



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

February 9, 2024

Webinar:

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AGENDA

Times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated. Periodic breaks will be taken during the session at the discretion of the Chair.

Friday, February 9th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

1. Introductions

- *Approval of Agenda*
- *Approval of October 2023 meeting minutes*

2. Public Comment

3. SEDAR 76: Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment

- *Presentation:* Dr. Matt Vincent, SEFSC
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions:* Review the Black Sea Bass Operational Assessment model projections and discuss data inputs, modeling approach, and uncertainties. Review projections and set catch level recommendations.

(Lunch Break: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm)

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4. Snapper Grouper Management Strategy Evaluation

- *Presentation:* Dr. Adrian Hordyk, Blue Matter Science
- *Public Comment*

- *Actions:* Review the progress of the snapper grouper management strategy evaluation (MSE) and provide feedback on the methods and potential uncertainties.

5. SEDAR: Terms of Reference, Schedules, and Participants

- *Presentation:* SAFMC/SEDAR Staff
- *Public Comment*
- *Actions:* Review the terms of reference, schedule, and select participants for the Red Snapper Assessment and Yellowtail Snapper Operational Assessment.

6. Other Business

- *Chair and Vice-Chair Discussion*
- *Discussion on Tilefish/Blueline Tilefish assessments' process*
- *Upcoming SSC meeting agenda items*

7. Public Comment

8. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

9. Next Meetings

Public Comment Process

Written comment: Written comment on SSC agenda topics is provided to the Committee through an online form, similar to all other Council briefing materials. Written comment can be submitted at [this link](#). For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 5:00 p.m., February 8, 2023.

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An opportunity for comment on specific agenda items will also be provided as each item comes up for discussion. This opportunity for comment will happen after all the initial presentations are given and before the SSC starts the discussion of the agenda topic. As before, those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

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