



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Snapper Grouper Committee

Westin Jekyll Island
110 Ocean Way
Jekyll Island, GA

Thursday, March 5, 2020, 10:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Jessica McCawley

Approval of December 2019 Committee minutes – Jessica McCawley

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs (*Attachment 1*) – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
 - Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 (recreational measures) – sent to NMFS 4/17/19
 - Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendments 27 (commercial measures) – sent to NMFS 1/24/19
 - Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear) – sent to NMFS 4/24/19
 - Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper) – sent to NMFS on 9/10/19
 - Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Fishing Practices & Powerheads) – sent to NMFS on 1/13/2020
 - Abbreviated Framework 3 (Blueline Tilefish) – sent to NMFS on _____
3. Update on Modifications to Red Snapper Seasons: Regulatory Amendment 33 and the 2020 Red Snapper seasons; *Attachment 2*
 - a. Overview – NMFS SERO
 - b. Committee Action: Action as needed – Jessica McCawley
4. Special Management Zones in North Carolina and South Carolina: Regulatory Amendment 34 (*Attachments 3a-3c*)
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Review and approve for public hearings

5. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Topics for April 2020
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley

Other Business – Jessica McCawley

Adjourn – Jessica McCawley

Committee Members

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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Status of Commercial Catches vs. ACLs

Attachment 2: Red Snapper 2020 Season Presentation (*in Late Materials*)

Attachment 3a: Regulatory Amendment 34 (SMZs) Scoping Comments

Attachment 3b: Regulatory Amendment 34 (SMZs) Decision Document

Attachment 3c: Draft Regulatory Amendment 34 (SMZs)

Staff: Myra Brouwer

OVERVIEW

Snapper Grouper Committee

The Committee will approve minutes from the December 2019 meeting and the agenda for the March 2020 Committee meeting.

- 1. Status of Commercial Catches for Species under ACLs (*Attachment 1*)**
Description: National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office (NMFS SERO) staff will update the Committee on the status of commercial landings of snapper grouper species and species complexes relative to their respective ACLs.
Required Committee Action: None.

- 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review**
Description: NMFS SERO staff will update the Committee on the status of amendments under review or recently submitted.
Required Committee Action: None.

- 3. Update on modifications to Red Snapper seasons: Regulatory Amendment 33 and the 2020 Red Snapper season (*Attachment 2*)**
Description: NMFS SERO staff will provide an update on the status of Regulatory Amendment 33 and the expected duration of the 2020 recreational Red Snapper season.
Required Committee Action: Action as needed.

- 4. Regulatory Amendment 34 (Special management zones off North and South Carolina; *Attachments 3a-3c*)**
Description: Council staff will review scoping comments obtained in fall 2019 and provide an overview of proposed actions in the amendment.
Status of Amendment: Pending approval for public hearings. Scheduled for final approval in June 2020.
Required Committee Action: Modify as necessary, choose preferred alternatives, and consider approving for public hearings.

- 5. Snapper Grouper AP Topics for April 2020**
Description: The Snapper Grouper AP is scheduled to meet in Charleston, SC on April 15-17, 2020 to discuss items relevant to the snapper grouper fishery and provide recommendations, as appropriate.
Required Committee Action: Provide list of topics for the AP's agenda.

Other Business