



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### Protected Resources Committee

Town and County Inn  
2008 Savannah Highway  
Charleston, SC 29414

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019 – 8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M. (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda – Spud Woodward

Approval of March 2017 Committee minutes – Spud Woodward

1. Council/NMFS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) (*Attachment 1*)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary – Spud Woodward
2. Update on Biological Opinions (BiOps) for Dolphin Wahoo and HMS Fisheries
  - a. Overview – PR Staff
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary – Spud Woodward
3. Updates on Other Protected Resources Issues (*Attachment 2*).
  - a. Overview – PR Staff
  - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary – Spud Woodward

Other Business – Spud Woodward

Adjourn – Spud Woodward

#### **Committee Members**

Spud Woodward, Chair  
Steve Poland, Vice-Chair  
Robert Beal  
Mel Bell  
Jessica McCawley  
LCDR Jeremy Montes

#### **Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** Council and NMFS MOU

**Attachment 2:** Protected Resources Updates

**Staff:** Christina Wiegand

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Protected Resources Committee**

The Committee will approve of minutes from March 2017 meeting and the agenda for the September 2019 Committee meeting.

1. **Council/NMFS Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – (*Attachment 1*)**

**Description:** In January 2015, NMFS released a policy directive on ESA/MSA Integration. The directive implemented recommendations from the ESA Working Group, which was convened by the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) and the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) to make recommendations on how to improve the involvement of regional fishery management councils in the ESA section 7 consultation process. In March 2016, the Council approved the Integration Agreement between the South Atlantic Council and SERO PRD in regard to coordination with and involvement of the Council in Section 7 consultations. Council staff will review the current Integration Agreement.

**Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary.

2. **Update on Biological Opinions for Dolphin Wahoo and HMS Fisheries**

**Description:** Staff from the SERO Protected Resources Division (PRD) will provide the Committee with an update on Dolphin Wahoo and HMS Biological Opinions (BiOps), including information on data needed, opportunities for Council input, and timelines for completions.

**Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary.

3. **Updates on Other Protected Resource Issues (*Attachment 2*)**

**Description:** Staff from the SERO PRD will provide the Committee with an update on protected resources issues in the South Atlantic region.

**Committee Action:** Discuss and take action as necessary.

### **Other Business**