



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

August 19, 2020
Meeting via webinar

AGENDA/OVERVIEW

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Wednesday, August 19, 9:00 a.m. - noon

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. Introductions
- 1.2. Approval of Agenda

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. UPDATE ON OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH TRACK DEVELOPMENT

3.1. Documents

- Attachment 1. Update to SEDAR OA Process Presentation
- Attachment 2. May 2020 SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting Report

3.2. Presentation

OA and RT Development Update: Julie Neer, SAFMC Staff

3.3. Overview

The Committee will be briefed on modifications to the way in which SEDAR operational assessments will be conducted, based on the information provided to the SEDAR Steering Committee by the SEFSC during the Steering Committee's May 2020 webinar.

Public Comment

3.4. Action

- Provide any feedback on the updated method in which OA and RT will be conducted.

4. REVIEW OF 2023 STATEMENTS OF WORK

4.1. Documents

Attachment 3. 2023 SOWs for Tilefish and Snowy Grouper

4.2. Presentation

2023 SOWs Overview: Kathleen Howington, SAFMC Staff

4.3. Overview

SEDAR is providing the opportunity for the SSC to review the statements of work for the 2023 SOWs for Tilefish and Snowy Grouper under the new topical working group template.

4.4. Public Comment

4.5. Action

- Review the statements of work and make any changes, additions, or deletions, as necessary.

5. CITIZEN SCIENCE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEMBER REPLACEMENT

5.1. Documents

5.2. Presentation

Overview of duties: Julia Byrd, SAFMC Staff

5.3. Overview

The Council's Citizen Science Program was developed over the course of three years with the guidance of a wide array of stakeholders and partners. The aim was to build a program that engages fishermen, scientists, and managers in co-creating citizen science projects that align with the Council's research needs. The projects would collect new data to supplement existing data collection programs and be used to help inform science and management decision making.

The Citizen Science Operations Committee is a small group of advisors that provides guidance and support for the SAFMC's Citizen Science Program. They are responsible for developing program recommendations for the Council's consideration. Specific tasks include reviewing policies, providing program direction/multi-partner support, and providing general advice. The Committee coordinates and works with the other administrative groups of the Citizen Science Program and is responsible for modifying the SOPPS and program components, as necessary. Membership includes Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool members (5), a SERO representative (1), a SEFSC representative (1), and a SSC representative (1). Members are appointed by the Council's Citizen Science Committee and terms last between 3-5 years, dependent on the growth of the program. The Operations Committee typically meets in person once a year and holds additional webinar meetings, as needed. Additional details on the Citizen Science Program, including its administration and organizational structure are available in the [SOPPS](#) and on the [program webpage](#).

Marcel Reichert has been serving as the SSC representative on the Citizen Science Operations Committee. Since he has rotated off the SAFMC SSC, a new representative needs to be identified to take his place.

5.4. Action

- Identify an SSC member to serve on the Citizen Science Operations Committee.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

7. OTHER BUSINESS

- Change in maximum age and natural mortality estimates of Snowy Grouper.

8. CONSENSUS STATEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

Adjourn