



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Shrimp Committee

The Shores Resort & Spa
2637 South Atlantic Avenue
Daytona Beach Shores, FL 32118

Tuesday, June 11, 2024, 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

Approval of Agenda

1. Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp AP Report (*Attachment 1*) – Mike Merrifield
2. Update on Giant Manta Ray and Smalltooth Sawfish Section 7 Review (*Attachment 2*)
 - a. Overview – Jennifer Lee, NMFS Protected Resources
 - b. **Committee Action:** Review BiOp Updates
3. Shrimp FMP Overview (*Attachment 3*)
 - c. Overview – Allie Iberle
 - d. **Committee Action:** Review FMP Overview
4. [Shrimp SAFE Report](#)
 - e. SAFE Report Overview – Chip Collier
 - f. **Committee Action:** Review and provide feedback
5. Shrimp Futures Presentation (*Attachment 4*)
 - g. Overview – Carissa Gervasi, NMFS SEFSC
 - h. **Committee Action:** Review project and provide feedback
6. Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members:

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Carolyn Belcher
Gary Borland
LT Marisa Kraiss
Amy Dukes

Jessica McCawley
Andy Strelchek
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Attachments:

Attachment 1: Joint Shrimp AP Report Summary April 2024

Attachment 2: Updates on Section 7 Review

Attachment 3: Shrimp FMP Overview

Attachment 4: Shrimp Futures Presentation

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OVERVIEW

Shrimp Committee

The Committee will approve the agenda for the June 2024 Committee meeting.

1. Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp AP Summary (*Attachment 2*)

Description: The Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp APs met in April 2024 in Charleston SC. The APs discussed several topics including the current economic state of the fishery, and updates to Coral Amendment 10. The APs were given presentations and provided discussion on the SAFMC Citizen Science Project, the Southern Shrimp Collaborative's research, and the Shrimp Futures Project. The APs also reviewed a draft white and rock shrimp SAFE report and conducted a fishery performance report for those species. Mike Merrifield, Deepwater Shrimp AP chair will provide a summary of the meeting and help to answer any questions.

Committee Action: Review AP summary.

2. Giant Manta Ray and Smalltooth Sawfish ESA Section 7 Updates (*Attachment 2*)

Description: Since the 2021 Shrimp Opinion was completed, new information for both giant manta ray and smalltooth sawfish and recent take data have triggered a reinitiation of the Section 7 consultation. The Council received a presentation on this consultation in September 2023 and will receive updates on giant manta ray and smalltooth sawfish.

Committee Action: Review presentation from Protected Resources.

3. Shrimp FMP Overview (*Attachment 3*)

Description: The Shrimp FMP was established in 1993 and originally included only white shrimp. Amendments to the plan later included brown, pink, and rock shrimp and additional regulations such as devices to reduce sea turtle interactions and to reduce bycatch. The FMP overview provides a quick reference including a summary for the original plan and 11 amendments. For full plan or amendment details the [Shrimp FMP Page](#).

Committee Action: Review FMP Overview.

4. [Shrimp SAFE Report](#) and Fishery Performance Report

Description: The Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report summarizes information for species in the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan (FMP) of the South Atlantic Region. SAFE reports include information useful documenting trends or changes in the resource, ecosystem, and fishery; and assessing success of relevant state and federal FMPs, all of which can help in developing future management changes if they are needed. Information included in the report describes stock status, catch level recommendations, projections (when available), landings and releases by sector (where available), social and economic trends by sector, and essential fish habitat. The information included will describe the fishery since the Shrimp FMP has been enacted (November 1993) and go through 2022. The focus of the report is on White Shrimp and Rock Shrimp to aid in the development of a fishery performance report by Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp APs. Fishery performance reports (FPR) are important tools to gather perspectives from stakeholders. White shrimp and Rock Shrimp were selected as species for the first fishery performance reports for the Shrimp FMP because of the potential changing distribution of White Shrimp along the coast and the

variability in the Rock Shrimp catches in recent years. FPRs are being prepared and will be available [HERE](#) when complete.

Committee Action: Review SAFE Report and provide feedback.

5. Shrimp Futures Project (*Attachment 4*)

Description: Shrimp Futures is a collaborative project between NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. It is intended to address current challenges within the shrimp fishery and develop a picture of what the fishermen want to see in the future. Focusing initially on the Gulf shrimp fishery, this project will consist of a series of stakeholder workshops that will utilize participatory conceptual modeling combined with information gathered during recent Equity and Environmental Justice (EEJ) focus groups to characterize the current state of the shrimp fishery, develop short and long-term visions for the fishery, identify conceptual management objectives, and identify major pathways or impediments to the vision for the fishery. The Committee will receive an overview of the project.

Committee Action: Review project presentation and provide feedback.

6. Other Business