



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

October 15-17, 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.

Monday, October 15, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

- *Update on SEDAR projects and schedule updates for Atlantic Cobia, Greater Amberjack, and Red Porgy.*
- *Actions: Approve Terms of Reference, schedule, and identify participants for the Scamp Research Track; approve Terms of Reference for the golden Tilefish Standard assessment and the Snowy Grouper update.*
- *Public Comment*

4. REVIEW OF THE FLORIDA FWCC STUDY LOOKING AT SIZE SELECTIVITY OF DIFFERENT SURVEY GEAR IN RELATION TO RED SNAPPER

- *Presentation: Dr. Heather Christiansen, FL FWCC*
- *Actions: Review the findings of this study and determine if they are the best scientific information available and discuss recommendations for including these findings into the Interim Analysis for Red Snapper.*
- *Public Comment*

5. SEFSC RESEARCH UPDATE

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

6. SERFS TRENDS UPDATE

- *Presentation: Dr. Wally Buble/Dr. Marcel Reichert, SC DNR*
- *Public Comment*

Tuesday, October 16, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

7. MRIP DATA REVISIONS REVIEW

- *Presentation: Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review all data pertinent to SAFMC managed stocks, discuss the procedure for reviewing and revising the ABCs for all unassessed species.*
- *Public Comment*

8. MRIP ASSESSMENT REVISIONS

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Actions: Review, apply ABC Control Rule and provide fishing level recommendations, and discuss uncertainties and changes due to the new MRIP numbers.*
- *Public Comment*

9. COMPREHENSIVE ABC CONTROL RULE AMENDMENT

- *Presentation: Overview: John Carmichael, SAFMC; Risk Tolerance method: Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review example application of the proposed changes to the ABC Control Rule to example stocks and the proposed methodology for recommending a risk tolerance level for each species to the Council; provide any further recommendations if necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

Wednesday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

10. NEW BAG/SIZE LIMIT ANALYSIS FINAL REVIEW

- *Presentation: Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC; Dr. Marcel Reichert (Workgroup Chair), SC DNR*
- *Actions: Review, discuss uncertainties, and determine if this analysis is best scientific information available and useful for management.*
- *Public Comment*

11. SOUTH ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEM MODEL UPDATE

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

12. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE

- *Public Comment*

13. PUBLIC COMMENT

14. OTHER BUSINESS

15. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

16. 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.