Chair
 - b. Law Enforcement AP feedback – Capt. Scott Pearce, AP Chair
 - c. SEFHIER presentation – Michelle Masi and Dominique Lazarre, NMFS SERO
 - d. Overview of amendment and approve for scoping
4. Topics for the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel’s Spring 2025 Meeting
5. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS)
 - a. Restoration Blueprint Presentation – Beth Dieveney, FKNMS
 - b. Draft Memorandum of Agreement for Fisheries Management – Jessica McCawley & John Carmichael

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

COUNCIL SESSION I/Murphey 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

6. Climate Readiness Projects Discussion
 - a. Projects Overview – Lara Klibansky, SAFMC Climate Readiness Projects Coordinator
 - b. Climate and Ecosystem Fisheries Initiative (CEFI) – Holden Harris, NMFS

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Habitat & Ecosystem/Murphey 3:00 pm – 4:00 pm

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (September 2024)
1. Habitat and Ecosystem AP report (October 2024) – Stacie Crowe, Habitat & Ecosystem AP Chair
 2. 2024 Habitat Report
 3. Topics for July 2025 Habitat & Ecosystem AP meeting

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

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (Shrimp Committee, June 2024)
1. Coral 11/Shrimp 12 Amendment
 - a. Overview of action and alternatives
 - b. Provide direction on scoping and convening advisory panels

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (December 2024)
 - Update on amendments under review – NMFS, SERO
1. Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit Revision
 - a. Overview of discussion paper
 - b. Amendment development and timing
 2. Golden Tilefish Assessment Response
 - a. Potentially approve for scoping

3. Commercial Sub-committee Report
 - a. Amendment development and timing

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

4. Presentation on Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) Proxies – John Walter, NMFS SEFSC
5. Update on Secretarial Amendment to end overfishing of red snapper in the South Atlantic – NMFS, SERO

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

PUBLIC COMMENT

4:00 – 5:00 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](#)

NOTE: The National Marine Fisheries Service will receive comments related to the Secretarial Amendment following the Council’s public comment session after 5:00 pm.

Thursday, March 6, 2025

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

6. Black Sea Bass (Amendment 56)
 - a. Review scoping comments
7. Private Recreational Permit and Education Requirement (Amendment 46)
 - a. Review amendment
8. Topics for the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel’s Spring 2025 Meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Roller 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- Approve agenda
- Approve minutes (March 2024)

1. Update on 4(d) rule on Giant Manta Ray
2. Mackerel Port Meetings Report
 - a. Overview
 - b. Amendment development and timing
3. Topics for the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel's Spring 2025 Meeting

SEDAR Committee/Murphey 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Approve agenda
- Approve meetings (December 2024)
 1. SEDAR Steering Committee report
 2. Statements of Work
 3. Key Stocks
 4. Committee name and charge modification

Friday, March 7, 2025

COUNCIL SESSION

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

- Committee Reports
 - Full Council 1 (closed session)
 - Full Council 1 (open session)
 - Habitat & Ecosystem
 - Joint Habitat & Ecosystem and Shrimp
 - Snapper Grouper
 - Mackerel Cobia
 - SEDAR
- 1. SAFMC Workplan
- 2. Upcoming SAFMC Meetings

Other business

Adjourn