



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

May 3-5, 2016
Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29401

AGENDA

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, 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.

Tuesday, May 3, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

- A. Introductions
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Approval of Minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. 2015 LANDINGS, ACLS, AND ABCS

Presentation: Mike Larkin, SERO

4. UPDATE ON TRENDS IN SERFS FISHERY INDEPENDENT INDEX

Presentation: Joey Ballenger, SC DNR

5. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

Action: TORs and SSC representation for SEDAR 50 and Red Grouper Update

6. UPDATE ON MID-ATLANTIC SSC MEETING CONCERNING SETTING AN ABC FOR BLUELINE TILEFISH

7. REVIEW OF NEW BAG AND SIZE LIMIT ANALYSIS METHODOLOGY

Presentation: Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC Staff

Action: Review, discuss uncertainties, determine if BSIA

8. SOUTH ATLANTIC FOR-HIRE REPORTING AMENDMENT

Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC Staff

Action: Review and comment on the data collection variables

9. SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 41 – MUTTON SNAPPER

Presentation: Myra Brouwer, SAFMC Staff

Action: Provide recommendations, as appropriate, on analyses to date

10. UPDATE ON PROPOSED RESEARCH/OPERATIONAL ASSESSMENT TRACKS

Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC

Wednesday, May 4, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

11. SEDAR 41 – RED SNAPPER AND GRAY TRIGGERFISH ASSESSMENTS

Presentation: Dr. Kate Siegfried, SEFSC and Dr. Luiz Barbieri, FL FWC

Action: Review, provide fishing level recommendations, discuss uncertainties

Wednesday, May 4, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

12. GOLDEN TILEFISH UPDATE ASSESSMENT

Presentation: Dr. Genny Nesslage, SEFSC

Action: Review, provide fishing level recommendations, discuss uncertainties

13. NMFS ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION

Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC

Action: Preliminary application to South Atlantic stocks, comment on thoughts and next steps

14. SPINY LOBSTER REVIEW

Presentation: Dr. Kari MacLauchlin, SAFMC Staff

Action: Review and comment on steps to prevent ABC overages

15. CITIZEN SCIENCE UPDATE

Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC Staff

Thursday, May 5, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

16. HOGFISH DECISION TOOL REVIEW

Presentation: Dr. Nick Farmer and David Records, SERO

Action: Review, discuss uncertainties, determine if BSIA

17. SNAPPER GROUPE AMENDMENT 37 – HOGFISH

Presentation: Myra Brouwer, SAFMC Staff

Action: provide recommendations, as appropriate, on analyses to date

18. RED SNAPPER AMENDMENT

Action: Discussion on how the Council might deal with the outcome of SEDAR 41

Thursday, May 5, 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

19. ABC CONTROL RULE REVISION GROUP REPORT

Presentation: Steve Cadrin, ABC Control Rule Revision Group Chair

20. SOCIO-ECONOMIC PANEL REPORT

21. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE

22. CHAIR/VICE-CHAIR ELECTIONS

23. PUBLIC COMMENT

24. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

25. ADJOURN

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

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