



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

Town & Country Inn and Suites
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

September 16-20, 2024

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From September 9 to 5 PM on September 20, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, September 16, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 10:00 am – 12:00 noon (CLOSED)

- Litigation brief (if needed)
- 1. Review applicants:
 - Ad Hoc For-Hire Reporting Advisory Panel (AP)
 - Snapper Grouper and Coral APs
 - Citizen Science Operations Committee
- 2. Discuss restructuring of Shrimp APs

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

- Oath for new members
 - Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2023 award
 - Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (June 2024)
1. Reports:
 - a. NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - b. US Coast Guard
 - c. Council liaisons
 - d. State agencies
 2. Staff Report
 - a. General
 - b. Stakeholder Engagement Meetings
 - c. Revised SSC Workgroup Approach
 3. Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary update
 4. Shrimp AP restructuring discussion

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

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

5. Agency reports (SERO, SEFSC)
6. Western Central Atlantic Fisheries Commission (WECAFC) Flyingfish and Dolphinfish Workgroup Update
7. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement Amendment

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

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

8. Update on the East Coast Climate Scenario Planning Initiative
9. Review of allocations for species meeting the time-based criteria in the SAFMC Allocation Review Trigger Policy

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (March 2024)
1. Steering Committee meeting reports

2. Discuss changes to the SEDAR process and identify key stocks
3. Review species selected for 2026 assessments

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Habitat & Ecosystem Committee/Murphey 8:30 am – 10:00 am

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (June 2024)
1. Coral Amendment 10 resubmission discussion

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

- Approve agenda
 - Approve minutes (June 2024)
 - Status of amendments under review
1. Exempted Fishing Permits update
 2. Regulatory Amendment 36 (Ropeless Gear and Vessel Limit for Gag & Black Grouper)

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

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

3. Amendment 56 (Black Sea Bass)

Wednesday, September 18, 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: [Virtual Comment Sign-in](#)

- Scamp & Yellowmouth Grouper (SG Amendment 55) – final approval
- Ropeless Gear and Vessel Limit for Gag & Black Grouper (SG Regulatory Amendment 36) – final approval

Thursday, September 19, 2024

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

4. Amendment 55 (Scamp & Yellowmouth Grouper)
5. Topics for Fall AP meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Thursday, September 19, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Belcher 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Litigation Brief (if needed)
- SAFMC Chair and Vice Chair election
- 1. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary activities
- 2. MRIP Fishing Effort Survey research update and listening session to inform initiative to re-envision the recreational data collection partnership

Friday, September 20, 2024

COUNCIL SESSION

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

- Committee reports
- 3. Council Workplan
- 4. Upcoming Meetings

Other business

Adjourn