



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

October 27-29, 2021

Webinar

Webinar Link:

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AGENDA (REVISED)

Other than the starting and ending time of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate completion of the agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

Wednesday, October 27, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Introductions
 - *Approval of Agenda*
 - *Approval of Minutes from July 2021 meeting*
2. Public Comment
3. SEDAR 68: Atlantic Scamp Research Track Assessment Review
 - *Presentation: Dr. Francesca Forrestal, SEFSC*
 - *Actions: Provide feedback on research track assessment and discuss uncertainties.*
 - *Public Comment*
4. SEDAR 68: Atlantic Scamp Operational Assessment
 - *Presentation: Kathleen Howington, SAFMC staff*
 - *Actions: Review schedule, produce terms of reference, and appoint/suggest topical working group members (if necessary)*
 - *Public Comment*
5. SEDAR: Upcoming Assessments – S82 Gray Triggerfish
 - *Presentation: Kathleen Howington, SAFMC staff*
 - *Actions: Review schedule and terms of reference, appoint Chairs and ADT members*
 - *Public Comment*

6. SEDAR: Upcoming Assessments – Tilefish

- *Presentation: SAFMC staff*
- *Actions: Review schedule and scope of work*
- *Public Comment*

7. SEDAR 71: Gag Grouper Operational Assessment – Review Projections

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Review new projections requested by Council, provide fishing level recommendations, and discuss uncertainties.*
- *Public Comment*

Thursday, October 28, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

8. Ecosystem Impacts of High Red Snapper Recruitment

- *Presentation: Lauren Gentry, FWRI*
- *Actions: Review Ecopath with Ecosim model to examine ecosystem effects of high red snapper recruitment, discuss findings of workgroup*
- *Public Comment*

9. Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM)

- *Presentation: Frank Helies, SERO*
- *Actions: Review of Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology for the South Atlantic and Joint Fishery Management Plans document, provide recommendations on how to improve SBRM for southeast region*
- *Public Comment*

10. Catch Level Projections Workgroup

- *Presentation: Dr. Amy Schueller, SSC*
- *Actions: Update on workgroup progress to review recruitment projection methods*
- *Public Comment*

11. South Atlantic SSC Case Studies for SCS7

- *Presentation: Dr. Genny Nesslage, SSC*
- *Actions: Discuss potential South Atlantic fishery case studies for national meeting.*
- *Public Comment*

Friday, October 29, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

12. Comprehensive ABC Control Rule Amendment

- *Presentation: Dr. Genny Nessler, SSC and Dr. Mike Schmidtke, SAFMC staff*
- *Actions: Review Comprehensive ABC Control Rule decision document, risk tolerance spreadsheet, and P* example spreadsheet. Formation of new ABC Category 4 working group*
- *Public Comment*

13. Other Business

- *Updates on ongoing FMP amendments*
- *Update on SEDAR78: South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel Assessment review*
- *Update on SEDAR68: Atlantic Scamp Operational Assessment*

14. Public Comment

15. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

16. 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 12:00 pm Friday, October 29th, 2021.

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An opportunity for comment on specific agenda items will also be provided as each item come 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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