



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Social and Economic Panel of the Scientific and Statistical Committee Webinar

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.

9:00 am– 12:30 pm Monday, October 7, 2024

1. Introduction
 - a) Introductions – Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes
 - b) Review and approve the agenda – Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes
 - c) Approve the April 2024 Minutes – Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes (*Attachment 1*)
 - d) Opportunity for Public Comment

2. Recent and developing South Atlantic Fishery Management Council amendments (*Attachment 2*)
 - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes

3. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement Amendment (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)
 - a) Overview – John Hadley
 - b) Discussion and Recommendations – Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes

4. Other Business
 - a) SPR proxies for Black Sea Bass (*Attachment 4*)
 - Overview – Judd Curtis and Chip Collier
 - Discussion and Recommendations - Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes

5. Report and Recommendations Review

6. Next SEP Meeting

7. Adjourn

Social and Economic Panel Members:

Jennifer Sweeney-Tookes, Chair
Jason Walsh, Vice Chair

Brian Cheuvront
Chelsey Crandall
Scott Crosson
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 1. Minutes from the April 2024 meeting

Attachment 2. Recent and Developing South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Amendments

Attachment 3a. Discussion document for the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement Amendment

Attachment 3b. Presentation slides for the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement Amendment

Attachment 4. Discussion document for SPR proxies in relation to Black Sea Bass (will be in Recent Documents)

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 9:00 am Monday, October 7, 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.

OVERVIEW

Social and Economic Panel of the Scientific and Statistical Committee

1. Introduction (*Attachment 1*)

Description: The Social and Economic Panel (SEP) will begin with introductions and approval of the minutes from the April 2024 meeting and the agenda for the October 2024 meeting. This will be followed by the opportunity for public comment.

Requested Action: Approve the April 2024 meeting minutes and October 2024 agenda.

2. Recent and developing South Atlantic Fishery Management Council amendments (*Attachment 2*)

Description: Council staff will update the SEP on the status of recent and developing Council actions.

Requested Action: None

3. Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program Improvement Amendment (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)

Description: At the June 2024 meeting, the Council received feedback from the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center that data being collected through the SEFHIER program and for-hire logbook cannot be used for management due to low compliance and lack of validation. The letter included a list of recommendations to render the data collected through SEFHIER useful for management. The Council directed staff to initiate work on an amendment to address these shortcomings, including discussion of actions that can be taken in the near-term without an amendment, and consideration actions and alternatives being explored by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. At the September 2024 the Council refined potential actions in the amendment.

Requested Action: Review background information and provide feedback to discussion questions at the end of the discussion document to provide guidance to the Council on initial considerations for improving for-hire reporting compliance.

4. Other Business

- a) SPR proxies for Black Sea Bass (*Attachment 4*)

5. Report and Recommendations Review

6. Next SEP Meeting

7. Adjourn