



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole

Westin Jekyll Island  
110 Ocean Way  
Jekyll Island, GA

**Thursday, March 8, 2018 – 9:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M. (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda – Charlie Phillips

Approval of November 2017 minutes – Charlie Phillips

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment (**Attachment 1**)
  - a) Overview – John Carmichael
  - b) **Committee Action:** review and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval
2. Recreational Accountability Measures (**Attachment 2**)
  - a) Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b) **Committee Action:** review and provide guidance – Dr. Michelle Duval

Other Business – Charlie Phillips

Adjourn – Charlie Phillips

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#### Attachments

**Attachment 1:** ABC Control Rule Options Paper

**Attachment 2:** Recreational AM overview

**Staff:** John Carmichael

# **OVERVIEW**

## **ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole**

### **Agenda Approval**

#### **Minutes Approval – December 2017**

##### **1. ABC Control Rule Amendment – (Attachment 1)**

**Description:** The Comprehensive ABC Control Rule Amendment will revise and update the SAFMC ABC Control Rule (CR) and potentially address recreational accountability measures. This will be a comprehensive amendment, proposing changes to several FMPs. Amendments within each FMP are not numbered at this time. The purpose of the CR revisions is to address inconsistencies in the existing rule, update its contents, and implement flexibility allowed by the MSA.

**Amendment Status:** Under Development. An IPT was formed in December 2017 and met in early 2018 to review the purpose and need and proposed actions. The IPT recommended a number of revisions to reduce and simplify the actions, and has drafted a proposed Purpose and Need for review by the Council.

Next steps: the IPT will consider the analyses required to evaluate alternatives and finalize the language of actions and alternatives based on input from this meeting. The Council will be asked to approve wording of actions and alternatives at the June 2018 meeting.

**Required Committee Action:** Review the options paper, consider approval of the purpose and need statements, consider which FMPs to be amended by this comprehensive amendment, and provide guidance on the actions and alternatives.

##### **2. Recreational Accountability Measures – (Attachment 2)**

**Description:** The purpose of the accountability measures modifications is to address recreational data uncertainty and inconsistencies across FMPs. Changes to recreational accountability measures have been considered for inclusion in the Comprehensive ABC Control Rule Amendment. At the December 2017 meeting the Council requested that staff review existing accountability measures and determine which can be changed through a framework process. This is being considered to expedite changes in accountability measures.

**Required Committee Action:** Review the AMs and available approaches for making changes, and provide guidance on which approach to use for implementing recreational AM changes.

### **Other Business**

### **Adjourn**