



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Scientific and Statistical Committee

April 9-11, 2019  
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 9, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.**

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

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

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

##### **3. SEDAR ACTIVITIES**

- *Updates on SEDAR projects and the effects of the government shutdown on project timing.*
- *Public Comment*

##### **4. SNAPPER GROUPEY FISHERY ECONOMIC OVERVIEW**

- *Presentation: Dr. Christopher Liese, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Review recommendations of the SEP, discuss uncertainties, and determine if the analysis is best scientific information available.*
- *Public Comment*

##### **5. REVIEW OF SNAPPER GROUPEY REGULATORY AMENDMENT 29**

- *Actions: Provide guidance on how the use of non-offset circle hooks and descending devices can be incorporated in stock assessments. Review and comment on any other part of the amendment as necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

**6. SEFSC RESEARCH UPDATE**

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

**Wednesday, April 10, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**7. SOUTH ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEM MODEL USE IN FISHERIES MANAGEMENT**

- *Presentation: Dr. Tom Okey, UVIC; Luke McEachron, FWRI*
- *Actions: Consider forming a workgroup for this project.*
- *Public Comment*

**8. SOUTH ATLANTIC RESEARCH PLAN REVIEW**

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

**9. COMPREHENSIVE ABC CONTROL RULE AMENDMENT**

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review methods for assigning risk tolerance, discuss uncertainties and determine if it is best scientific information available; Provide any further+ recommendations if necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

**10. SEP REPORT REVIEW**

**Thursday, April 11, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**11. USE OF THE FES CALIBRATED MRIP DATA**

- *Presentation: Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Detail a process for vetting the calibrated MRIP data for use in stock assessments and for making catch level recommendations.*
- *Public Comment*

**12. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE**

- *Public Comment*

**13. OTHER BUSINESS**

**14. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**15. CONSENSUS STATEMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW**

**16. NEXT MEETING**

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