



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

October 15-17, 2019
Crowne Plaza
4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard
North Charleston, SC 29418

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

1. INTRODUCTION

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

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. ABC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR UNASSESSED STOCKS

- *Presentation: Dr. Mike Errigo, SAFMC; Dr. Scott Crosson, ABC Workgroup Chair*
- *Actions: Develop catch level recommendations for unassessed stocks, discuss the use of Monroe County data in setting catch level recommendations and tracking the landings of Dolphin and Wahoo.*
- *Public Comment*

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

4. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

- *Updates on SEDAR assessments and schedules, participants and approval of SEDAR 71 Gag schedule and Terms of Reference, review Statements of Work for Blueline Tilefish and Vermilion Snapper, confirm participation of SSC members in SEDAR 66 Golden Tilefish.*
- *Public Comment*

5. REVIEW DRAFT NS1 GUIDELINES ON CARRYOVERS AND PHASE-INS

- *Presentation: Dan Holland, NWFSC*
- *Actions: Review and make recommendations for changes to the draft NS1 guidelines on carryover and phase-in provisions.*
- *Public Comment*

6. REVIEW DRAFT MODERNIZING RECREATIONAL FISHERIES ACT – REPORT TO CONGRESS

- *Actions: Review and make recommendations for changes to the draft Report to Congress.*
- *Public Comment*

7. CORAL HABITAT DISTRIBUTION MODEL REVIEW

- *Presentation: Matthew Poti, NCCOS*
- *Actions: Review model assumptions and methods for predicting coral habitat distribution, discuss uncertainties and determine if it is best scientific information available; Provide any further recommendations if necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

8. SEFSC RESEARCH UPDATE

- *Presentation: Dr. Erik Williams, SEFSC*
- *Including update on the possibility of a Wreckfish assessment in 2019-2020.*
- *Public Comment*

9. CLARIFICATION ON BLUELINE TILEFISH OFL AND ABC

- *Actions: Clarify the SSC's intent of adding the OFLs and ABCs from the areas north and south of Cape Hatteras to produce a single OFL and ABC for the entire stock in the South Atlantic.*
- *Public Comment*

Thursday, October 17, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

10. SOUTH ATLANTIC ECOSYSTEM MODEL UPDATE

- *Presentation: Lauren Gentry, FWRI & Luke McEachron, FWRI*
- *Actions: Review and approve timing of Workgroup charge to review the Ecosystem Model.*
- *Public Comment*

11. DOLPHIN WAHOO AMENDMENT 12: BULLET AND FRIGATE MACKEREL

- *Presentation: John Hadley, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Review and comment on the amendment and make any other recommendations as necessary.*
- *Public Comment*

12. COUNCIL WORKPLAN AND SSC WORKGROUP UPDATE

- *Public Comment*

13. OTHER BUSINESS

14. PUBLIC COMMENT

15. CONSENSUS STATEMENTS 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.