



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

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**Sunday, September 30, 2018**      **1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**      **Recreational Workshop (TAB 1)**  
**Monday, October 1, 2018**      **8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**      **Recreational Workshop (TAB 1)**

### **Monday, October 1, 2018**      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

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

**1:40 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.**      **AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (PARTIALLY CLOSED) (TAB 2)**

1. Appointments to the Workgroup for the System Management Plan
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson & Dr. Chip Collier
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations – **ACTION**
2. Appointments to Open AP Seats
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Appointment recommendations – **ACTION**
3. Improve Communication with AP Members
  - a. Overview – Kim Iverson
  - b. Committee Action: Committee recommendations – **ACTION**

**2:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.**      **SEDAR Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)**

1. 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**
2. Next SEDAR Steering Committee
  - a. Overview – John Carmichael
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff, as needed – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**3:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**      **SOPPs Committee/Chris Conklin (TAB 4)**

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

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 9:30 A.M.**

**Spiny Lobster Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)**

1. Status of 2017-2018 Catches vs. ACL – NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
  - a. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4
3. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Update Management Procedure & Bully Nets)
  - a. Overview (public comment during Wednesday session) – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review document and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**

**Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management  
Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 6)**

1. Atlantic Coast-Wide Discussions: How to address species migration northwards?
  - a. NEFMC Views – Dr. John Quinn (Chair) and Tom Nies (ED)
  - b. MAFMC Views – Mike Luisi (Chair) and Warren Elliott (Vice-Chair)
  - c. SAFMC Views – Jessica McCawley (Acting Chair), Gregg Waugh (ED) & Roger Pugliese (Sr. Fishery Scientist)
  - d. 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
  - a. Overview – Roger Pugliese
  - b. NOAA Fisheries EBFM Implementation Plan; Draft South Atlantic Region
  - c. Committee Action: Action as needed – Dr. Wilson Laney – **ACTION**

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

**Lunch**

**Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

**Snapper Grouper Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus Quotas for Species under ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) – sent to NMFS 11/17/17
  - b. Abbreviated Framework 1 (Red Grouper) – sent to NMFS 12/21/17
  - c. Regulatory Amendment 28 (Golden Tilefish) – sent to NMFS 8/7/18
  - d. Interim Rule for Golden Tilefish – motion approved by Council 6/15/19
3. Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best practices & Powerheads)
  - a. Overview of scoping comments – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review scoping comments and approve actions and alternatives to be analyzed – Jessica McCawley
4. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 26 - Recreational
  - a. Overview of revisions – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review, modify document as necessary, choose preferreds as needed, and approve all actions – Jessica McCawley
5. Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 - Commercial
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon      Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

6. Snapper Grouper Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Modifications)
  - a. Overview of scoping comments – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley
7. Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)
  - a. Overview – John Hadley
  - b. Committee Action: Review, modify draft amendment as necessary and choose preferreds - Jessica McCawley
8. Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper Accountability Measures)
  - a. Overview of Scoping Comments – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Review, modify actions, and approve for public hearings – Jessica McCawley

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

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018      COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**1:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.      Snapper Grouper Committee Continued/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)**

9. Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass)
  - a. Overview (public comments during Wednesday session) – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review, modify draft amendment as necessary, choose preferreds, and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley
10. Items for Fall 2018 Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer
  - b. Committee Action: Provide guidance on items to include on the agenda for the upcoming Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel meeting, to be held in Charleston on October 17-19, 2018 – Jessica McCawley

**3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.      Mackerel Cobia Committee/Doug Haymans (TAB 8)**

1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
  - a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic Cobia) – sent to NMFS 7/13/18
3. CMP Framework Amendment 6 – King Mackerel trip limits
  - a. Overview (public comments during Wednesday session) – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Committee Action: Review draft document, confirm preferred alternative, and consider approval for formal review – Doug Haymans – **ACTION**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018      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 Abbreviated Framework 2 (Vermilion Snapper & Black Sea Bass)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment 27 (Commercial)
- (3) CMP Framework Amendment 6 (King Mackerel Trip Limits)
- (4) Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 (Update Management Procedure & Bully Nets)

**Approval for Scoping:**

- (1) ????

**Approval for Public Hearings:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 32 (Yellowtail Snapper Accountability Measures)

**Other Items of Interest:**

- (1) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Practices and Powerheads)
- (2) Snapper Grouper Amendment 47 (For-Hire Permit Modifications)
- (3) Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 30 (Red Grouper Rebuilding)

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**      **COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

**8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon**      **Executive Finance Committee/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)**

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. Draft CY 2018 Budget
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh/Mike Collins
  - b. Committee Action: Review and approve budget – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
4. Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering
  - a. Overview – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
5. Regulatory Reform
  - a. Status – Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Review and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
6. Issues to Comment On (policies, rules, etc. from NMFS)
  - a. Overview – Gregg Waugh
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**
7. Law Enforcement AP Meeting Schedule
  - a. Overview – Myra Brouwer/Dr. Brian Chevront
  - b. Committee Action: Discuss and provide guidance to staff – Jessica McCawley – **ACTION**

**Lunch 12:00 NOON – 1:30 P.M.**

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

**1:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

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

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| 1:30 - 1:40 | Call to Order and Introductions/Jessica McCawley, Acting Chair<br>Adoption of Agenda/Jessica McCawley<br>Approval of Minutes/Jessica McCawley  |
| 1:40 – 2:00 | Elections<br>Election of Chair/Gregg Waugh<br>Election of Vice Chair/Jessica McCawley  |
| 2:00 – 2:10 | Awards/Recognition/Jessica McCawley<br>Law Enforcement Officer of the Year   |
| 2:10 – 2:45 | <u>Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 7)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – <b>ACTION</b></li></ul> |
| 2:45 – 2:50 | <u>Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 8)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – <b>ACTION</b></li></ul>      |
| 2:50 – 3:00 | <u>Spiny Lobster Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 5)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – <b>ACTION</b></li></ul>   |
| 3:00 – 3:10 | BREAK  |

**Thursday, October 4, 2018**      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

- 3:10 – 3:20    AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 3:20 – 3:30    SEDAR Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 3:30 – 3:40    Habitat Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 3:40 – 4:00    Report from Recreational Workshop/Spud Woodward (TAB 1)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 4:00 – 4:15    SOPPs Committee Report/Chris Conklin (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 4:15 – 4:30    Executive Finance Committee Report/Jessica McCawley (TAB 9)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 4:30 – 5:00    MRIP: Overview & Revisions (TAB 10, Attachment 9) – TBD, NMFS MRIP–  
**ACTION**

**Friday, October 5, 2018**      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**

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

- 8:30 – 9:00    Council Staff Reports – **ACTION**
1. Executive Director’s Report (TAB 10, Attachment 1) – Gregg Waugh
  2. MyFishCount Update (TAB 10, Attachments 2a/2b) – Kelsey Dick/Dr. Chip Collier
  3. For-Hire Electronic Reporting Outreach Update (TAB 10, Attachment 3) – Kathleen Howington/Amber Von Harten
  4. Citizen Science Update (TAB 10, Attachment 4) – Amber Von Harten
  5. Transition to Electronic Newsletters – Kim Iverson
- 9:00 – 9:30    NMFS SERO Presentations – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Catches versus ACLs for species not already addressed (TAB 10, Attachment 5)
  2. Data-related Reports (For-Hire Amendment status and SBRM)
  3. Protected Resources Updates (TAB 10, Attachment 6) – Jenny Lee
- 9:30 – 9:45    NMFS SEFSC Presentation – **ACTION**
1. Status of Commercial Electronic Logbook Program (TAB 10, Attachment 7)
  2. Status of MRIP Conversions (TAB 10, Attachment 8)
- 9:45 – 10:00    BREAK
- 10:00 – 11:00    Draft Amendment 11 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP for Management of Shortfin Mako Sharks (TAB 10, Attachment 10a-c) – Steve Durkee, NMFS HMS Division – **ACTION**
- 11:00 – 11:30    Agency and Liaison Reports (TAB 10, Attachment 11) – **ACTION**
- 11:30 – 11:35    Other Business – **ACTION**

**Friday, October 5, 2018**      **COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 10)**  
11:45 – 12:00 Upcoming Meetings (**TAB 15, Attachment 12**) – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon    ADJOURN