

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council**  
**Full Council and Committee**  
**SUMMARY MOTIONS**  
**September 16-19, 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 ROM WHITAKER AND CHRIS KIMREY TO THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING ADVISORY PANEL.

**MOTION 2:** APPOINT BOB ZALES AND HALEY STEPHENS TO THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING ADVISORY PANEL.

**MOTION 3:** APPOINT OSCAR NAVARRETE TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.

**MOTION 4:** RESCIND THE APPOINTMENT OF OSCAR NAVARRETE TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP

**MOTION 5:** RE-ADVERTISE THE GEORGIA SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL SEAT AND APPOINT IN DECEMBER.

**MOTION 6:** APPOINT ALL APPLICANTS IN TABLE 1, ATTACHMENT 2B, TO THE CITIZEN SCIENCE POOL.

**MOTION 7:** APPOINT BOB ZALES TO THE CITIZEN SCIENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.

**MOTION 8:** ESTABLISH MARYLAND AND VIRGINIA LIAISON SEATS ON THE SHRIMP ADVISORY PANEL

**Full Council Session I**

**MOTION 9:** APPROVE THE REVISED SSC WORKGROUP APPROACH.

**MOTION 10:** DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Request that SERO staff present to the Council at the December 2024 meeting on:
  - The level of reporting compliance that would be needed to begin validation, start the comparison of logbook data with MRIP estimates, and use logbook data in management.

- The mechanics of how a “hail-in/hail-out” requirement would work for for-hire vessels.
  - The approval process for landing locations.
    - How was it previously carried out in the Gulf of Mexico?
    - How would private landing locations be approved?
    - How would this approval process operate for permitted vessels in the GARFO region?
    - How important are approved landing locations in relation to validation? Why are they necessary and how are they useful?
    - An example of how a validation survey would be administered, what percentage of permitted vessels would need to be sampled, and information on how validation was completed previously in the Gulf of Mexico.
2. Prepare a summary allocation review report for Atlantic Spadefish and the Jacks Complex for approval at the December 2024 meeting.

### **SEDAR Committee**

#### **MOTION 11: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:**

- Provide information on life history to help determine which stocks should be considered for Key Stocks.
- Request that the SSC review the proposed SEDAR process changes and provide input on the proposed changes, key stocks and intervals between assessments for committee consideration in December 2024
- Request that the SSC provide guidance on stocks that could be adequately managed using alternatives to intensive aged-based stock assessments. The SSC should consider both assessed and unassessed stocks, may consider this as part of the unassessed stocks effort, and may consider a working group to address this request.

### **Habitat and Ecosystem Committee**

**MOTION 12: MOVE FORWARD WITH AN AMENDMENT TO BOTH THE CORAL AND SHRIMP FMPs TO ESTABLISH A SFAA.**

#### **MOTION 13: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS.**

- Add the Shrimp 12/Coral 11 Joint amendment to the Council work plan and prepare for review for scoping at the December meeting

**NOTE: During discussion of the Council’s workplan at the end of the meeting, the Council opted for moving this item to the March 2025 agenda instead.**

### **Snapper Grouper Committee**

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

**MOTION 14:** APPROVE REGULATORY AMENDMENT 36 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER GROUPEL FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION 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.

*Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper (SG Amendment 55)*

**MOTION 15:** SELECT ALTERNATIVE 4 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR SUB-ACTION 2D.

**Action 2d. Establish the optimum yield for the Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper complex.**

**Preferred Alternative 4.** Establish an optimum yield of 95% of maximum sustainable yield for the Scamp and Yellowmouth Grouper complex.

**MOTION 16:** MOVE ACTIONS 6 AND 7B TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.

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

**Sub-Action 7b.** Establish a recreational vessel limit

**MOTION 17:** APPROVE SNAPPER GROUPEL AMENDMENT 55 (SCAMP AND YELLOWMOUTH GROUPEL) 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.

**MOTION 18:** DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Prepare Snapper Grouper 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) for transmittal to the Secretary of Commerce.
  - Review and revise codified text as needed
- Develop outreach materials/media for stakeholders about Regulatory Amendment 36 and Amendment 55 regulations.
- Investigate black sea bass effort data and work with the Science Center to update assumptions for catch projections.
- Convene the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel in October 2024
- Conduct scoping webinars for Amendment 56 (Black Sea Bass Assessment Response) AFTER the December Meeting.
- Convene the Commercial Snapper Grouper Management Subcommittee between the September and December 2024 Council meetings.