South Atlantic Conservation Blueprint

Overview for Joint Meeting of the Habitat and Ecosystem Based Management Committees-Roger Pugliese Prepared by Rua Mordecai Science Coordinator SALCC







Major changes are happening in the South Atlantic

Ocean acidification



Days per year with peak temperature over $90^{\circ}\,F$



What are we for...





What is the South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative?

A partnership of federal, state, local, and private organizations dedicated to conserving a landscape capable of sustaining the nation's natural and cultural resources for current and future generations.

Part of a larger network...



A diversity of investors

• 7 staff positions funded by 4 agencies



• offices pro ed JC dl esources Commission



• an active web community of more than 75(members from over 100 different organizations

Steering Committee



What does the South Atlantic LCC do?

Mission: Create a shared blueprint for landscape conservation actions that sustain natural and cultural resources



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- > 300 people from 83 organizations actively involved



Nearshore to open ocean

Marine virtual workshops

- Select OCS lease blocks to be part of the blueprint
- Begin with EFH HAPCs
- Pick conservation actions to happen in those lease blocks





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- Support development of regional ecosystem models to understand connectivity
- Work with Climate Science Center to collaborate on how sea level rise will affect the distribution of estuarine fish habitat in the region



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User team

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NC WRC EPA FWS TNC FWS SC DNR NOAA FWS TNC GA DNR EPA SAFMC NC WRC Marines FWS



Landscape scale stressors (Salafsky et al. 2008)				
Residential and commercial development	Agriculture and aquaculture	Energy production and mining	Transportation and service corridors	Biological Resource Use
Human intrusions and disturbance	Natural system modification	Invasives and other problematic species and genes	Pollution	Climate change and severe weather











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