



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

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### **Monday, December 4, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. Personnel Committee (CLOSED SESSION)**

#### **9:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 1)**

1. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel November Meeting Summary
  - a) Overview of Advisory Panel Summary and Recommendations – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Provide Guidance and Approve as Needed – **ACTION**
2. SAFMC FEP II Implementation Plan
  - a) Overview of Draft FEP II Implementation Plan – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Review and Approve Draft Plan – **ACTION**
3. SAFMC FEP II Road Map
  - a) Overview of Draft FEP II Road Map – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Review and Approve Draft Road Map – **ACTION**
4. SAFMC FEP II, FEP II Dashboard and Tools
  - a) Overview of Draft FEP II, FEP II Dashboard and FEP II Tools – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Committee Action: Review, Provide Guidance and Approve as Needed – **ACTION**
5. SECAS and SALCC Conservation Blueprint 2.2
  - a) Update on SECAS and Conservation Blueprint – Mallory Martin, SALCC
6. Council Actions on Habitat – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

#### **11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON ABC Control Rule – Committee of the Whole/Charlie Phillips/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 2)**

1. ABC Control Rule Amendment (SG Amendment \_\_\_/DW Amendment \_\_\_/CMP Amendment \_\_\_/Spiny lobster \_\_\_/Golden Crab \_\_\_/Deep water shrimp \_\_\_)
  - a) Overview – John Carmichael
  - b) Review of Decision Document – John Carmichael
  - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

**12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH**

**Monday, December 4, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

1. Status of 2016-2017 Catches vs. ACL
  - a) Presentation – Christina Wiegand
  - b) Committee discussion and action as necessary – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Bully Nets and FWC Management)
  - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b) Review draft options paper – Christina Wiegand
  - c) Review other inconsistent regulations – Jessica McCawley
  - d) Committee Action – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
    - i. Review the purpose and need as well as draft actions/alternatives and determine if any changes are necessary
    - ii. Review Gulf Council motions

**3:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. Citizen Science Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 4)**

1. Address policy on Citizen Science AP Pool and Action Team appointments
  - a) Overview – Amber Von Harten
  - b) Committee reviews and approves policy – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
2. Review progress reports from each Action Team – Amber Von Harten
  - a) Update – Data Management Action Team
  - b) Update – Volunteers Action Team
  - c) Update – Projects/Topics Management Action Team
  - d) Update – Communication/Outreach/Education Action Team
  - e) Update – Finance & Infrastructure Action Team
  - f) Committee reviews and provides guidance to staff – Mark Brown – **ACTION**
3. Citizen Science Program Partnerships and Pilot Project
  - a) Update – Amber Von Harten (Council Staff) and Rick Bonney (Cornell University)
  - b) Committee provides guidance to staff, as needed – Mark Brown – **ACTION**

**4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 5)**

1. Status Reports
  - a) SAFMC FHER
  - b) SAFMC Data Collection Pilot
  - c) Outreach plan
  - d) Committee discussion and guidance – Mel Bell – **ACTION**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Recreational Reporting Workshop/Dr. Chip Collier (TAB 6)**

1. Update on the Red Snapper Mini-Seasons – Chip Collier
2. Electronic reporting only for big game - a tag based program
3. iSnapper (Texas) - voluntary reporting program
4. Tails'n Scales (Mississippi) - mandatory program
5. FWC and LA – enhanced MRIP. States would need to do this
6. Discussion and guidance – **ACTION**

**12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M. Lunch**

**Tuesday, December 5, 2017      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.      Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)**

1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus ACLs – NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review– NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
  - a) Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
  - b) Golden Tilefish Interim Rule
  - c) Red Snapper Emergency Rule
  - d) Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
3. SG AP Report – David Moss – **ACTION**
4. Snapper Grouper Amendment 46 (Red Snapper)
  - a) Overview – Chip Collier
  - b) Committee reviews options and provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**
5. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
  - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b) Review revised actions & alternatives and purpose and need – Dr. Michelle Duval
  - c) Analyses of landings by species groupings – John Hadley
  - d) Committee reviews, modifies as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval – **ACTION**

**Note:** Prior to adjourning for the day, NMFS will present an overview of the EFP requests included in TAB 13.

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.      Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)**

6. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
  - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b) SSC recommendations – Dr. Marcel Reichert
  - c) Review revised actions & alternatives, updated analyses, and purpose and need – Dr. Michelle Duval
  - d) Committee reviews, modifies as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
7. Amendment 38 Blueline Tilefish
  - a) Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b) Presentation on Blueline Tilefish benchmark assessment (SEDAR 50) - SEFSC
  - c) SSC fishing level recommendations – Dr. Marcel Reichert
  - d) Committee reviews, modifies as necessary, and provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
8. Snapper Grouper For-Hire Moratorium
  - a) Overview – John Hadley
  - b) Committee reviews options, provides guidance to staff, and approves for scoping – Dr. Michelle Duval

**Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.**

9. Red Grouper
  - a) Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b) SSC fishing level recommendations – Dr. Marcel Reichert
  - c) Committee reviews and approves for Secretarial Review – Dr. Michelle Duval
10. Golden Tilefish
  - a) Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b) SSC recommendations – Dr. Marcel Reichert
  - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.      Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)**

11. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a) Overview of development of the review – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b) Presentation on ITQ Review Progress – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval
12. Yellowtail Snapper
  - a) Overview – John Hadley
  - b) Discuss potential joint amendment with Gulf Council to explore management solutions for yellowtail snapper – John Hadley
  - c) Committee provides guidance to staff – Dr. Michelle Duval

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017      PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**4:30 P.M. Public comment will be accepted regarding any of the items on the Council agenda. The Council Chair, based on the number of individuals wishing to comment, will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter.**

**Approval for Formal Review:**

- (1) Red Grouper Abbreviated Framework

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) CMP Framework 6 (Atlantic King Mackerel Trip Limits)
- (2) For-Hire Moratorium

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) CMP Amendment 31 (Cobia)

**Public comment will also be accepted on E.O. 13771 (2 for 1 Regulations) to identify regulations that are (1) outdated, (2) unnecessary, or (3) ineffective.**

**Thursday, December 7, 2017      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.      SEDAR Committee/Charlie Phillips (**PARTIALLY CLOSED SESSION**) (TAB 8)**

1. Appointments – **CLOSED SESSION**
  - a) Cobia stock ID
  - b) Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy assessments
2. SSC Report – Dr. Marcel Reichert
3. Terms of reference and schedule approvals
  - a) Overview – John Carmichael
  - b) Greater Amberjack and Red Porgy Approvals – Charlie Phillips
4. Steering Committee Report
  - a) Overview – John Carmichael
  - b) Discuss and Provide Guidance – Charlie Phillips

**Thursday, December 7, 2017      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON      Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)**

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches vs. ACLs – SERO
2. Update on the ASMFC Interstate Atlantic Cobia FMP – Bob Beal
3. Requested timeline for MRIP recalculation of 2015 and 2016 recreational landings for Atlantic cobia – Christina Wiegand
4. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (Atlantic King Mackerel Trip Limits)
  - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b) Review draft options paper – Christina Wiegand
  - c) Committee action: discussion and approve for scoping – Ben Hartig
5. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia Management)
  - a) Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b) Review draft amendment – Christina Wiegand
  - c) Committee action: discussion and approve for public hearings – Ben Hartig

**Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, December 7, 2017      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 2:00 P.M.      Information and Education Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 10)**

1. Report from I & E Advisory Panel Meeting – Cameron Rhodes
2. Committee discussion and guidance to staff – Mark Brown

**2:00 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.      SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 11)**

1. Review Policies for Inclusion in SOPPs and/or Handbook
  - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b) Committee action: discuss, provide guidance and approve – Chris Conklin

**3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.      Executive Finance Committee/Charlie Phillips (TAB 12)**

1. Magnuson-Steven Reauthorization
  - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b) Committee action: discuss, provide guidance and approve as needed – Charlie Phillips
2. Budget Status and Outlook
  - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
  - b) Committee action: discuss, provide guidance and approve as needed – Charlie Phillips
3. Council Follow-up and Priorities
  - a) Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b) Committee action: discuss, provide guidance and approve as needed – Charlie Phillips
4. Council Meeting Materials
  - a) Overview – Gregg Waugh/Cameron Rhodes/Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b) Committee action: discuss, provide guidance and approve as needed – Charlie Phillips

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 13)**

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

- 8:30 - 8:40 Call to Order and Introductions/Charlie Phillips  
Adoption of Agenda/Charlie Phillips  
Approval of Minutes/Charlie Phillips
- 8:40 – 8:50 Awards/Recognition/Charlie Phillips
- 8:50 – 9:00 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 13, Attachment 1**; available at meeting) – Gregg Waugh
  2. Update on Atlantic-coastwide meeting in November – Gregg Waugh and Charlie Phillips
- 9:00 – 9:30 Discussion with Dr. Francisco “Cisco” Werner, Chief Science Advisor & Director of Scientific Programs, NOAA Fisheries – **ACTION**
- 9:30 – 9:45 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not covered in committee meetings (**TAB 13, Attachments 2 and 3**)
  2. Status of Recreational and Commercial Quota Monitoring Tables on SERO Web Site
  3. Protected Resources Update and Turtle Release (**TAB 13, Attachments 4 and 5**)– SERO
- 9:45 – 10:00 NMFS SEFSC Presentations on Status of Bycatch Collection Programs – **ACTION**
1. Status of Bycatch Collection Programs
  2. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program
- 10:00 – 10:45 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**
1. Florida Keys Commercial Fishermen’s Association (**TAB 13, Attachment 6**)
  2. Keys Fisheries (**TAB 13, Attachment 7**)
  3. Joe Glass (**TAB 13, Attachment 8**)
- 10:45 – 11:00 BREAK
- 11:00 – 11:15 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (**TAB 7**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:15 - 11:30 Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (**TAB 9**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:35 Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (**TAB 3**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:35 - 11:45 ABC Committee of the Whole Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (**TAB 2**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 11:55 Recreational Reporting Workshop Report/Dr. Chip Collier (**TAB 6**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:55 - 12:00 SEDAR Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (**TAB 8**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

**Friday, December 8, 2017**

**8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 13)**

- 12:00 - 12:05 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 5)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:05 - 12:10 Habitat & Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 1)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:10 - 12:15 Information and Education Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 10)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:15 - 12:20 Citizen Science Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 4)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:20 - 12:25 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 11)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:25 - 12:35 Executive Finance Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 12)
  - Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 12:35 – 12:40 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 13, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**
- 12:40 – 12:50 Other Business – **ACTION**
- 12:50 – 1:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 13, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**
- 1:00 P.M. ADJOURN