



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **Shrimp Advisory Panel Meeting** Via Webinar

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Public comment will be solicited at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

Wednesday January 18, 2023 – 1:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of Agenda

Public Comment

1. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint (*Attachments 1a-1f*)

- a. Presentation FKNMS Blueprint – Beth Dieveney, NOAA, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
- b. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations

2. Increasing Frequency of Rocket Launches and Temporary Closures (*Attachment 2*)

- a. Panel Member Discussion and Recommendations

3. Other Business

Public Comment

Adjourn

Attachments:

- 1a. FKNMS Presentation on the Conservation Blueprint
- 1b. Proposed Rule FKNMS Conservation Blueprint
- 1c. SAFMC Comments DEIS for FKNMS
- 1d. FWC Presentation to SAFMC on FKNMS Proposed Rule
- 1e. SAFMC Request for Comment Extension.
- 1f. SAFMC Draft Comment FKNMS Blueprint
2. SAFMC Comment Letter on Safety Zones

OVERVIEW
Shrimp Advisory Panel

The Advisory Panel will approve agenda for the current meeting.

Wednesday January 18, 2023 **1:00 pm – 3:00 pm**

1. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint (*Attachments 1a-1f*)

The Council met on September 21, 2022 and received a presentation on proposed regulatory changes affecting the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary as a result of NOAA’s comprehensive review of the management plan, zoning plan, and regulations for the Sanctuary. The Council’s advisory panels and the Council received presentations during fall 2019 and in December 2020 meeting, respectively, and comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement were submitted in March 2020 (Attachment 1c). The proposed rule, the next step in the process, published on July 18, 2022, with a 100-day comment period ending on October 26, 2022 (Attachment 1b). The SAFMC requested and received approval for an extension until February 24, 2023. Beth Dieveney, NOAA, Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary will make a presentation (Attachment 1a) to the Panel on the FKNMS Restoration Blueprint and the proposed rule supporting it. Gulf Shrimp AP members have been invited to listen in to the webinar and will be able to provide comment during the public comment period.

AP Action: Panel members are requested to provide comments and recommendations for Council consideration in preparing a Council comment on the FKNMS Blueprint.

2. Increasing Frequency of Rocket Launches and Temporary Closures

During the December 2022 Council meeting Council member Laurilee Thompson noted that the rocket launches from Cape Canaveral which have been increasing in frequency are expected to continue and expand significantly in 2023 and beyond. In order to ensure public safety, temporary Safety Zones have been established to limit all vessel access during splash down and recovery efforts which affects local fishery operations. In addition, she indicated some shrimp fishermen have encountered space debris during trawling off the Canaveral area

AP Action: Panel members are requested to provide comments, observations, and recommendations for Council consideration on the issue.

3. Other Business