

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council**  
**Full Council and Committee**  
**SUMMARY MOTIONS**  
**December 2-6, 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.

**Executive Committee**

**MOTION 1:** APPROVE THE DRAFT 2025 OPERATIONAL BUDGET AS PRESENTED AND MODIFIED.

**Full Council Session I (CLOSED)**

**MOTION 2:** APPOINT KEVIN DEZERN, MARK PHELPS, JAMES SKINNER, RICHARD STOUGHTON, AND MELISSA LEONE TO THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING ADVISORY PANEL.

**MOTION 3:** APPOINT ADAM NOWALSKY AS THE MAFMC REPRESENTATIVE AND BRIAN BACON AS THE NEFMC REPRESENTATIVE ON THE FOR-HIRE REPORTING AP. ALSO APPOINT BRIAN BACON AS THE NEFMC REPRESENTATIVE ON THE DOLPHIN WAHOO AP.

**MOTION 4:** APPOINT ROB BEATON TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP.

**MOTION 5:** REAPPOINT WILLIAM JONES AND JOHN MALLETTE TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

**MOTION 6:** APPOINT MICHAEL OPPEGAARD, MELISSA LEONE, AND STEVE SANDERS TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

**MOTION 7:** ADD A SEAT TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP AND APPOINT SANFORD CARTER.

**MOTION 8:** REAPPOINT PAUL NELSON (FL) AND RANDY MCKINLEY (NC) TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.

**MOTION 9:** APPOINT K.P SCOTT (NC), JEFF MARINKO (GA), AND JON BRAUN (GA) TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.

**MOTION 10:** APPOINT BRYAN JONES TO THE SHRIMP AP.

**MOTION 11:** APPOINT CASEY BUTLER, JOHN CRAMER, CINDY GARB, AND CHRISTOPHER OETIJEN TO THE SPINY LOBSTER AP.

**MOTION 12:** APPOINT ANDY PILAND TO THE SEDAR POOL.

**MOTION 13:** APPOINT DAVID MOSS TO THE CITIZEN SCIENCE PROJECTS AP.

**MOTION 14:** REMOVE STEVE DOUGHERTY FROM THE OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS AP DUE TO LACK OF ATTENDANCE AND ADVERTISE THE OPEN SEAT FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE JUNE 2025 COUNCIL MEETING.

### **Full Council Session I**

**MOTION 15:** APPROVE THE ALLOCATIONS REVIEW REPORT FOR ATLANTIC SPADEFISH.

**MOTION 16:** APPROVE THE ALLOCATIONS REVIEW REPORT FOR THE JACKS COMPLEX.

**MOTION 17:** DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Submit a comment letter to HMS covering the proposed for-hire reporting requirements prior to the January 6, 2025, comment deadline.
- Convene the For-Hire Reporting and Law Enforcement APs to provide input on the SEFHIER Improvement Amendment.
  - Prepare the amendment for approval for public scoping at the March 2025 meeting.
- Prepare requested information on the headboat fishery for review at the June 2025 meeting.
- Work to plan the first round of stakeholder engagement meetings late in the fall quarter 2025 (October/November) for two states and the beginning of the winter quarter 2026 (January/February) for the other two states.
- Request that the Southeast Regional Office provide the following permit-related information:
  - South Atlantic permitted (SG, CMP, DW) for-hire vessels from 2020 through 2024. (Addresses needs for SEFHIER and Limited Entry Amendments)
    - Include the home port of vessels.
    - The number of vessels that would and would not be affected by the new control dates (December 5 and December 8, 2023).
  - Rock Shrimp permitted vessels from 2019 through 2023. (Addresses needs for Coral 11/Shrimp 12)
    - All permit related information necessary for social and economic sections of the Coral 11/Shrimp 12 Amendment.

### **Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

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

- CONTINUE WORK ON REGULATORY AMENDMENT 3 FOR NEXT REVIEW AT THE JUNE 2025 MEETING.

- DIRECT THE IPT TO CONDUCT ANALYSES AND PREPARE THE AMENDMENT TO CONSIDER FOR APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AT THE DECEMBER 2025 MEETING.

### **Snapper Grouper Committee**

**MOTION 19:** INITIATE AN AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE SEDAR 89 CATCH LEVELS FOR GOLDEN TILEFISH.

**MOTION 20:** SUBMIT COMMENTS ON THE RETURN ‘EM RIGHT: SPECIES AND AREA EXPANSION PROJECT PROPOSED IN THE OPEN OCEAN TRUSTEE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP DRAFT RESTORATION PLAN 4.

**MOTION 21:** DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Conduct scoping meetings for Amendment 56 prior to the March 2025 Council meeting.
- Request black sea bass projections from the Science Center consistent with the SSC’s recommendations.
  - Include runs based on 30%SPR and 40%SPR as MSY proxies.
- Request a presentation on the MAFMC’s Recreational Reform process.
- Request a presentation to the Council (at the March or June 2025 meeting) describing various levels of spawning potential ratio (SPR)-based proxies for maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and rationale for different levels.
- Coordinate with the MAFMC for blueline tilefish and the GMFMC for yellowtail snapper and mutton snapper to conduct SSC reviews of the assessments and develop management responses.
- Request further development of the Snapper Grouper MSE, per the guidance listed above.
- Continue work on Amendment 46 for review at the March 2025 meeting. Consider the amendment for approval for public hearings at the March 2025 meeting.
  - Request that NMFS consult with OST to provide clarity on the survey methodology at a future meeting.
- Compile information to review the snapper grouper fishery management unit to evaluate which species are in need of federal conservation and management.
- Prepare a document for the golden tilefish amendment to be considered for scoping at the March 2025 Council meeting.
- Convene the Snapper Grouper Commercial Sub-Committee in-person, prior to the March 2025 Council meeting.
- Submit comments on the proposed Return Em’ Right: Species and Area Expansion project.