



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston SC 29405  
Call: (843) 571-4366 | Toll-Free: (866) SAFMC-10 | Fax: (843) 769-4520 | Connect: [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net)

Jessica McCawley, Chair | Mel Bell, Vice Chair  
Gregg T. Waugh, Executive Director

## AGENDA

September 16-20, 2019

Town & Country Inn; 2008 Savannah Hwy.

Charleston, SC 29407

Phone: Reservations: 800-334-6660 or 843-571-1000/Fax: 843-766-9444

Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.

Written comments received by close of business the Monday before the meeting (9/9) will be compiled, posted to the website as part of the meeting materials, and included in the administrative record. Please use the online comment form at: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/z1dsx0do1dljzsr/> to ensure your comments are posted immediately to the Council's website and available for Council consideration.

Individuals that wish to submit comments after 9/9 must use the Council's online form at: <https://safmc.wufoo.com/forms/z1dsx0do1dljzsr/> Comments will automatically be posted to the website and available for Council consideration. Comments received prior to noon on Thursday of the Council meeting (9/19) will be a part of the meeting administrative record. **To view comments** <https://safmc.wufoo.com/reports/2019-sept-council-meeting-public-comment-report/>

### **Monday, September 16, 2019**

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Roberts Rules Training (TAB 1)**

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

**Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

**Personnel Committee/Council (CLOSED) (TAB 2)**

1. Personnel Items
2. Executive Director Interviews

### **Tuesday, September 17, 2019**

### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial) – sent to NMFS 1/24/19
  - b. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 (Recreational) – sent to NMFS 4/17/19
  - c. Amendment 42 (Sea Turtle Release Gear and Framework Modifications) – sent to NMFS 4/24/19
  - d. Regulatory Amendment 30 – sent to NMFS 8/\_\_/19
3. SSC Report – Preliminary Results from August 19-21, 2019 SSC MRIP Workshop

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON      Snapper Grouper Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

4. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Discussion of outreach and consideration for final approval – Jessica McCawley
5. Abbreviated Framework Amendment 3 (Blueline Tilefish)
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed - Jessica McCawley
6. Wreckfish ITQ Review
  - a. Overview – Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider recommending for formal review - Jessica McCawley

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

**Tuesday, September 17, 2019      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

7. Regulatory Amendment 33 (Red snapper seasons)
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review public comment, select preferred alternatives, and provide guidance as needed – Jessica McCawley
8. Regulatory Amendment 34 (NC & SC SMZs)
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider recommending for public hearings – Jessica McCawley
9. Guidance on agenda items for SG AP
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance on items to bring before the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel - Jessica McCawley
10. Vision Blueprint/FMP Objectives – Guidance on 2021-2026 Vision Blueprint (scheduled for adoption in December 2020).
11. White paper on authorized gear and lionfish
  - a. Overview – Rick DeVictor
  - b. Committee Action: Action as needed - Jessica McCawley

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:00 A.M. – 8:30 A.M.      Protected Resources Committee/Spud Woodward (TAB 4)**

1. Council/NMFS Memo Of Understanding (MOU)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as necessary – Spud Woodward
2. Update on Biological Opinions (BiOps) for Dolphin Wahoo and HMS fisheries
  - a. Overview – PR Staff TBD
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as necessary – Spud Woodward
3. Updates on Other Protected Resources Issues
  - a. Overview – PR Staff TBD
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as necessary – Spud Woodward

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019    COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 NOON    Dolphin Wahoo Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas – NMFS SERO
2. Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel Report – Ray Rosher
3. Dolphin Wahoo FMP Goals and Objectives
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith
4. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review, provide guidance to staff, and consider approval for scoping – Anna Beckwith

**12:00 NOON to 1:30 P.M.    Lunch**

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019    COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:45 P.M.    Dolphin Wahoo Committee Contd/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5)**

4. Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures) - continued
5. Amendment 12 (Bullet and Frigate Mackerel)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Anna Beckwith

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019    COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**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 provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley

**Wednesday, September 18, 2019    PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**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 Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
2. Wreckfish ITQ Review

**Approval for Scoping:**

1. Coral 10/Shrimp 11/G Crab 10 (Access Areas/Transit Provisions/GC VMS)
2. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 (Revise Dolphin and Wahoo Management Measures)

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

1. CMP Framework Amendment 8 (King mackerel trip limits, season two)
2. Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 34 (NC & SC SMZs)

**Other Items of Interest:**

1. Red snapper

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/Steve Poland (TAB 7)**

1. Council Actions on Habitat and Ecosystems
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. Review Spring Habitat Ecosystem Advisory Panel Report – Dr. Wilson Laney
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Steve Poland

**10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon Joint Habitat Ecosystem, Shrimp, and Golden Crab Committee/Steve Poland, Chris Conklin & Mel Bell (TAB 8)**

1. Coral Amendment 10/Shrimp Amendment 11/Golden Crab Amendment 10 – Access areas/Transit provisions/GC VMS
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Cheuvront
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss, review, and consider approval for scoping – Steve Poland

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

**Thursday, September 19, 2019 COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. – 3:30 P.M. Mackerel Cobia Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 9)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. CMP Framework 6 (King mackerel trip limits, season one) – sent to NMFS 11/9/2018
  - b. King mackerel emergency action – letter sent June 21, 2019
3. CMP Framework Amendment 8 (King mackerel commercial trip limits in the Atlantic southern zone during season two)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review analysis, select preferred alternative, consider approval for public hearings – Doug Haymans
4. Spanish Mackerel White Paper
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as necessary – Doug Haymans
5. Port Meetings for King and Spanish Mackerel Fisheries
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as necessary – Doug Haymans
6. Gulf Council Framework Action to modify federal for-hire trip limits
  - a. Overview – Ryan Rindone, GMFMC Staff
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as necessary – Doug Haymans
7. Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Agenda Items
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance on items to bring forward to the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel

**Thursday, September 19, 2019      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**3:30 P.M. – 5:00 P.M.      Executive Finance Committee Contd/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)**

2. November 5-7, 2019 CCC Meeting
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
3. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Status of CY 2019 Budget
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Kelly Klasnick
  - b. Committee Action: Review and take action as necessary – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
5. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering – Priorities for 2020
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Friday, September 20, 2019      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

**8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

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

- 8:30 - 8:45      Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Chair  
Adoption of Agenda/Jessica McCawley  
Approval of Minutes/Jessica McCawley  
Presentations/Jessica McCawley
- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year
  - Council Staff

8:45 – 9:00      Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**

1. Executive Director’s Report (**TAB 10, Attachment 1**) – Gregg Waugh
2. MyFishCount Update (**TAB 10, Attachment 2**)
  - a. Final Report Years 1 & 2 – Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Outreach – BeBe Harrison
3. Citizen Science Update (**TAB 10, Attachment 3**) – Julia Byrd

9:00 – 9:30      NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed (**TAB 10, Attachment 4**)
2. Southeast Geographic Strategic Plan (**TAB 10, Attachment 5**)
3. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)

9:30 – 9:45      NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**

1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (**TAB 10, Attachment 6**)
2. Status of MRIP Conversions (**TAB 10, Attachment 7**)

**Friday, September 20, 2019      COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

**8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.**

9:45 – 9:50    Review Exempted Fishing Permits as Necessary – **ACTION**

9:50 – 10:15    Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

10:15 – 10:30    BREAK

10:30 - 11:00    Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 9)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:00 - 11:05    Protected Resources Committee Report/Spud Woodward (TAB 4)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:05 - 11:30    Dolphin Wahoo/Anna Beckwith (TAB 5)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:30 - 11:45    Habitat Protection & Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Report/Steve Poland (TAB 7)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

11:45 - 12:00    Joint Habitat, Shrimp, Golden Crab/Steve Poland (TAB 8)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

12:00 - 12:15    Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 6)  
• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate  
– **ACTION**

12:15 - 12:20    Personnel Committee/Council Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 2)

12:20 – 12:40    Agency and Liaison Reports (**TAB 10, Attachment 8**) – **ACTION**

12:40 – 12:55    Other Business – **ACTION**

12:55 – 1:00    Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 10, Attachment 9**) – **ACTION**

1:00 P.M.

ADJOURN