



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Scientific and Statistical Committee

April 27-29 and May 3, 2021

Webinar

### AGENDA

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.

#### Tuesday, April 27, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

1. Introductions
  - *Approval of Agenda*
  - *Approval of Minutes from October 2020 and January 2021*
2. Public Comment
3. SEDAR 73 Red Snapper Assessment Review
  - *Presentation: Dr. Kyle Shertzer, SEFSC*
  - *Actions: Review, apply ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations, and discuss uncertainties.*
  - *Public Comment*

#### Wednesday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

4. SEDAR 66 Tilefish Assessment Review
  - *Presentation: Dr. Nikolai Klibansky, SEFSC*
  - *Actions: Review, apply ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations, and discuss uncertainties.*
  - *Public Comment*
5. Comprehensive ABC Control Rule Amendment
  - *Presentations: Dr. Genny Nesslage, SSC and Dr. Mike Schmidtke, SAFMC staff*
  - *Actions: Review Category 4 Stocks Workgroup Report, Review ABC Control Rule Alternatives, and review carry-over recommendations.*
  - *Public Comment*

**Thursday, April 29, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

6. South Atlantic Research and Monitoring Plan Review

- *Presentations: Dr. Chip Collier, SAFMC staff*
- *Actions: Review Research and Monitoring Plan and provide recommendations on research topics to improve assessments or management in the South Atlantic region.*
- *Public Comment*

7. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10

- *Presentations: John Hadley and Dr. Chip Collier, SAFMC staff*
- *Actions: Review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 and provide comments on the use of geometric mean as a trigger for accountability measures.*
- *Public Comment*

8. SEP Report

- *Presentations: Dr. Scott Crosson, SSC*
- *Actions: no action items.*
- *Public Comment*

9. Allocations Decision Tree Review

- *Presentations: Dr. Mike Schmidtke, SAFMC staff*
- *Actions: Discuss and provide feedback on the draft Allocation Decision Tree Blueprint Document, with a focus on draft decision tree questions and outcomes.*
- *Public Comment*

**Monday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

10. SEDAR 71 Gag Assessment Review

- *Presentation: Dr. Kevin Craig, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Review, apply ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations, and discuss uncertainties.*
- *Public Comment*

11. Other Business

- *Council Coordinating Committee Scientific Coordination Subcommittee Meeting Update*
- *Recommend Reviewers for SEDAR 68*
- *Update on application of EwE to SAFMC Issues*

12. Public Comment

### 13. Consensus Statement and Recommendations Review

### 14. Next Meetings

#### **Public Comment Process**

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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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