

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council**  
**Full Council and Committee**  
**SUMMARY MOTIONS**  
**June 10-14, 2024**

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:** APPOINT ELIZABETH GOODING TO THE RECREATIONAL PERMITTING AND REPORTING TECHNICAL AP.

**MOTION 2:** REAPPOINT ANNE MARKWITH, CHRIS DUMAS, KAI LORENZEN, FRED SERCHUK, ALEXEI SHAROV, JENNIFER SWEENEY-TOOKES TO THE SSC.

**MOTION 3:** APPOINT CHAD ENGLERT, ERIC FINN, BRICE SEMMENS, AND BOB ZALES II TO THE SEDAR POOL.

**MOTION 4:** APPOINT ERIN SPENCER TO THE HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM AP.

**MOTION 5:** REAPPOINT ALANA HARRISON AND KEVIN ROBERSON TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP.

**MOTION 6:** REAPPOINT ANTHONY BENEVENTO AND CHARLES GRIFFIN TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

**MOTION 7:** APPOINT ALANA HARRISON, JOT OWENS, AND ROBERT WADDICK TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

**MOTION 8:** REPLACE CHARLES PROUDFOOT WITH WILLIAM WEEKS ON THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

**MOTION 9:** APPOINT LAURILEE THOMPSON TO THE SHRIMP AP AND DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP WITH TERMS STARTING AUGUST 12, 2024.

**MOTION 10:** APPOINT BOB ZALES II TO THE SHRIMP AP.

**MOTION 11:** REAPPOINT JAMES PASKIEWICZ TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.

**MOTION 12:** APPOINT SCOTT BUFF, STEPHEN RANNEY, AND HALEY STEPHENS TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.

**MOTION 13:** REPLACE SELBY LEWIS WITH PAUL RUDERSHAUSEN AND RANDY BEARDSLEY WITH DAVID MOSS ON THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP. REMOVE SCOTT AMICK FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP AND ADVERTISE AN OPEN SEAT IN GEORGIA TO BE FILLED IN SEPTEMBER.

**MOTION 14:** RECOMMEND STAFF SGT LADUE AND GAME WARDEN BARNARD AS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS OF THE YEAR.

**MOTION 15:** APPROVE PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS FOR SEDAR 90 LISTED IN TABLE 1. COUNCIL FUNDS WILL BE USED TO REIMBURSE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM FOR PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS THAT EXCEED THE REQUESTED NUMBER FROM SEDAR. (Note: Refer to final report for Table 1)

**MOTION 16:** APPROVE PARTICIPANTS AND OBSERVERS FOR SEDAR 94 LISTED IN TABLE 2. (Note: Refer to final report for Table 2)

### **Full Council Session I**

**MOTION 17:** START A SEFHIER IMPROVEMENT AMENDMENT CONSIDERING THE ACCSP FOR-HIRE METHODOLOGY TECHNICAL REVIEW AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

- FOCUS ON INCORPORATING ACTIONS THAT CAN BE TAKEN IN THE NEAR-TERM WITHOUT AN AMENDMENT, INCLUDING ADDITIONAL OUTREACH.
- CONSIDER ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES BEING CONSIDERED BY THE GULF COUNCIL.
- CONSIDER ACTIONS TO MODIFY REPORTING FREQUENCY, HAIL IN, HAIL OUT, LANDING LOCATIONS, NO FISHING REPORTS, AND VALIDATION SURVEYS.

**MOTION 18:** POSTPONE FURTHER DISCUSSION OF FOR-HIRE LIMITED ACCESS UNTIL UPDATED FOR-HIRE PERMIT DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

### **Habitat and Ecosystem Committee**

**MOTION 19:** APPROVE LIST OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 2024 HABITAT AND ECOSYSTEM AP MEETING AS REVISED.

**MOTION 20:** ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

1. Bring the discussion of potential options (move forward with coral 10, add in an alternative in between no action and the proposed Coral 10 SFAA, modifying the boundary as a framework, or having a joint FMP amendment for shrimp and coral) to the Coral 10 IPT. Bring feedback listing pros, cons, and timelines to the Council in September.
2. Keep potentially modifying the Coral HAPC on the workplan as a low priority

3. Convene the Habitat and Ecosystem AP in Fall 2024 incorporating approved agenda items.

### **Snapper Grouper Committee**

#### ***Amendment 48 (Wreckfish)***

**MOTION 21:** APPROVE ALL ACTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES IN SNAPPER GROUPE AMENDMENT 48 (WRECKFISH), AS MODIFIED.  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

**MOTION 22:** APPROVE SNAPPER GROUPE AMENDMENT 48 (WRECKFISH) FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. GIVE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT/CODIFIED TEXT AND GIVE THE COUNCIL CHAIR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS AND RE-DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT.

#### ***Gag and Black Grouper Recreational Vessel Limits and On-Demand Gear for Black Sea Bass (Regulatory Amendment 36)***

**MOTION 23:** SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 (AGGREGATE VESSEL LIMIT FOR PRIVATE COMPONENT) AND ALTERNATIVE 3 (AGGREGATE VESSEL LIMIT FOR FOR-HIRE COMPONENT) AS PREFERRED UNDER ACTION 1.

##### ***Action 1. Revise Recreational Vessel Limits for Gag and Black Grouper***

**Alternative 2.** Remove the single species recreational private vessel limits for gag and black grouper. Establish an aggregate private recreational vessel limit of two gag or black grouper per vessel per day, not to exceed the daily bag limit of one gag or black grouper per person per day, whichever is more restrictive.

**Alternative 3.** Remove the single species recreational for-hire vessel limits for gag and black grouper. Establish an aggregate for-hire (charter and headboat) recreational vessel limit of two gag or black grouper per vessel per trip, not to exceed the daily bag limit of one gag or black grouper per person per day, whichever is more restrictive.

**MOTION 24:** SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 (BUOY MAY REMAIN CONNECTED) AS PREFERRED UNDER ACTION 2.

##### ***Action 2. Revise Transit Stowage Requirements for Black Sea Bass Pots With On-Demand Gear***

**Alternative 2.** On-demand black sea bass pots must be not baited, but may have buoys connected to the gear during transit through a marine protected area, special management zone, or spawning special management zone.

**MOTION 25:** APPROVE REGULATORY AMENDMENT 36 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD VIA WEBINAR PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING.

***Black Sea Bass (SG Amendment 56)***

**MOTION 26:** APPROVE AMENDMENT 56 FOR SCOPING AFTER THE SEPTEMBER 2024 COUNCIL MEETING.

***Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper (SG Amendment 55)***

**MOTION 27:** FOR ACTION 6 (RECREATIONAL SEASON) DESELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 AND SELECT ALTERNATIVE 1 (NO ACTION) AS PREFERRED. FOR ACTION 7A (RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT) SELECT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 3 AND FOR ACTION 7B (RECREATIONAL VESSEL LIMIT) SELECT PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 1 (NO ACTION).

*Action 6. Reduce the recreational fishing season for scamp and yellowmouth grouper.*

**Preferred Alternative 1 (No Action).** The recreational fishing season for scamp and yellowmouth grouper in the exclusive economic zone is open May 1 – December 31. A spawning season closure is in place annually from January 1 through April 30.

**Alternative 2.** Reduce the recreational fishing season for scamp and yellowmouth grouper in the exclusive economic zone to be open May 1 through August 31. The season will be closed January 1 through April 30 (spawning season closure) and September 1 through December 31.

*Action 7. Modify the recreational retention limit for scamp and yellowmouth grouper*

*Action 7a. Modify the recreational bag limit*

**Preferred Alternative 3.** Establish an aggregate complex bag limit of 1 fish (either scamp or yellowmouth grouper combined) per person per day within the 3 fish grouper and tilefish combined aggregate.

*Action 7b. Establish a recreational vessel limit*

**Preferred Alternative 1 (No Action).** There is no vessel limit for scamp and yellowmouth grouper.

**MOTION 28:** APPROVE AMENDMENT 55, AS MODIFIED, FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS.

***Snapper Grouper Commercial Fishery Management***

**MOTION 29:** FORM A COMMERCIAL SNAPPER GROUPE MANAGEMENT SUBCOMMITTEE THAT WILL MEET AT LEAST TWICE PER YEAR THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMERCIAL MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT, INITIATED BY THE SNAPPER GROUPE COMMITTEE.

**MOTION 30:** DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Prepare Snapper Grouper Amendment 48 (Wreckfish) for transmittal to the Secretary of Commerce.
- Conduct Regulatory Amendment 36 (Gag and Black Grouper Recreational Vessel Limits and Black Sea Bass On-Demand Pots) and Amendment 55 (Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper Complex) public hearings via webinar before the September 2024 Meeting.

- Prepare Regulatory Amendment 36 and Amendment 55 for final Council approval at the September 2024 meeting.
- Develop a report examining headboat vessel limits for South Atlantic snapper grouper species (December 2024).
- Develop a report examining potential different regulations for black grouper in South Florida (March 2025).
- Conduct scoping webinars for Amendment 56 (Black Sea Bass Assessment Response) after the September 2024 Meeting.
- Convene the Private Angler AP to complete review of the actions in Amendment 46 after the September Council meeting.
- Hold a discussion on MRIP revisioning and improvements at the September 2024 Council meeting.
- Prepare Amendment 46 for next review at the December 2024 meeting.
- Convene the Commercial Snapper Grouper Management Subcommittee between the September and December 2024 Council meetings.