



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Scientific and Statistical Committee

April 25-27, 2017  
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, April 25, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

##### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- *Introductions*
- *Approval of Agenda*
- *Approval of Minutes*

##### **2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

##### **3. 2016-2017 LANDINGS, ACLS, AND ABCS**

- *Landings Presentation: Mike Larkin, SERO, via webinar*
- *Actions: Consider ABC modifications, research recommendations, and assessment recommendations.*
- *Public Comment*

##### **4. SEDAR ACTIVITIES**

- *Update on SEDAR projects and the Research Track*
- *Vermilion Snapper Assessment*
  - *Actions: Approve Terms of Reference, schedule, and identify participants.*
- *Actions: Recommend assessment priorities for 2020 and beyond.*
- *Public Comment*

##### **5. SEFSC RESEARCH UPDATE**

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Public Comment*

## **6. TILEFISH**

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Review alternate projections and consider further fishing level recommendations.*
- *Public Comment*

**Wednesday, April 26, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

## **7. SEDAR 53 RED GROUPER ASSESSMENT REVIEW**

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

## **8. MODIFICATIONS TO THE ABC CONTROL RULE**

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review ABC Control Rule Options paper and comment on the Actions for modifying the Control Rule, review Fishery Performance Reports and comment on their utility and any additional information that would be useful.*
- *Public Comment*

**Thursday, April 27, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

## **9. SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 43 – RED SNAPPER**

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC/Dr. Chip Collier, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Discuss methods for setting an ABC, review corrected Red Snapper assessment, review and comment on any actions in Amendment 43 as necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

## **10. MRIP DISCUSSION**

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Discuss the process of moving forward with addressing estimates of rare event species.*
- *Public Comment*

## **11. RESEARCH PLAN REVIEW**

- *Actions: Review and make recommendations for changes and additions to the Council Research Plan.*
- *Public Comment*

## **12. STOCK ASSESSMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN REVIEW**

- *Actions: Review and make recommendations for changes and additions to the Stock Assessment Improvement Plan.*
- *Public Comment*

### **13. SERFS TRENDS UPDATE**

- *Presentation: Dr. Joseph Ballenger, SC DNR*
- *Public Comment*

### **14. UPDATE ON NATIONAL SSC EFFORTS**

- *Public Comment*

### **15. BLACK SEA BASS BAG AND SIZE LIMIT ANALYSIS**

- *Actions: Consider use of new Complex Analysis Review procedure and identify a subgroup if applicable.*
- *Public Comment*

### **16. THEN ET AL. M**

- *Actions: Identify intent of SSC for this topic.*
- *Public Comment*

### **17. SEP REPORT REVIEW**

### **18. UPDATE ON CITIZEN SCIENCE EFFORTS**

- *Public Comment*

### **19. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE**

### **20. PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **21. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW**

### **22. NEXT MEETING**

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### **PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS**

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*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.*