



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA COUNCIL SESSION

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September 16-17, 2010

{Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.}

### **Thursday, September 16**

1:30 - 2:00

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Approval of June 2010 Minutes/Duane Harris

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman  
Presentations

2:00

**Interested persons will be provided the opportunity to present oral or written statements regarding matters on the Council agenda. The amount of time provided to individuals will be determined by the Chairman based on the number of individuals wishing to comment. Persons with like or similar comments are encouraged to pick a spokesperson to make their presentation.**

3:00 - 3:45

Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 1)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

3:45 - 4:00

Mackerel Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 2)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Thursday, September 16**

- 4:00 - 4:15                    Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Dr. Brian Chevront (TAB 4)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:15 - 4:30                    Law Enforcement Committee Report/George Geiger (TAB 5)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 4:30 - 5:00                    Legal briefing on litigation/Monica Smit-Brunello (**Closed Session**)

**Friday, September 17**

- 8:30 - 8:45                    Joint Executive/Finance Committee Report/Duane Harris and David Cupka (TAB 6)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 8:45 - 9:00                    SEDAR Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 7)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:00 - 9:30                    Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Mac Currin (TAB 8)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45                    Advisory Panel Selection Committee Report/Mark Robson (TAB 9)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00                    Golden Crab Committee Report/David Cupka (TAB 10)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15                    SOPPs Committee Report/Duane Harris (TAB 11)  
➤ Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate - **ACTION**

**Friday, September 17**

10:15 - 10:30

Status reports/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

1. Status of Commercial quotas by fishing year for:  
Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel (eastern zone), Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack, South Atlantic Octocorals and dolphin (soft quota ratios), vermilion snapper, black sea bass, red porgy and gag
2. Status of Snapper Grouper Amendments 17A & 17B
3. Protected Species Issues
4. Review and develop recommendations on Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary (Attachment 2) - **ACTION**

10:30 - 11:00

NMFS SEFSC status reports/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3)

1. Update on the additional funding that the SEFSC received this year for hiring additional stock assessment scientists and increasing the south Atlantic fishery independent data collection program
2. Status of Data Collection and Stock Assessment Improvement Plans
3. Progress report on headboat data entry
4. Status of recreational catches versus allocations where appropriate: Atlantic king and Spanish mackerel; cobia; snowy grouper; gag; black sea bass; golden tilefish; red porgy; greater amberjack; dolphin and wahoo; vermilion, red, mutton and yellowtail snapper

11:00 - 11:45

Agency and Liaison Reports

11:45 - 12:00

Other Business  
Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 4)

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