



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Hwy
Charleston, SC 29407

September 12-16, 2022

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Hybrid Public Comment Session:

The public comment session for the meeting (September 14, 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/q1oao9p713pwdch/>. 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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From September 6 to 5 PM on September 16, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, September 12, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I/Bell 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

Call to order and introductions

Oath for new Council members

Adopt agenda

Approve transcript

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, Council liaisons, state agencies)
2. Update on Dolphin Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) stakeholder workshops – TBD, NMFS

3. Input from Golden Crab & Spiny Lobster Advisory Panels
4. Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment
5. Presentation on National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Policy update – Russ Dunn, NMFS

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

6. Acceptable Biological Catch Control Rule Amendment
 - a. Overview and public hearing presentation
7. Climate Change Scenario Planning

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

1. Exempted Fishing Permit request brief
2. Release Mortality Reduction & Red Snapper (SG Reg 35)
3. Recreational Permitting & Reporting (SG Am 46)
 - a. Review Private Recreational Permit Advisory Panel's input

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

4. Yellowtail Snapper Interim Analysis
 - a. Presentation – Shanae Allen, FWC
 - b. SSC recommendations – Jeff Buckel, SSC Chair
 - c. Yellowtail Snapper Fishery Overview
5. Gag (SG Amendment 53)
 - a. Overview and consider approval for public hearings

4:30 – 5:00 Discussion with Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries

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

6. Wreckfish (SG Amendment 48)
 - a. Input from shareholders
 - b. Overview and consider approval for public hearings
7. Golden Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish (SG Amendment 52)
 - c. Overview and public hearing presentation

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

8. Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
 - a. Overview and public hearing presentation

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/gaq376z08tmio8/>

Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Request

Public hearing:

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

Approval for public hearings:

1. Wreckfish (SG Amendment 48)
2. Gag (SG Amendment 53)

Final approval:

1. Greater Amberjack (SG Amendment 49)

Thursday, September 15, 2022

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

9. Greater Amberjack (SG Amendment 49)
 - a. Overview and consider approval for formal review
10. Topics for fall advisory panel meeting
11. Topics for golden tilefish longline endorsement holders meeting

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Woodward 10:30 am – 12:00 noon

1. Gulf King mackerel (CMP Am 33)
 - a. Overview and review of Joint CMP FMP objectives
2. Spanish mackerel management summary

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Woodward 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

3. Spanish Mackerel Assessment
 - b. Presentation – Shannon Cass-Calay, NMFS
 - c. SSC recommendations – Jeff Buckel
 - d. Spanish Mackerel Fishery Overview
4. Topics for fall advisory panel meeting

SEDAR Committee/Bell 2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

1. SEDAR Steering Committee Report
2. SEDAR Projects Update
3. Approve Scope of Work for King Mackerel, Gag, and Red Porgy

Thursday, September 15, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Bell 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Council Chair and Vice Chair Elections
2. Litigation Brief (if needed)
3. 2021 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award
4. Staff Report
5. Topics for Habitat Advisory Panel meeting
6. NMFS Southeast Regional Office Report
7. NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Report

Friday, September 16, 2022

COUNCIL SESSION

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

8. Committee reports
9. FMP workplan
10. Upcoming meetings

Other business

Adjourn