

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Full Council and Committee
SUMMARY MOTIONS
June 12-16, 2023

This is a summary of the motions approved by the Council. Motions addressing actions and alternatives for FMP amendments are followed by text showing the result of the approved motion. Complete details on motions and other committee recommendations are provided in the Committee Reports available on the SAFMC website.

Full Council Session I (Closed)

MOTION 1: MOVE TO DISCONTINUE RECORDING OF CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSIONS.

MOTION 2: APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO THE SMP WORKGROUP AND ADVISORY PANELS.

SMP Workgroup

APPOINT JOT OWENS TO THE NC RECREATIONAL SEAT ON THE SMP WORKGROUP.

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management AP

APPOINT DR. BRENDAN RUNDE (NC CONSERVATION/NGO) TO THE HABITAT AP.

REAPPOINT JEFF SOSS (SC CHARTER) TO THE HABITAT AP AND REAPPOINT THOMAS JONES (GA RECREATIONAL) FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM ON THE AP.

Law Enforcement AP

APPOINT TRACY DUNN (NEW OPEN SEAT) AND JOSHUA BURTON (SC RECREATIONAL) TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP.

Mackerel Cobia AP

APPOINT KEVIN AMAN (NC REC/RESEARCH) AND EDWARD OLSEN (FL COMMERCIAL) TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

Shrimp AP

APPOINT NANCY JONES (FL COMMERCIAL), JODY SHIRLEY (FL COMMERCIAL), TIM WILLIS (NC SCIENTIST), AND STEPHEN MORRISON (GA COMMERCIAL) TO THE SHRIMP AP.

Snapper Grouper AP

REAPPOINT VINCENT BONURA (FL COMMERCIAL), ANDREW FISH (FL COMMERCIAL), CHRIS MILLITELLO (FL RECREATIONAL), JACK COX (NC COMMERCIAL), ROBERT FREEMAN (NC CHARTER), CHRIS KIMREY (NC CHARTER), TONY CONSTANT (SC CHARTER), AND HARRY MORALES (SC RECREATIONAL) TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

APPOINT CHRIS CONKLIN (SC COMMERCIAL), JOE MATHEWS (GA RECREATIONAL), ROBERT HALLETT (FL RECREATIONAL) AND JOHN POLSTON (FL COMMERCIAL) TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

MOTION 3: APPOINT KATHY KNOWLTON TO THE RECREATIONAL PERMITTING ADVISORY PANEL.

MOTION 4: APPROVE THE STRUCTURE OF THE WRECKFISH AP AS FOLLOWS WITH THE ADDITION OF A SEAT REPRESENTING A DEALER. APPROVE THE GOLDEN CRAB AP AS PRESENTED:

Wreckfish Advisory Panel:

- All current ITQ members (8 seats now but could expand with new entrants into the fishery)
- 1 commercial snapper grouper fisherman (non-ITQ, possible SG AP member)
- 1 recreational snapper grouper fisherman (with deepwater fishing experience)
- 1 law enforcement representative (possible LE AP member)
- Total Seats = 11

Golden Crab Advisory Panel:

- All current permit holders (11 permits currently held by 6 individuals, permit is limited access)
- 2 historical seats for past permit holders (as requested by the Golden Crab AP at their last meeting)
- 1 scientist seat (historically represented – possibly a deepwater coral scientist from Coral AP)
- Total Seats = 9 (max of 14 if permits were spread out)

MOTION 5: APPOINT KERRY MARHEFKA AS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOTTLENOSE DOLPHIN TAKE REDUCTION TEAM.

MOTION 6: REAPPOINT WALTER BUBLEY (SCDNR), AMY SCHUELLER (NOAA FISHERIES), JIE CAO (NCSU), AND FRED SCHARF (UNC-W) TO THE SSC. APPOINT JASON WALSH TO THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC DESIGNATED SEAT OF THE SSC AND TO THE SEP. APPOINT STEVE TURNER AND CHRISTINA PACKAGE-WARD TO THE SSC.

MOTION 7: PRESENT THE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THE YEAR 2022 AWARD TO BOTH NOMINEES (OFFICER JASON DOZIER, SCDNR, AND OFFICER MATT TSIKLISTAS, GA DNR LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION).

MOTION 8: APPOINT BRENT WINNER TO REPLACE KEVIN THOMPSON AS THE FWC REPRESENTATIVE FOR SEDAR 89.

MOTION 9: ACCEPT TIMING AND TASKS:

- Send notification letters to appointees and email notifications to those not selected by June 30, 2023.
- Conduct an orientation of new AP members by the September 2023 SAFMC meeting.
- Advertise for open seats on advisory panels, SSC, and SEP as needed following the September 2023 Council meeting.

Full Council Session I (Open)

MOTION 10: REQUEST SEFSC STAFF PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE COMMERCIAL ELECTRONIC LOGBOOK AMENDMENT.

MOTION 11: APPROVE THE 2023-2027 SAFMC RESEARCH AND MONITORING PLAN, AS MODIFIED.

Citizen Science Committee

MOTION 12: ADOPT THE CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECT IDEA PORTAL ONLINE TOOL FOR USE WITH MODIFICATIONS AS SUGGESTED.

Mackerel Cobia Committee

MOTION 13: DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN A FRAMEWORK AMENDMENT TO UPDATE ATLANTIC SPANISH MACKEREL CATCH LEVELS BASED ON SEDAR 78 AND SSC RECOMMENDATIONS.

MOTION 14: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

1. Begin work on a framework amendment to update Atlantic Spanish mackerel catch levels based on SEDAR 78 and SSC recommendations.
2. Continue development of port meetings including organizing a planning team to facilitate collaboration with other councils and commissions.
3. Convene an in-person meeting of the Mackerel Cobia AP this fall to discuss the topics listed above and note the importance of attendance.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

MOTION 15: DELAY DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 3 UNTIL THE DOLPHIN MSE REPORT IS AVAILABLE OR TO THE DECEMBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING, WHICHEVER IS EARLIER. REQUEST AN UPDATE ON THE MSE AT THE DECEMBER 2023 AND JUNE 2024 COUNCIL MEETINGS.

MOTION 16: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

1. Request that the SEFSC provide an update on the progress of the Dolphin MSE at the December 2023 and June 2024 meetings.
2. Prepare Regulatory Amendment 3 for review at the December 2024 meeting, or an earlier meeting if the Dolphin MSE report is available.
3. Report back to the Council on findings of efforts to collectively manage the dolphin fishery in the western Atlantic Ocean, including the Caribbean Sea and Gulf of Mexico, as well as potential sources of declines in the availability of dolphin.

Snapper Grouper Committee

MOTION 17: CREATE AN AD HOC WRECKFISH ADVISORY GROUP CONSISTING OF THE CURRENT SHAREHOLDERS FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING SNAPPER GROUPE AMENDMENT 48. A WRECKFISH ADVISORY PANEL WILL BE CREATED AS DIRECTED BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE 2023 THROUGH THE EXISTING AP PROCESS. APPOINTMENTS FOR THIS AP WILL BE MADE IN DECEMBER 2023.

MOTION 18: ESTABLISH AN AD HOC COUNCIL WRECKFISH SUB-COMMITTEE TO CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF AMENDMENT 48. THE WRECKFISH SUB-COMMITTEE WILL REPORT TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER COMMITTEE DURING REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETINGS.

MOTION 19: APPROVE AMENDMENT 55 (SCAMP/YELLOWMOUTH) FOR SCOPING.

MOTION 20: INITIATE AN AMENDMENT PROCESS FOR THE BLACK SEA BASS FISHERY TO RESPOND TO THE SEDAR 76 STOCK ASSESSMENT.

MOTION 21: APPROVE THE PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENTS, AS MODIFIED, FOR INCLUSION IN AMENDMENT 46 (PRIVATE RECREATIONAL PERMITTING).

The *purpose* is to develop a recreational permitting system that ~~would~~ **WILL** better identify the universe of private anglers or vessels targeting South Atlantic snapper grouper species and ~~would~~ **WILL** enhance the ability to collect recreational effort and catch data. Also work to promote best recreational fishing practices through education.

The *need* for the amendment is to improve ~~education on best fishing practices and~~ the quality of effort and catch data for the private component of the recreational sector that targets South Atlantic snapper grouper species, while minimizing, to the extent practicable, adverse social and economic effects. **ALSO IMPROVE EDUCATION ON BEST FISHING PRACTICES.**

MOTION 22: APPROVE THE ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES, AS MODIFIED, FOR INCLUSION IN AMENDMENT 46 (PRIVATE RECREATIONAL PERMITTING).

MOTION 23: EVALUATE CHANGING THE WAY THE COUNCIL APPLIES ALLOCATION PERCENTAGES TO THE ABC IN CALCULATING SECTOR ACLS. ALLOCATE TOTAL REMOVALS AND SUBTRACT SECTOR-SPECIFIC DEAD DISCARDS TO PROVIDE SECTOR ACLS.

MOTION 24: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Begin development of an amendment responding to SEDAR 76 (black sea bass).
- Create an Ad-Hoc Wreckfish Advisory Group comprised of current wreckfish ITQ shareholders and create an Ad-Hoc Wreckfish Committee to discuss SG Amendment 48. Convene a meeting of both groups prior to the September 2023 Council meeting.
- Conduct scoping hearings for Amendment 55 (Scamp/Yellowmouth).
- Continue developing Amendment 46 (Private Recreational Permitting) for review at the September 2023 meeting.
- Convene the next meeting of the Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel.
- Prepare a SG Amendment 44/RF Amendment 55 (Yellowtail Snapper) document in preparation for the Council to select preferred alternatives and approve for public hearings in September 2023.
- Ask staff to send letter to USCG to obtain cumulative information on the launch security zones related to space activities.