



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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THURSDAY/FRIDAY COUNCIL AGENDA

June 10-14, 2019

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Thursday, June 13, 2019

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

[Legal Briefing on Litigation – Monica Smit-Brunello (**CLOSED SESSION**) if needed]

- 4:00 - 4:10 Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair
 - Adoption of Agenda/ Jessica McCawley
 - Approval of Minutes/ Jessica McCawley
- 4:10 – 4:45 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
 - 1. Executive Director's Report (**TAB 13, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
 - 2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 13, Attachment 2**) – Dr. Chip Collier
 - 3. Citizen Science Update (**TAB 13, Attachment 3**) – John Carmichael/Julia Byrd
 - 4. Update from April 2019 Atlantic Large Whale TRT meeting – Christina Wiegand/Charlie Phillips
- 4:45 – 5:00 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
 - 1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed
 - 2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM) (**TAB 13, Attachment 4**)
 - 3. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 13, Attachment 5**) – Jenny Lee
- 5:00 – 5:15 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
 - 1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 13, Attachment 6a**)
 - 2. Status of MRIP Conversions (**TAB 13, Attachment 6b**)
- 5:15 – 5:30 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**
 - 1. North Carolina Aquarium (**TAB 13, Attachments 7a&b**)

Friday, June 14, 2019
8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

- 8:30 – 9:30 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 12)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 9:45 - 10:00 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:00 - 10:15 SSC Selection Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:15 - 10:20 SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 10)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:20 - 10:45 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 - 11:15 Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30 Committee of the Whole/Jessica McCawley (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:35 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:35 - 11:40 Personnel Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**
- 11:40 - 11:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate
– **ACTION**

Friday, June 14, 2019 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)

11:45 – 12:05 HMS Presentation (**Tab 13, Attachments 8a-d**) – NMFS is conducting scoping/hearings on 4 actions:

- Gear Restricted Area and Weak Hook Amendment (Proposed rule): Will consider changes to the area-based and weak hook management measures for bluefin tuna in the pelagic longline fishery, with a focus on measures that were implemented to reduce dead discards of bluefin tuna. The rulemaking is intended to determine if existing area management and weak hook measures remain appropriate to both achieve the current management objectives and provide flexibility to adapt to fishing variability in the future.
- Amendment 13 Scoping: Will consider modifications of the bluefin tuna regulations, specifically, the Individual Bluefin Quota Program (pelagic longline fishery), modification of the directed tuna fishery quota system (rod and reel and harpoon gear), and sunseting the purse seine fishery.
- Amendment 14 Scoping: Will consider a review of current HMS process for establishing the acceptable biological catch (ABC) and annual catch limits (ACLs) for domestically managed sharks, and a review of the process governing the distribution of the ACL to the various sectors.
- Spatial Management Scoping: Will consider options to conduct research and collect both fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data in areas currently closed to fishing for Atlantic highly migratory species.

12:05 – 12:25 Biscayne National Park Presentation (**Tab 13, Attachments 9**) – Jessica McCawley

12:25 – 12:45 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 13, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**

12:45 – 12:55 Other Business – **ACTION**

12:55 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 13, Attachment 11**) – **ACTION**

1:00 **ADJOURN**

Voices of the Southeast Oral History

The NOAA Southeast Oral History Kiosk will be set up outside the meeting room. The kiosk houses a video loop on a large monitor and a smaller iPad where one can listen to clips of oral history interviews on a variety of topics. They have included individuals from both the South Atlantic and Gulf in the story map and video loop, and the topics vary from commercial and recreational fishing to management and environmental changes.

Christina Package-Ward, NMFS SERO staff, will be available to discuss the Voices from the Fisheries Program and demonstrate how to navigate the story map on the iPad and answer other questions about either Oral History or the SERO Social Science Branch.

Christina will give a short overview during a committee meeting once she arrives and is set up.

U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)

“The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)—an independent, nonpartisan agency that works for Congress—is conducting a study on allocation reviews for mixed-use fisheries (those with a combination of commercial, recreational, or for-hire fishing sectors) in federal waters of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico. GAO staff will be in attendance at the June 2019 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council meeting and would like to meet with fishery stakeholders to discuss mixed-use fisheries allocations. GAO will post a signup sheet in the area outside the Council meeting space by 8:30 am Monday, June 10th for those interested in scheduling a meeting time with GAO. GAO will be available for meetings Monday, June 10th through Wednesday, June 13th, generally from 8:30 am to 6 pm, with the exception of the Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization & Modern Fisheries Act discussion and the Council’s Public Comment session. Information from stakeholders is a critical part of this study, and GAO staff hope to speak to as many interested stakeholders as possible at this meeting. Please direct any questions to FisheriesAllocations@gao.gov.”