



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

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Monday, September 12

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

COUNCIL WORKSHOP

Parliamentary Practice Workshop/Colette Trohan (TAB 1)

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Monday, September 12

1:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management Committee/
Doug Haymans (TAB 2)

1. Habitat Ecosystem AP Report
2. Summary of FEP II Food Web & Connectivity and Climate Variability & Fisheries Sections
3. Review Policy Considerations supporting Policy Statement Development
4. Habitat and Ecosystem Tools and Model Development
5. Recommendations on Habitat & other issues as necessary – **ACTION**

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

Information & Education Committee/Mark Brown (TAB 3)

1. South Atlantic Council Communications Survey
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
2. Outreach Activities – Amber
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

Tuesday, September 13

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SSC Selection Committee/Charlie Phillips (CLOSED) (TAB 4)

1. Review & provide recommendations for SSC Members – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.

AP Selection Committee/Chester Brewer (CLOSED) (TAB 5)

1. Review & provide recommendations for Advisory Panel Members – **ACTION**

11:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

SEDAR Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)

1. SEDAR Projects Update
2. SEDAR Steering Committee Guidance
 - Overview
 - Research Track Proposal
 - Assessment Priorities
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Tuesday, September 13

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

1. Status of commercial catches versus quotas for species under ACLs/NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
2. Status of actions under formal review/NMFS SERO
 - Regulatory Amendment 25 (Blueline Tilefish, Yellowtail Snapper & Black Sea Bass bag limit)
 - Regulatory Amendment 16 (BSB pot closure)
 - Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)
3. Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate; approve for Secretarial review – **ACTION**
4. Snapper Grouper Amendment 41 (Mutton Snapper)
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
5. Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate; approve for scoping – **ACTION**
 - Discuss and Consider Emergency Action – **ACTION**

Informal Q & A Tuesday beginning at 5:30 P.M. with Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs (NMFS); Dr. Roy Crabtree, NMFS Southeast Regional Administrator; Dr. Bonnie Ponwith, NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Director; and Dr. Michelle Duval, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Chair

Wednesday, September 14
8:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee cont./Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

- 6. Vision Blueprint Recreational Amendment
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 7. Golden tilefish
 - Overview of assessment methodology in Mid-Atlantic
 - Council’s rationale for not linking permits/catch history to endorsements
 - Changing fishing year for the hook-and-line component of the commercial golden tilefish fishery
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 8. Changing the mesh size of black sea bass pots
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 9. Red Grouper SAFE Report
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

12:00 Noon to 1:30 P.M.

Lunch

Wednesday, September 14
1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel Cobia Committee/Anna Beckwith, Dr. Michelle Duval, & Ben Hartig (TAB 8)

- 1. Overview of Commercial Dolphin Wahoo Catches versus ACLs – NMFS
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 2. Status of Dolphin Regulatory Amendment 1 - NMFS
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 3. Dolphin/Yellowtail Snapper Allocation Amendment
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 4. For-Hire Limited Entry
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

3:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Mackerel Cobia Committee/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

- 1. Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs/NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
- 2. Status of CMP Amendment 26 (King Mackerel)/NMFS SERO
- 3. NMFS Reports
 - Status of updates on commercial and recreational landings to SERO for quota monitoring – Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
 - Status of updates on commercial and recreational landings from SEFSC for quota monitoring – NMFS SERO
 - Explanation of what happened with the cobia commercial overage in 2015 – Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 4. June 2016 and August 2016 Gulf Council meeting reports
- 5. August 2016 ASMFC meeting report
- 6. August 2016 MAFMC meeting report – Rob O’Reilly
- 7. Presentation on South Carolina Distinct Population Segments of Atlantic Cobia – Mike Denson, SC DNR
- 8. August 2016 Public Hearing Comments
- 9. CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate; approve for Secretarial review – **ACTION**

Wednesday, September 14 PUBLIC COMMENTS

5:30 P.M. **Public comment will first be accepted on items before the Council for approval for public hearings:**

- Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish)
- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia)
- Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 5 (Modify Permit Restrictions)

Public comment will then be accepted regarding any of the other 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.

Thursday, September 15

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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Mackerel Committee Contd./Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

10. CMP Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) Contd.
 - Discuss and consider emergency action – **ACTION**
 - Committee direction on fishing year action: new amendment or add to existing amendment – **ACTION**
11. CMP Framework Amendment 5 (modify permit restrictions)
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate; approve for Secretarial review – **ACTION**
12. CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf King Mackerel quota sharing)
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.

Law Enforcement Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 10)

1. Summary Report from Joint LEAP/Committee
 - Discuss and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:30 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Protected Resources Committee/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 11)

1. Update from NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
2. Snapper Grouper Biological Opinion/NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
3. Nassau Grouper 12-Month Determination/NMFS SERO – **ACTION**
4. Update from USFWS/ASMFC – **ACTION**

11:30 A.M to 1:00 P.M.

Lunch

Thursday, September 15

1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Data Collection Committee/Mel Bell (TAB 12)

1. Bycatch Reporting Amendment
 - Review Final SBRM Rule – **ACTION**
 - Consider alternative name for CE-BA 3 – **ACTION**
 - Bycatch Reporting Amendment: direction to staff – **ACTION**
2. Commercial Logbook Electronic Reporting
 - SEFSC Costs Analysis/SEFSC – **ACTION**
 - Implementation Progress Report/SEFSC – **ACTION**
3. SAMC For-Hire Reporting Amendment
 - Overview of document
 - SAFMC pilot study
 - SC DNR for-hire logbook validation and verification – SC DNR
 - Committee review and provide guidance – **ACTION**

Thursday, September 15
1:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Data Collection Committee Contd./Mel Bell (TAB 12)

- 4. Status of Citizen Science Program
 - Update – John Carmichael
 - Report from IMCC Meeting – Amber Von Harten
 - Committee review and action as necessary – **ACTION**

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

Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee/Anna Beckwith (TAB 13)

- 1. Update on HMS AP Meeting/Anna – **ACTION**
- 2. NMFS HMS Presentation on Proposed Rule/EA for Non-Blacknose Small Coastal Shark & Blacknose Shark Fisheries and Draft EA for Amendment 10 (EFH/HAPCs)/Guy DeBeck, NMFS HMS – **ACTION**

5:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Executive Finance Committee/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 14)

- 1. Status of Expenditures for CY 2016 – **ACTION**
- 2. Council Follow-up and Priorities – **ACTION**
- 3. Standards & procedures for Public Comments – **ACTION**
- 4. Standards & procedures for participating in Council Webinar Meetings – **ACTION**
- 5. Regional Operations Agreement – **ACTION**

Friday, September 16
8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.

COUNCIL SESSION (TAB 15)

8:30 - 8:45

Call to Order, Adoption of Agenda and Approval of June 2016 Minutes/Dr. Michelle Duval
Swearing in of Council Members (Chris Conklin & Tim Griner)
Election of Chair
Election of Vice Chair

8:45 - 9:30

Snapper Grouper Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 7)

- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 37 (Hogfish) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (Red Snapper) for Scoping – **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

9:30 - 10:00

Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Ben Hartig (TAB 9)

- Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 4 (Atlantic Cobia) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Cobia Emergency Action – **ACTION**
- Approve/Disapprove Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 5 (Modify Permit Restrictions) for Secretarial Review – **ACTION**
- Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**

10:00 - 10:10

HMS Committee Report/Anna Beckwith (TAB 13)

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

Friday, June 17

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

COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 15)

- 10:10 - 10:30 Joint Dolphin Wahoo/Snapper Grouper/Mackerel Cobia Committee Report/Anna Beckwith, Dr. Michelle Duval, & Ben Hartig (TAB 8)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:30 - 10:40 Protected Resources Committee Report/Dr. Wilson Laney (TAB 11)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:40 - 10:50 AP Selection Committee Report/Chester Brewer (TAB 5)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 10:50 - 11:00 SSC Selection Committee Report/Charlie Phillips (TAB 4)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:00 - 11:10 SEDAR Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 6)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:10 - 11:20 Data Collection Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 12)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:20 - 11:25 Habitat & Ecosystem Committee Report/Doug Haymans (TAB 2)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:25 - 11:30 Law Enforcement Committee Report/Mel Bell (TAB 10)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:30 - 11:35 Information & Education Committee Report/Mark Brown (TAB 3)
- Consider Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:35 - 11:45 Executive Finance Committee Report/Dr. Michelle Duval (TAB 14)
- Approve Council Follow-Up and Priorities – **ACTION**
 - Approve Regional Operations Agreement – **ACTION**
 - Consider other Committee recommendations and take action as appropriate – **ACTION**
- 11:45 - 11:50 SERO Report/Dr. Roy Crabtree (Attachment 1)

Friday, June 17

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

COUNCIL SESSION CONTINUED (TAB 15)

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| 11:50 – 12:00 | Review Experimental Fishing Permit requests as appropriate (Attachment 2) – ACTION |
| 12:00 - 12:10 | SEFSC Report/Dr. Bonnie Ponwith (Attachment 3) – ACTION |
| 12:10 - 12:30 | Agency and Liaison Reports and additional information (Attachment 4) – ACTION |
| 12:30 – 12:50 | Other Business – ACTION |
| 12:50 – 1:00 | Upcoming Meetings (Attachment 5) – ACTION |
| 1:00 P.M. | ADJOURN |