



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

May 1-3, 2018
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 1, 8:30 p.m. - 12:00 p.m.

➤ **SSC MEMBER ORIENTATION**

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

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. BLUELINE TILEFISH ABC WORKGROUP

- *Actions: Review recommendations of the workgroup and recommend an ABC for Blueline Tilefish from Cape Hatteras to the VA border.*
- *Public Comment*

4. RED SNAPPER ABC WORKGROUP

- *Actions: Review recommended methods for setting an ABC from the workgroup and recommend a method for determining an ABC for Red Snapper.*
- *Public Comment*

5. SEFSC RESEARCH UPDATE

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

Wednesday, May 2, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

6. SEDAR 56 BLACK SEA BASS ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

7. ABC CONTROL RULE AMENDMENT

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review changes/decisions made during the March Council meeting and provide any further recommendations if necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

8. SEDAR 55 VERMILION SNAPPER ASSESSMENT REVIEW

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

9. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE

- *Public Comment*

10. REGULATORY REFORM

- *Actions: Review regulations identified by the Council as being unneeded, outdated, or ineffective and that can be removed from the FMPs, and comment on those regulations listed.*
- *Public Comment*

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

11. WRECKFISH ITQ REVIEW

- *Actions: Review and comment on appropriateness of the data used in the review.*
- *Public Comment*

12. EVALUATION OF GOLDEN TILEFISH ABC

- *Actions: Review newest projections and available information; recommend a revised ABC for Tilefish as appropriate.*
- *Public Comment*

13. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

- *Update on SEDAR projects and the Cobia Stock ID workshop.*
- *Actions: Approve Terms of Reference, schedule, and identify participants for the Yellowtail, Cobia, Scamp, and King Mackerel assessments.*
- *Actions: Recommend assessment priorities for 2020 and beyond.*
- *Public Comment*

14. KEY STOCKS PLAN

- *Actions: Identify stocks to include, review and comment on information and interim analysis.*
- *Public Comment*

15. SEP REPORT REVIEW

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

17. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

18. ELECTIONS

19. NEXT MEETING

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PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

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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.