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SAFMC Shrimp Workgroup

Town and Country Hotel
Charleston, 2008 Savannah Hwy,
Charleston, SC 29407
November 4th, 2026, 1:00pm - 5:00pm
November 5th, 2026, 8:30am-12:30pm

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Wednesday, November 4, 2026, 1:00 P.M. - 1:15 P.M.

1. **Action Plan Development Overview**
    a. Action Plan Overview (***Attachment 1***)- Allie Iberle, SAFMC Staff
    b. **Workgroup Action:** The workgroup will review the group's charge and what SAFMC and SERO staff envision for the final product. Staff will review the matrix style recommendation to ensure all workgroup opinions are captured. The roles of both SAFMC and SERO staff and the Council process related to the Section 7 process will be reviewed.

1:15 P.M. – 2:15 P.M.

2. **Updates on the Status of Best Available Information**
    a. American Elasmobranch Symposium highlights (***Attachment 2a***) – Adam Brame
    b. Additional Updates (***Attachment 2b***) – Jenny Lee
    c. **Workgroup Action:** Review the presentations and ask any questions.

2:15 p.m. – 3:45 P.M.

3. **Review Agency Best Handling and Release Practices**
    a. Agency Best Handling and Releases Practices Overview (***Attachment 3***) – Jenny Lee
    b. **Workgroup Action:** The workgroup will review the current handling and release guidelines and discuss what changes may be needed for each guide to make them more applicable on the water and how to better distribute these to fishing communities.

--10 Min Break --

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.

4. **Bycatch Reduction Through Gear Modification**
    a. Summary of Available Pertinent Research (***Attachment 4a***) – Jeff Gearhart

Thursday, November 5, 2026, 8:30 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

4. **Bycatch Reduction Through Gear Modification CONTINUED**
    - **b.** Process of Testing and Implementing Gear Changes (***Attachment 4b***) – Jeff Gearhart, Jenny Lee
    - **c. Workgroup Action:** The workgroup will hear overviews on research and gear modifications and discuss which options presented may be a reasonable solution for reducing bycatch of giant manta ray and sawfish in the shrimp fishery.

--10 Min Break --

10:15 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

5. **Initial Action Plan Matrix Draft**
    - **a.** Action Matrix (***Attachment 5***) – Allie Iberle and Jenny Lee
    - **b. Workgroup Action:** Council and SERO staff will work through different recommendation options and gather input on how applicable different workgroup members feel each recommendation is.

12:00 P.M. -12:15 P.M.
Other business

12:15 P.M. -12:30 P.M.
Public Comment

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