



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel

Meeting 3: May 15, 2023

Webinar

webinar registration: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3079242117341476441>  
meeting materials: <https://safmc.net/events/may-2023-snapper-grouper-recreational-permitting-and-reporting-technical-ap-meeting/>

## AGENDA

### Monday, May 15, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 pm (Times Subject to Change)

Agenda Approval

Public Comment

1. Comment on potential Council actions in Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Private Recreational Permitting) (*Attachments 1a - 1c*)
2. Review draft statement on potential benefits of a private recreational permit for the Snapper Grouper fishery (*Attachment 2*)

Other Business

Adjourn

Advisory Panel Members

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Attachments

- Attachment 1a.** Discussion document for Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 addressing recent Council guidance
- Attachment 1b.** Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel Summary Report (Meeting 1) – August 2022
- Attachment 1c.** Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel Summary Report (Meeting 2) – November 2022
- Attachment 2.** Draft statement on the potential benefits of a private recreational permit in the Snapper Grouper fishery

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel**

After introductions, the advisory panel (AP) will approve the agenda for the May 2023 meeting. This will be followed by an opportunity for public comment.

### **1. Comment on potential Council actions in Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Private Recreational Permitting) (*Attachments 1a - 1c*)**

**Description:** Amendment 46 considers establishing a private recreational permit and education component for the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery. In recent meetings, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) has received input and technical guidance from the Private Recreational Reporting Working Group, Joint Council Workgroup on Section 102 of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act, and the Snapper Grouper Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel (AP). After reviewing this input, the Council has developed the amendment and approved it for scoping at the December 2022 meeting. Of note at this meeting was the removal of reporting from further consideration in the amendment.

The Council has since further developed Amendment 46, electing to pursue developing a private recreational permit that may be accompanied by an education component with actions that would specify the entity that would need to be permitted (vessel or angler), species covered by the permit, and location of fishing activity covered by a permit. For the education component, the Council is considering actions to establish the education component, specify whether it would be mandatory or voluntary, and when implementation would occur.

**Requested AP action:** Council staff will review a discussion document to help gather the AP's comments and recommendations on the actions that are being considered.

### **2. Review draft statement on potential benefits of a private recreational permit for the Snapper Grouper fishery**

**Description:** As part of developing a private recreational permit for the Snapper Grouper fishery, the Council will focus on communicating some of the anticipated potential benefits of such a permit. As such, the AP will be asked to provide initial feedback on the benefits that have been highlighted at previous meetings of the AP and from additional sources.

**Requested AP action:** Review and provide comments on the draft statement on potential benefits of a private recreational permit for the Snapper Grouper fishery.