



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Socio-Economic Panel of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

Crowne Plaza
4831 Tanger Outlet Blvd
North Charleston, SC 29418

Times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

1:30 pm Monday, April 15 – 12:00 pm Tuesday, April 16, 2024

1. Introduction
 - a) Introductions – Scott Crosson
 - b) Review and approve the agenda – Scott Crosson (*Attachment 1a*)
 - c) Approve the April 2023 Transcript – Scott Crosson (*Attachment 1b*)
 - d) Opportunity for Public Comment

2. National Academy of Sciences report on Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
 - a) Overview – Steven Scyphers
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson

3. Recent and developing South Atlantic Fishery Management Council amendments (*Attachment 3*)
 - a) Overview – John Hadley and Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson

4. Socio-Economic Panel feedback on upcoming South Atlantic Fishery Management Council stakeholder engagement meetings (*Attachment 4*)
 - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson

5. Socio-Economic Panel feedback on upcoming South Atlantic Fishery Management Council best fishing practices outreach evaluation workshop (*Attachment 5*)
 - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson

6. Social and economic metrics used in Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) reports
(Attachment 6)
 - a) Presentation – Chip Collier, Christina Wiegand, and John Hadley
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson
7. Citizen Science Program update (*Attachment 7*)
 - a) Overview – Julia Byrd and Meg Withers
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson
8. Equity and environmental justice discussion based on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s identified items from their March 2024 meeting
(Attachment 8)
 - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson
9. Rename the Socio-Economic Panel? New guidance to keep “social” and “economic” topics separate rather than refer to them as “socio-economic” (*Attachments 9a and 9b*)
 - a) Overview – John Hadley
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Scott Crosson
10. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair – Scott Crosson
11. Other Business
12. Report and Recommendations Review
13. Next SEP Meeting
14. Adjourn

Socio-Economic Panel Members:

Scott Crosson, Chair
Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes, Vice Chair
Brian Chevront
Chelsey Crandall
David Dietz
Eugene Frimpong
Kevin Hunt
Christina Package-Ward
Andrew Ropicki
Adam Stemle
Jason Walsh
John Whitehead

Staff: Christina Wiegand and John Hadley

Documents:

Attachment 1a. Socio-Economic Panel Agenda Overview

Attachment 1b. Minutes from the April 2023 meeting

Attachment 2a. Presentation slides for National Academy of Sciences report on Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits

Attachment 2b. Summary of National Academy of Sciences report on Assessing Equity in the Distribution of Fisheries Management Benefits

Attachment 3. Recent and Developing South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Amendments

Attachment 4. Stakeholder engagement meetings discussion document

Attachment 5. Best fishing practices outreach evaluation workshop discussion document

Attachment 6. Social and economic metrics used in Stock Assessment and Fisheries Evaluation (SAFE) reports

Attachment 7. Citizen Science Program update presentation

Attachment 8. Equity and environmental justice discussion document based on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's identified items from their March 2024 meeting

Attachment 9a. Renaming the Socio-Economic Panel discussion document

Attachment 9b. United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit decision: Mexican Gulf Fishing Company versus The United States Department of Commerce

Public Comment Process

Written comment: Written comment on SEP agenda topics is distributed to the members through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comments to be considered by the SEP shall be provided prior to the start of the SEP meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 1:30 pm Monday, April 15, 2024.

Verbal comment: An opportunity for comment on agenda items will be provided at the beginning of the meeting. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.