



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

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Monday, December 3, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

1:30 P.M. to 1:40 P.M. Swearing in of new Council member/NMFS

1:40 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Personnel Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 1)

1. Executive Director Performance Review
2. Review Council Staff Medical Benefits
3. Review other recommendations from the Personnel Committee

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 2)

1. SAFMC Handbook
 - a. Overview of Proposed Changes (Citizen Science and others) – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: Develop recommendations on changes – Chris Conklin – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 3)

1. Atlantic Coast-Wide Discussions: How to address species moving northwards?
 - a. Update on Landings & Timing – Gregg Waugh (ED) & Roger Pugliese (Sr. Fishery Scientist)
 - b. Committee Action: Guidance and action as needed – Dr. Wilson Laney – **ACTION**
2. Habitat and ecosystem tools and model development – Roger Pugliese
 - a. SAFMC FEP II Dashboard and Tools
 - b. Ecosystem Modeling and Regional Partner Coordination
3. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems and Report from AP Meeting
 - a. AP Meeting Report – Roger Pugliese and Anne Deaton, NCDMF
 - b. Renewable Energy Development
 - i. BOEM Renewable Energy Activities – Brian Hooker, BOEM
 - ii. Kitty Hawk Wind Energy Project – Craig Poff, Kitty Hawk Offshore Wind
 - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Dr. Wilson Laney – **ACTION**

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)

1. Status of Recreational & Commercial Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Bullet & Frigate Mackerel
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Presentation – Steve Poland
 - c. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

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

1:30 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 4)

3. Actions from Amendment 10 and potential items for future amendment
 - a. Overview – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: As needed – Anna Beckwith – **ACTION**

2:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)

1. Status of Commercial & Recreational Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
 - a. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish) – sent to NMFS 8/7/18
 - b. Interim Rule for Golden Tilefish – motion approved by Council 6/15/19; interim rule effective 1/2/18 through 7/1/18; interim rule extended on 6/19/18 through 1/3/19
 - c. Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion & Black Sea Bass) – sent to NMFS _____
 - d. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial) – sent to NMFS _____
3. Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Report – **ACTION**
4. Scientific and Statistical Committee Report – **ACTION**
5. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
 - a. Overview of timing issue – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review, modify draft amendment as necessary, and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
6. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 – Recreational Visioning
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Review updated analyses and consider recommending for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)

7. Regulatory Amendment 42 - Sea Turtle Release Gear/SG Framework Modifications
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Review draft document, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
8. Allocation Review Trigger Plan
 - a. Overview and examples (e.g., MRIP revisions) as trigger – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff on timing and approach – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
9. Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper Accountability Measures)
 - a. Overview of amendment and public comments – John Hadley
 - b. Committee Action: Review public comments, modify as needed, and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Wednesday, December 5, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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

1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M. Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)

10. Recreational Accountability Amendment
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
11. Vision Blueprint Biennial Evaluation
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer & Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
12. Update on red snapper CPUE index – Dr. Marcel Reichert
13. Review Characterization of Snapper Grouper Commercial Fishery
 - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

3:45 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)

1. Ranking of Amendments for work schedule:
 - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - b. Committee Discussion and Guidance – Jessica McCawley

4:00 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) Snapper Grouper Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 (Recreational)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper Accountability Measures)

Approval for Scoping:

- (1) ????

Approval for Public Hearings:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear/SG Framework Modifications)

Other Items of Interest:

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
- (2) Frigate and Bullet Mackerel as Prey for Dolphin Wahoo

Thursday, December 6, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

8:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 7)

1. Appointments (Tilefish assessment and Scamp stock ID) - **CLOSED**
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: Provide recommendations – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. SSC Report – Dr. George Sedberry
3. Approvals (Snowy Grouper Terms of Reference; Scamp and Tilefish Schedule & Terms of Reference)
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: Provide recommendations – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Assessment Activities Update
 - a. Overview of Projects and Steering Committee Action – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
5. Next SEDAR Steering Committee
 - a. Overview – John Carmichael
 - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

Thursday, December 6, 2018 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

10:00 A.M. to 12:00 NOON Citizen Science Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 8)

1. Review of Draft Citizen Science Program Standard Operating Policies & Procedures (SOPPs)
 - a. Overview – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Committee Action: Modify, as needed, and adopt Citizen Science Program SOPPs – Mel Bell – **ACTION**
2. Update on Citizen Science Program & Projects
 - a. Overview of Program Development – Amber Von Harten
 - b. Overview of Developing Citizen Science Projects – Amber Von Harten
 - c. Committee Action: As needed – Mel Bell – **ACTION**

Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.

1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)

1. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
2. CCC Working Paper
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. Status of Calendar Year (CY) January-December 2018 Expenditures
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins/Kelly Klasnick
 - b. Committee Action: Review and provide input – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
 - c. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
 - d. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
5. Preliminary List of Items for 2019 Budget
 - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
6. Proposed Rule: Financial Disclosures & Voting Recusals (3/6/19 deadline)

3:00 – 3:15 BREAK

Thursday, December 6, 2018 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9)

3:15 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

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

3:15 - 3:20 Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair
Adoption of Agenda/Jessica McCawley
Approval of Minutes/Jessica McCawley

3:20 – 3:25 Awards/Recognition/Jessica McCawley

3:25 – 4:00 Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**

1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 9, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 9, Attachment 2**) – Kelsey Dick/Dr. Chip Collier
3. Hurricane Impacts – Cameron Rhodes
4. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Report (**TAB 9, Attachment 3**) – Christina Weigand/Charlie Phillips

Thursday, December 6, 2018 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9)

- 4:00 – 4:15 NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
1. Status of Recreational and Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed (**TAB 9, Attachments 4a & 4b**)
 2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVactor, NMFS SERO
 - a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia) – sent to NMFS 7/13/18
 - b. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (King Mackerel trip limits) – sent to NMFS 11/9/18
 - c. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – will have been sent by December Council meeting
 3. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM) (**TAB 9, Attachment 5**)
 4. Protected Resources Updates (**TAB 9, Attachment 6**) – Jenny Lee
- 4:15 – 4:30 NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 9, Attachment 7**)
 2. Status of MRIP Conversions (**TAB 9, Attachment 8**)
- 4:30 – 4:40 Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **none received**
- 4:40 – 5:00 Presentation from Okeanos Explorer – TBD – **ACTION**
- 6:00 Federal For-Hire Electronic Reporting Training Session – Join Council staff for a hands-on training session to learn about new electronic reporting requirements for federally permitted for-hire captains and practice using tools that will be available to meet the reporting requirements.

Friday, December 7, 2018 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9)

8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON

- 8:30 – 9:00 Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (**TAB 5**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:00 – 9:15 Habitat Committee Report/Doug Haymans (**TAB 3**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:15 - 9:30 Dolphin Wahoo Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (**TAB 4**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:30 - 9:45 SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (**TAB 7**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9:45 – 10:15 BREAK
- 10:15 - 10:30 Citizen Science Committee/Mel Bell (**TAB 8**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:45 Personnel Committee Report/Chester Brewer (**TAB 1**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:45 - 11:00 SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (**TAB 2**)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Friday, December 7, 2018 COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 9)

11:00 - 11:15 Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)

- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

11:15 – 11:30 Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 9, Attachment 8**) – **ACTION**

11:30 – 11:55 Other Business – **ACTION**

- a. USS Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (**TAB 9, Attachment 9**) – David W. Alberg, Sanctuary Supervisor
- b. Council recommendation – **ACTION**

11:55 – 12:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 9, Attachment 10**) – **ACTION**

12:00 NOON ADJOURN