



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SAFMC Meeting Agenda

September 13-17, 2021

Town and Country Inn
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Charleston, SC 29407

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Monday, September 13, 2021

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION I /Mel Bell 1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Call to order and introductions

Adopt agenda

Approve minutes

1. Reports (state agencies, Council liaisons, NOAA OLE, USCG)
2. Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule
3. Allocations Decision Tool
4. Citizen Science Update
5. Outreach and Communications Update
6. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan update (SERO Protected Resources)
7. Brief on Congressional directive to NMFS on shark and dolphin depredation issues in South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico fisheries

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 12 noon

1. 2-for-1 permit evaluation
 - a. Overview
 - b. AP comments and recommendations
2. Greater Amberjack (SG Amendment 49)
 - a. Overview

- b. AP comments and recommendations

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:30 pm

- 3. Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
 - a. Overview
 - b. AP comments and recommendations
 - c. Approve for scoping
- 4. Yellowtail Snapper (SG Amendment 44)
 - a. Overview and approve for scoping
- 5. Red Snapper (short-term response)
 - a. SSC recommendations
 - b. Overview of options
- 6. Wreckfish (SG Amendment 48)
 - a. Options for possible restructuring and guidance to staff

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- 7. Red Porgy (SG Amendment 50)
 - a. Overview (public hearing during public comment session)
- 8. Gag
 - a. NMFS guidance on rebuilding options
- 9. Vermilion Snapper Trip Limit
- 10. Fall 2021 AP meeting topics
- 11. Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack Counts Update
- 12. Exempted Fishing Permit Brief

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Mel Bell 1:30 pm – 3:45 pm

- 1. Update on DW Amendment 10
- 2. Information paper for framework amendment

Wednesday, September 15, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 pm

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.

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**Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Request
Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team (ALWTRT) Proposals
Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) Snowy Grouper (SG Amendment 51)
- (2) Yellowtail Snapper (SG Amendment 44)

Approval for Public Hearings:

- (1) King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 34)
- (2) Gulf Cobia (CMP Amendment 32)

Public Hearings:

- (1) Red Pogy (SG Amendment 50)

Final Approval:

- (1) Shrimp Fishery Access Area (Coral Amendment 10)

Thursday, September 16, 2021

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Steve Poland 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- 1. King Mackerel (CMP Amendment 34)
 - a. Overview and approve for public hearings
- 2. Gulf Cobia (CMP Amendment 32)
 - a. Overview and approve for public hearings

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm Lunch

Habitat & Ecosystem Committee/Steve Poland 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

- 1. Shrimp Fishery Access Area (Coral Amendment 10)
 - a. Overview and final approval
- 2. Habitat Blueprint update
- 3. Fall 2021 AP meeting topics

COUNCIL SESSION II/ Mel Bell 3:00 – 5:30

COUNCIL SESSION

- 1. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year 2020 Award
- 2. Council Chair and Vice Chair elections, oath for new members
- 3. Protected Resources
 - a. Integration agreement
 - b. Dolphin Wahoo Biological Opinion
 - c. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Discussion
 - d. Update on items not already covered

COUNCIL SESSION II /Mel Bell 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

4. Committee Reports
 - a. Snapper Grouper/Jessica McCawley
 - b. Dolphin Wahoo/Mel Bell
 - c. Mackerel Cobia/Steve Poland
 - d. Habitat & Ecosystem/Steve Poland
5. Exempted Fishing Permit Discussion
6. FMP workplan review
7. Council staff reports
 - a. Executive Director
 - b. Climate Change Scenario Planning update
8. NMFS SEFSC reports
 - a. Commercial Electronic Logbook Update
 - b. Updates:
 - i. Southeast Region Climate Team and the Climate Regional Action Plans (RAPs) for the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic
 - ii. US South Atlantic Ecosystem Status Report
 - iii. Fish Climate Vulnerability Assessment
 - iv. Atlantic Coast Science Coordination Workshop
9. NMFS SERO Reports
 - a. Southeast For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program update
 - b. For-Hire Electronic Reporting Program letters response
10. Other business
11. Upcoming meetings

Adjourn