**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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 September 14, 2017

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: SSC Members

FROM: Mike Errigo, Council Staff

SUBJECT: **SSC MEETING OCTOBER 2017 – FIRST NOTICE**

This memorandum is to notice a meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee.  The SSC will meet October 24 – 26, 2017 at the Town and Country Inn and Conference Center in Charleston, SC.  Please see below for details.

**Date and Time:** 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 24 to 3:00 pm on Thursday, October 26.

**Approved Travel Dates:** October 24 – 26, 2017.

Please contact Cindy Chaya at the Council office prior to finalizing your travel plans if:

* Your travel plans require that you arrive before or stay after the approved travel dates;
* You plan to arrive before or stay after the approved travel authorization dates (**on your own time**); or
* You have any other questions about hotel or transportation.

You can reach Cindy at Cindy.Chaya@safmc.net or (843) 571-4366.

**Hotel Information:** Town and Country Inn

2008 Savannah Highway

Charleston SC 29407

Reservations: (800) 334-6660

Hotel: (843) 571-1000

Fax: (843) 766-9444

**Group Rate:** $119 (Tax Exempt); $135.66 (Non Tax Exempt) = $119 + 14% tax

**Cutoff Date: October 9, 2017.** Reimbursement for reservations made after the cutoff date will be limited to the contracted price specified.

**Parking:** Complimentary

**Airport Shuttle: N**one available

**Shuttle Service Downtown:** No shuttle provided. CARTA public bus service picks up at the Citadel Mall, which is just under 1 mile from the Town and Country Inn. (<http://www.ridecarta.com)>)

**Making Travel Arrangements:** Please refer to the **attached** Travel Guidelines.

**Please make your hotel reservations as soon as you receive this memo.** Modifications or cancellations can be made at a later date.

If your travel is covered by the Council (*AP or SSC members,* *Council members, non-federal employees, and invited participants*) your name will be on a master list and your hotel room will be charged directly to the Council. You will need to make your hotel reservation using your own credit card to hold the room; however, your room will ultimately be charged to the Council’s master account if the Council covers your travel. When you check into the hotel, you will also be asked for a credit card for incidentals. All reservations to be made by individual under Group Code “SSC”.

If you experience any problems at check-in or checkout, please contact me or other Council staff at the meeting.

As a reminder, SSC members and other participants on Council-reimbursed travel flying to the meeting should obtain their airline tickets through our travel agent.  To receive these reduced airfares, tickets must be purchased through the Charleston AAA travel office and be charged to the Council account.  Please call AAA at 1-800-765-6223 and ask for Connie Eichel to schedule your travel.  You may also email Connie at ckeichel@aaacarolinas.com.

If you have any questions please contact me at (843) 302-8441 or via e-mail at mike.errigo@safmc.net.

Look forward to seeing you in Charleston.

cc: Council Members and Staff

 Bonnie Ponwith, Erik Williams, Theo Brainerd, and Trika Gerard, SEFSC

 Jack McGovern and Rick DeVictor, SERO

 Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA GC

**PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Introduction
2. Public Comment
3. Briefing on Access to Council’s Public Comment Process
4. 2016-2017 Landings, ACLs, and ABCs
5. SEDAR Activities
6. Red Grouper Projections
7. SEFSC Report on Gray Triggerfish
8. SEDAR 50 Blueline Tilefish Assessment Review
9. Revised Golden Tilefish Assessment
10. Modifications to the ABC Control Rule
11. South Atlantic Ecosystem Model Review
12. Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 – Red Snapper
13. Wreckfish ITQ Review
14. Visioning Amendments
15. Council Workplan Update
16. Public Comment
17. Report and Recommendations Review
18. Next Meeting

**SSC Members:**

Dr. Marcel Reichert, Chairman

Dr. George Sedberry, Vice-Chairman

Dr. Robert Ahrens

Dr. Luiz Barbieri

Dr. Carolyn Belcher

Dr. John Boreman, Jr.

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Dr. Scott Crosson

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Dr. Sherry Larkin

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Dr. Genevieve Nesslage

Dr. Amy Schueller

Dr. Frederick Scharf

Dr. Fred Serchuk

Dr. Alexei Sharov

Dr. Tracy Yandle

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