



# **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT DECEMBER 2018**

The Council's priorities for 2018/19 are included as Attachment 4b in TAB 6, Executive Finance Committee. Detailed information on the status of each FMP/Amendment and upcoming meetings is contained in the Council Follow-Up (Attachment 4a in TAB 6, Executive Finance Committee). There will be a number of new items and potential modifications to timing that need to be accommodated within our list of priorities, so we will need to discuss them and get guidance on modifications to the Council's priorities.

Also, in Executive Finance we will have some discussions about items to be included for the draft Calendar Year (CY; January-December) 2019 budget (Attachment 5 in TAB 6, Executive Finance Committee). The Council will review the draft budget at the March 2019 meeting.

This has been a very busy time since our September 2018 Council meeting that was shifted to October due to hurricane impacts, with several training sessions for charter reporting, coordination work on our charter vessel reporting amendment, SEDAR activities, and administrative changes. Work on MyFishCount and Citizen Science continued. Outreach work continued to prepare for the expected mandatory charter vessel reporting on January 1, 2019. We are also continuing our move to an electronic newsletter.

We have a new Council member from South Carolina and we welcome David Whitaker to the Council family.

Finally, as you know Mike Collins will be retiring near the end of December 2018 after almost 13 years of service and we will miss his steady hand, calm demeanor, and ability to search out cost savings. Kelly Klasnick is doing an excellent and the overlap has provided an opportunity to get Kelly up to speed quickly. Kimberly Cole is leaving to pursue another opportunity after working with us for 2 years; we will miss her and wish her well. We are working to have someone onboard by the December meeting.