



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA Snapper Grouper Committee

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 10:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of June 2020 Committee minutes

1. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Regulatory Amendment 33 (Red Snapper Seasons) – sent to NMFS on 1/24/20
  - b. Abbreviated Framework 3 (Blueline Tilefish) – sent to NMFS on 2/12/20
  - c. Regulatory Amendment 34 (SMZs in NC and SC) – sent to NMFS on 8/11/2020
2. Review of 2020 Red Snapper Season (*Attachment 1*)
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as appropriate – Jessica McCawley
3. Wreckfish ITQ Modernization (Amendment 48; *Attachment 2*)
  - a. Overview of Options Paper – Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss, provide guidance to staff, recommend Council send out for scoping – Jessica McCawley
4. Red Porgy Options Paper (*Attachment 3*)
  - a. Overview of Options Paper – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
5. Topics for November 2020 Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and approve list of topics – Jessica McCawley

Other Business – Jessica McCawley

Adjourn

**Committee Members**

Jessica McCawley, Chair  
Mel Bell, Vice-chair  
Anna Beckwith  
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Kerry Marhefka  
Mid-Atlantic Liaisons: Tony DiLernia, Dewey Hemilright

**Attachments:**

**Attachment 1:** Red Snapper Recreational Season 2020 Report/Presentation  
**Attachment 2:** Wreckfish ITQ Modernization (Amendment 48) Options Paper  
**Attachment 3:** Red Porgy (Amendment 50) Options Paper

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# OVERVIEW

## Snapper Grouper Committee

The Committee will approve minutes from the June 2020 meeting and the agenda for the September 2020 Committee meeting.

**1. 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.

**2. Review of Red Snapper 2020 Season (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** Council staff will provide a general overview of available information provided by the states on how the 2020 red snapper recreational season unfolded and update the Committee on the various data collection and monitoring efforts during the 4-day season. In addition, staff will present preliminary data obtained through the MyFishCount program.

**Required Committee Action:** None.

**3. Wreckfish ITQ Modernization (Amendment 48; *Attachment 2*)**

**Description:** In September 2019, the Council reviewed the final version of the 2019 Wreckfish ITQ Review. They received a presentation that outlined work done since the June 2019 meeting and outlined the Conclusions and Recommendations from the review. The Council approved the review as written and directed staff to begin the develop a plan amendment in 2020 to modernize the Wreckfish ITQ Program and include actions that address all of the conclusions and recommendations from the Wreckfish ITQ Review that can be addressed through a plan amendment. The Committee will review an options paper based on the conclusions and recommendations prepared by staff. The Council also directed that the goals and objectives approved in the 2016-2020 Vision Blueprint for the Snapper Grouper Fishery be included in the amendment as the new goals and objectives of the FMP.

**Required Committee Action:** Provide direction to staff for the development of Amendment 48 based on the options paper. The Committee may recommend that Council direct staff take the Wreckfish ITQ Modernization amendment out for scoping prior to the December 2020 meeting.

**4. Red Porgy (Amendment 50; *Attachment 3*)**

**Description:** At the June 2020 meeting, the Council directed staff to begin work on an amendment to end overfishing of red porgy, revise the rebuilding schedule, and address modifications to sector allocations and management measures. Staff will present an overview of the options paper and request guidance from the Committee on possible actions and the range of alternatives that should be developed to meet the Council's management objectives.

**Required Committee Action:** Discuss and provide guidance to staff

**5. Topics for November 2020 Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting**

**Description:** The Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel (AP) was scheduled to meet in April 15-16, 2020 to discuss the topics in the table below. However, the webinar meeting was postponed out of concern for the immediate impacts that the COVID-19 pandemic had on fishermen. The AP is scheduled to meet via webinar on November 4-6, 2020. Topics for which the Council may want to request feedback from the AP are included in the table below.

**Required Committee Action:** Approve a list of agenda items for the November 2020 AP meeting.

<b>Topics from postponed April 2020 meeting</b>	<b>Additional topics to consider</b>
Fishery Performance Report for Gag	Fishery Performance Report for Red Snapper
Fishery Performance Report for Snowy Grouper	Recommendations on management measures for Red Porgy
Recommendations to assist in evaluating the need for conservation and management of Cubera Snapper, Margate, Sailor’s Choice, Coney, Yellowfin Grouper, and Saucereye Porgy, Misty Grouper, and Blackfin Snapper	Recommendations on management measures for Greater Amberjack
Regulatory Amendment 34 (SMZs for NC and SC)	Recommendations on management measures for Yellowtail Snapper
	Amendment 46 (recreational permit and reporting)??
	Unassessed Species ABCs and Allocations??
	Recreational Accountability Measures??
	Input on Carry-Over ER Request??
	Others??

**Other Business**