



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **Citizen Science Committee** *(Partially Closed)* Bahia Mar Doubletree by Hilton Fort Lauderdale, FL

Monday, June 11, 2018 – 2:00 P.M. – 3:00 P.M. (Partially Closed; Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Mark Brown

Approval of March 2018 Committee minutes – Mark Brown

1. SAFMC Citizen Science Operations Committee Appointments (*Attachment 1*) (**CLOSED**) – Amber Von Harten
 - a. Overview of SAFMC Citizen Science Blueprint Organizational Structure and Role of Operations Committee – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Recommend appointments to the Operations Committee – Mark Brown

2. SAFMC Citizen Science Program Development Update (*Attachment 2*) – Amber Von Harten
 - a. Overview of Action Team progress and development of Citizen Science Program SOPPs – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown

3. Review draft SAFMC Citizen Science Research Priorities (*Attachment 3*) – Amber Von Harten
 - a. Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action – Review and adopt document – Mark Brown

4. Update on Citizen Science Program/pilot project (*Attachment 4*) – Amber Von Harten
 - a. Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown

Other Business – Mark Brown

Adjourn – Mark Brown

Committee Members

Mark Brown, Chair
Ben Hartig, Vice-Chair
Robert Beal
Zack Bowen
Chester Brewer
Chris Conklin
Tim Griner
Charlie Phillips

Attachments

Attachment 1: Citizen Science Program Operations Committee (Closed document)
Attachment 2: Citizen Science Program Operations Committee Overview
Attachment 3: Draft Citizen Science Program Research Priorities
Attachment 4: Citizen Science Program/Pilot Update

Staff Lead: Amber Von Harten

OVERVIEW

Citizen Science Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from the March 2018 Citizen Science Committee meeting and the agenda for this meeting.

1. SAFMC Citizen Science Operations Committee Appointments (CLOSED)– (Attachment 1)

Description: The committee will discuss appointments to the Citizen Science Program Operations Committee.

Required Committee Action: Make appointments to the Council’s Citizen Science Program Operations Committee.

2. SAFMC Citizen Science Program Development Update – (Attachment 2)

Description: The committee will receive an overview of the structure and function of the Citizen Science Program Operations Committee. In the 2016 Citizen Science Program Blueprint, recommendations for the organizational infrastructure of the Program were proposed to include the Action Teams, Advisory Committee, Operations Committee, and Program Oversight Board. The Citizen Science Advisory Panel Pool and associated five Action Teams have been working since August 2017 and developing recommendations for the program components associated with Projects/Topics Management, Data Management, Finance & Infrastructure, Volunteers, and Communication/Outreach/Education. The recommendations being developed by the Action Teams will be used to create Standard Operating Policies & Procedures (SOPPs) for the Citizen Science Program. The group identified in the Blueprint to develop SOPPs is the Citizen Science Operations Committee. Members of the Action Teams and other advisors from the Council’s SSC, SERO, and SEFSC will be appointed and will serve on the Operations Committee.

Required Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed.

3. Review draft SAFMC Citizen Science Research Priorities – (Attachment 3)

Description: Staff will present the draft citizen science research priorities that are being considered for the Council’s Citizen Science Program. The draft priorities were informed by the Council’s 2018-2022 Research & Monitoring Plan, developed in coordination with the Action Teams and recently reviewed by the Snapper Grouper and Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panels. The committee will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the topics under consideration and recommendations on how to prioritize the list, if needed.

Note:

- The research priorities are not listed in order of importance.
- For reference, each priority has an associated cost estimate (\$, \$\$, \$\$\$). While costs can vary depending on the type of project developed for each priority, in general, \$ is estimated to be approximately \$50,000 or less and \$\$\$ is estimated to be approximately \$150,000 or more.

Required Committee Action: Review the draft citizen science research priorities document and provide feedback on the following:

Suggested research topics –

- *Are the species under consideration for each topic adequate?*
- *Are there any missing?*
- *Based on the topics, are the audiences being targeted as project participants appropriate?*

New topics –

- *Are there any research topics that should be included in the draft list of priorities?*

Suggested project partners –

- *Do you know of any researchers, agencies, fishermen, or others that are conducting complementary activities that could help support any of the research topics in the draft list?*

4. Update on Citizen Science Program/pilot project – (Attachment 4)

Description: The committee will receive an update from staff about the work of the Action Teams, including the products and materials produced by the Teams. Additionally, staff will brief the committee on the progress of the scamp pilot project, convening a project planning team, and how the Action Teams are developing the plans for data management, communication, and volunteer training for the project.

Required Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed.

Other Business