



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA Scientific and Statistical Committee

October 24-26, 2017
Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29401

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, October 24, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

- *Introductions*
- *Approval of Agenda*
- *Approval of Minutes*
- *Briefing on access to Council's Public Comment process*

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. SSC/COUNCIL REVIEW PROCESS

- *Presentation: Gregg Waugh/John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Public Comment*

4. 2016-2017 LANDINGS, ACLS, AND ABCS

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

5. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

- *Update on SEDAR projects and the long-term assessment scheduling approach.*
- *Cobia Stock ID workshop, Greater Amberjack assessment, Red Porgy Assessment*
- *Actions: Approve Terms of Reference, schedule, and identify participants.*
- *Public Comment*

6. RED GROUPER PROJECTIONS

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Review new projections, apply ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations.*
- *Public Comment*

7. SEFSC REPORT ON GRAY TRIGGERFISH

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Discuss future alternatives for assessing Gray Triggerfish.*
- *Public Comment*

8. SEFSC ACTIVITIES UPDATE

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

Wednesday, October 25, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

9. SEDAR 50 BLUELINE TILEFISH ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

10. REVISED GOLDEN TILEFISH ASSESSMENT

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

11. MODIFICATIONS TO THE ABC CONTROL RULE

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review and provide guidance on modifications to the ABC Control Rule.*
- *Public Comment*

Thursday, October 26, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

12. SOUTH ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEM MODEL REVIEW

- *Presentation: Dr. Tom Okey, UVIC/Dr. Howard Townsend, NMFS*
- *Actions: Review and provide recommendations for future direction and utility of this tool for management.*
- *Public Comment*

13. SNAPPER GROUPE AMENDMENT 46 – RED SNAPPER

- *Presentation: Dr. Chip Collier, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review and comment on any actions in Amendment 46.*
- *Public Comment*

14. WRECKFISH ITQ REVIEW

- *Presentation: Dr. Brian Chevront, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Discuss and comment on the proposed review process.*
- *Public Comment*

15. VISIONING AMENDMENTS

- *Actions: Review and comment.*
- *Public Comment*

16. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE

- *Update on Joint SSC-MRIP workshop*

17. PUBLIC COMMENT

18. OTHER BUSINESS

19. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

20. NEXT MEETING

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PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

Written comment: Written comment on SSC agenda topics is distributed to the Committee through the Council office, like all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12:00 pm Wednesday, October 18, 2017.

Verbal comment: Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided at set times during SSC meetings. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

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.