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Regulation Changes Proposed for Vermilion Snapper and Red Porgy

Assessments show overfishing ended for vermilion snapper and limits may increase

Several fishery management issues will be reviewed by members of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council during its week-long meeting in St. Simons Island, Georgia in March. There is good news for vermilion snapper fishermen, with an increase in the Annual Catch Limit slated as a result of the recent stock assessment update. For red porgy, the news was not as positive, with the update showing the stock still overfished. The Council will address measures for both species in Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan.

Additional measures affecting fishermen targeting species in the snapper grouper complex are scheduled for approval by the Council in March through Amendment 27, including bag limits for for-hire captains and crew.

King mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia management issues will be on the table during a joint meeting of the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico Mackerel Committees on Monday afternoon, but no final actions are scheduled. Bycatch and data reporting top the agenda during the Ad Hoc Data Collection Committee meeting on Thursday, March 7th.

A summary of all amendments to fishery management plans being developed by the Council is available on pages 4 and 5. It is an extensive list! Those items scheduled for approval during the March meeting are highlighted. If approved by the Council in March, the measures will be reviewed by NOAA Fisheries and the Secretary of Commerce before regulations are implemented. The Council will take public comment during the March meeting before making final decisions.

The Council is considering the following two amendments to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan for approval during its March meeting:



Vermilion snapper are popular targets for both recreational and commercial fishermen. An annual recreational seasonal closure (November 1 through March 31), and reductions in bag limits and commercial quotas were implemented in July 2009 to address overfishing. A recent stock assessment update shows the stock recovering and that overfishing has ended. The Council will consider removing the seasonal closure and other alternatives for vermilion snapper during its March meeting.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 Management measures for vermilion snapper and red porgy

Proposed actions:

- Revisions to the Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for vermilion snapper that could result in an increase in the ACL for both the commercial and recreational fishery.
- Revisions to the ACL (including sector ACLs) for red porgy that could result in a decrease in the ACL for both the commercial and recreational fishery.
- Modifications to the commercial fishing seasons and trip limits for vermilion snapper.
- Removal of the recreational closed season.

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March 4-8, 2013 Council Meeting St. Simons Island, GA

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Informal Q&A Session
Wednesday, March 6 5:30 PM

Formal Public Comment
Friday, March 8 8:45 AM

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National Conference Highlights Sustainability of Marine Fisheries and Management

Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3 May 7-9, 2013



The eight regional fishery management councils and NOAA Fisheries Service will jointly host a third national fisheries conference scheduled

for May 7-9, 2013 in Washington, DC. *Managing Our Nation's Fisheries 3* will bring together a broad spectrum of partners and interests to discuss current and developing concepts on the sustainability of U.S. marine fisheries and their management. Ideas that emerge from this event will inform possible changes to current policy or regulatory approaches, as well as legislative changes via the reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

The 3-day conference will open with keynote speakers including Eric Schwaab, Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Conservation and Management.

There are three sessions scheduled for the conference with subtopics and panelists:

Session 1: Improving Fishery Management Essentials

- ACL Science and Implementation Issues, including Managing Data-Limited Stocks
- Rebuilding Program Requirements and Timelines
- International Fisheries Management: Leveling the Playing Field

Session 2: Advancing Ecosystem-Based Decision Making

- Assessing Ecosystem Effects and Integrating Climate Change
- Forage Species Management
- Integrating Habitat Considerations: Opportunities and Impediments

Session 3: Providing for Fishing Community Sustainability

- Recreational and Subsistence Fishing
- Integrating Community Protection, Jobs Emphasis, and Domestic Seafood Quality Assurances
- Assessment and Integration of Social and Economic Tradeoffs

Panelists from the South Atlantic region include **Bill Kelly**, Executive Director, Florida Keys Commercial Fisherman's Association; **Dick Brame**, Atlantic States Fisheries Director, Coastal Conservation Association; and **John Boreman**, Adjunct Professor, NC State University.

www.tinyurl.com/managingfisheries3
Registration and Conference Information

In the News:

There's an App for That! New SA Regulations App Coming Soon



Fishermen fishing offshore for federally managed species know how complex the regulations can be and how quickly they can change. Those

with smartphones will soon have access to the latest information via a new South Atlantic Fishing Regulations Application. Developed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, the SA Fish Regs App will have the latest regulations for individual federally managed species, including snappers, grouper, mackerel, dolphin, wahoo and more.

The App will also have information on area special management zones and MPAs, as well as key contact information for law enforcement, state agencies and more. Available for both Android and iPhone users, the SA Fish Regs App will be available free of charge through the App Store. Check the Council's website www.safmc.net for updates on availability!

Opinion on Fisheries Electronic Reporting Requested from Atlantic Coast Fishermen and Dealers

The Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) has brought together fishermen, dealers, and fisheries managers to evaluate electronic reporting on the Atlantic coast. The first part of this project is a survey to collect attitudes and opinions from Atlantic coast fishermen and dealers about the current state of electronic reporting.

The survey, developed in conjunction with fisheries representatives, is available online at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/ACCSP_erreporting. The project will be collecting information from the survey link or paper copies until May 31, 2013. Paper copies are available from ACCSP by calling 703/842-0782.

The second phase of the project will be a workshop in Fall of 2013 reviewing survey results, as well as other surveys and papers on the subject of fisheries electronic reporting.

"Fishermen and data managers both appear to have strong opinions

on electronic reporting programs, so this project was begun to describe those opinions and better understand their basis," explained John Carmichael with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council and Project Leader. The final product of the project will be a report released in the Spring of 2014.



Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Requirements Considered in March

Council to review options for VMS on vessels with Federal Commercial Snapper Grouper Permits

During its December meeting Council members received passionate comments from the public regarding a proposed requirement for the use of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS). The Council is considering a requirement for fishing vessels with a Federal Commercial Snapper Grouper Permit to be equipped with VMS. While some fishermen, including dealers, were in support of the measure - citing safety, law enforcement and compliance advantages - others expressed concerns about their fishing activities being monitored and costs associated with the system.

VMS, a satellite-based program installed on vessels in a fishing fleet, that assists with monitoring vessel movement and fishing activity in real time, has been used in the South Atlantic rock shrimp fishery since 2003. In the Gulf of Mexico, VMS have been required for the commercial reef fish fishery since 2005.

The Council is considering using VMS in the commercial snapper

grouper fishery in the South Atlantic to improve data collection and better quantify fishing locations to improve management and compliance in the fishery, including enforcement of area closures and marine protected areas. VMS data are collected by NOAA Fisheries and are highly confidential.

Currently, federal funds are available for reimbursement to fishermen who purchase units up to \$3100. Units range in price from \$2500 to \$3300. Monthly fees begin at \$30 and increase with unit features. Fishermen would be responsible for the installation, monthly fees, and maintenance. The alternatives for the requirements are dependent upon federal funding being available for the VMS units.

The management alternatives



The Council is considering a VMS requirement for commercial snapper grouper vessels in the South Atlantic to improve data collection and compliance.

for VMS are now being considered by the Council in Snapper Grouper Amendment 30. The Council will continue to review alternatives in March and receive a presentation from NOAA Fisheries Service's Southeast Regional Office on the monitoring system. Public hearings are tentatively planned for Amendment 30 in late April or early May.

Amendments at a Glance – A quick reference for proposed management measures

There are several amendments to various fishery management plans currently under development by the Council. With each Council meeting, amendments under development are subject to change. During its December 2012 meeting, the Council made modifications to some amendments, removing actions and in some cases, creating new amendments to fishery management plans. Below is an updated summary and the tentative timelines for addressing the various amendments. Draft copies of the amendments are available as they are being developed in the briefing book materials for each Council meeting. Public hearing summaries and scoping documents are also available. Materials are posted the on Council's web site at www.safmc.net as they become available.

Recently Approved by the Council for Submission to the Secretary of Commerce

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 13 – Changes to Harvest Levels Using Adjusted Recreational Data (MRIP)

Updates ABCs, ACL (including sectors), and ACTs for unassessed snapper grouper species based on Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) numbers. Submitted 12/14/12



Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 15 – Yellowtail Snapper; Gag/Shallow-water Grouper Adjustments

For yellowtail snapper, actions include adjustments to the ABC, ACLs, OY and ACT. The Council *removed* options to modify the fishing year and create a commercial spawning season closure. For shallow-water grouper, includes actions to modify or remove the requirement that all shallow-water grouper close when the ACL for gag grouper is met or projected to be met. NOTE: At the Council's

request, NOAA Fisheries implemented a temporary rule to increase the commercial ACL for yellowtail snapper based on an updated stock assessment. Implemented on November 7, 2012, the rule allowed the commercial fishery to stay open. The temporary rule will expire on May 6, 2013. The Council is accepting public comment on extension of the rule during its March meeting.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 28 – Limited Harvest of Red Snapper

This amendment establishes regulations to allow limited harvest of red snapper in the South Atlantic in the future. If harvest is allowed in 2013, the commercial season would start on the second Monday in July with a 75-pound (gw) trip limit and the recreational season would open on the second Friday in July with a bag limit of one fish per person. Language is included to allow a delay in the season in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane affecting the region.

Upcoming in 2013

(Blue indicates Council approval scheduled for March 2013)

Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 Improvements to Bycatch Data Reporting

This amendment was set for Council approval at the December 2012 meeting. However, the Council removed several actions in December and the amendment currently includes a single action addressing bycatch data collection and bycatch reporting. *Status:* Approval for submission to the Secretary of Commerce scheduled for March 2013.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 14 – Includes Measures for Amberjack, Mutton Snapper, Hogfish, Gray Triggerfish, Gag, Black Sea Bass and Vermilion Snapper

Includes options to: modify greater amberjack fishing year and commercial trip limit; protect mutton snapper during spawning season; change the way gray triggerfish are measured for consistency; increase in the size limit of hogfish; adjust the black sea bass ACLs and ACT based on the 2013 assessment update; modify the black sea bass fishing year (commercial and recreational); modify the recreational bag limit for vermilion snapper; modify the grouper aggregate bag limit; and modify the accountability measure

for the commercial sector for gag. *Status:* Options presented at March 2013 Council meeting and approval for public hearings at the June 2013 Council meeting.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 – Modification of Commercial Golden Tilefish Fishery Management Measures

At the request of golden tilefish longline fishermen, the amendment will be developed to put measures in place to slow the harvest of the golden tilefish ACL for the longline fleet. *Status:* An options paper will be presented at the March 2013 meeting.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 17 – Protection of Speckled Hind and Warsaw Grouper - MPAs

The amendment would include options for a tiered-approach for the use of MPAs to help reduce bycatch of speckled hind and warsaw grouper. *Status:* The Council will review a report from the MPA Expert Workgroup during its March 2013 meeting and determine how to proceed.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 – Adjustments to ABC and ACLs for vermilion snapper and red porgy

Based on the recent stock assessment updates for both species, the amendment includes alternatives to increase the ACL for vermilion snapper, eliminate the current recreational closed season, and additional options for the commercial fishery. An action to lower the ACL for red porgy is also included (see page 1). *Status:* Scheduled for Council approval during the March 2013 meeting.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 22 – Recreational Tag-Based Harvest Program for Red Snapper and Deepwater Snapper Grouper

The amendment would implement a tag-based harvest program for red snapper and deepwater snapper grouper species (golden tilefish, snowy grouper, and wreckfish). *Status:* Options presented at June or September 2013 Council meeting.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 27 – Captain and crew bag limit retention, crewmember numbers, framework actions, and measures for Nassau grouper and blue runner

Includes actions to address issues with the harvest of blue runner in the mackerel gillnet fishery, modify the snapper grouper framework process, address management jurisdiction for Nassau grouper, crew size on dual-permitted vessels, and captain and crew bag limit retention. *Status:* Public hearings were held in January 2013 and Council approval scheduled in March 2013.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 29 – Allocations and ORCS (Only Reliable Catch Stocks) Revisions

This amendment will address allocations and revisions to ABCs based on a new methodology for assessing data poor species (ORCS). *Status:* Discussion by Council in June 2013.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 30 – Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) for the Commercial Snapper Grouper Fishery

Originally included in CE-BA 3, the Council chose to address VMS in a separate amendment during its December 2012 meeting. The change allows more time for fishermen to become informed about the proposed action, the capabilities of VMS, and to provide public comment (see page 3) *Status:* The Council will review options in March 2013 and public hearings may be scheduled for late April/May 2013.

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Amendments at a Glance (continued)

Coral Amendment 8 – Coral Habitat Protection and Transit Provisions for the Oculina Bank HAPC

Includes items to address expansion of coral Habitats of Particular Concern (HAPCs) and transit provisions through the Oculina Bank HAPC. The Council delayed action on the amendment in December in order to get additional public input. *Status:* The amendment will continue to be developed in 2013 and public hearings may be held in August.

Mackerel Amendment 19 – Latent Permits and Bag Limit Sale

Joint amendment with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council currently addresses the sale of king and Spanish mackerel and cobia; latent effort in the king mackerel hook-and-line sector; federal regulatory compliance; and income requirements for commercial coastal migratory pelagic permits. *Status:* Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Committees will meet in March 2013 to review options. Public hearings may be held in August.

Mackerel Amendment 20 – Boundaries and Transit Provisions

Joint amendment with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to address changes in Gulf group king mackerel zones and a transit provision for king mackerel; regional quotas for cobia and king and Spanish mackerel; and modifications to framework procedures. *Status:* Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Mackerel Committees will meet in March 2013 to review options. Public hearings may be held in August.

Mackerel Framework – Size limits and trip limit allowances

The amendment includes actions to consider an increase in the minimum size limit for Atlantic group king mackerel; an exemption from size limits for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel caught in pound nets in August and September; an allowance to transfer of a portion of a third net in the Atlantic group Spanish mackerel gill net fishery; and a change in the commercial trip limit for king mackerel in the Florida East Coast Subzone. *Status:* Joint South Atlantic and Gulf Mackerel Committees will meet in March 2013 and review options. Public hearings may be held in August.

Golden Crab Amendment 6 – Catch Shares

Explores options for implementing a catch share program in the golden crab fishery. *Status:* The Council will review recommendations from the Golden Crab Advisory Panel in March 2013 and determine whether to move forward with any actions.

Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 5 – Addresses ABCs and ACLs; Allocations; and Accountability Measures

Addresses updates to ABCs and ACLs based on revised data collection methods, sector allocations, adjustments to accountability measures and framework revisions. *Status:* Council to review scoping comments and further develop the amendment in March 2013.

Joint South Atlantic/Gulf Generic Headboat/Charterboat Reporting Amendment – Addresses reporting requirements

An action to address charter/headboat reporting was originally included in CE-BA 3. In December, the Council voted to develop the action in a separate amendment. The amendment includes an action to require headboats to submit fishing records electronically on a weekly basis to help improve accuracy and frequency of available data. *Status:* Approved by the Gulf Council in February; scheduled for SA Council approval in March 2013.

Joint Commercial Logbook Amendment – Improvements to reporting requirements

In December, the South Atlantic Council voted to remove an action in CE-BA 3 addressing timing of reporting requirements for federal commercial permit holders and address it in a separate amendment to be developed jointly with the Gulf Council. The amendment addresses new timing and compliance requirements to help improve accuracy and frequency of data. *Status:* A draft summary document will be reviewed Council in March 2013.

Snapper Grouper Regulations Snap Shot



Shallow-Water Grouper

Closed January 1st through April 30th - Both commercial and recreational fisheries • includes gag, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, rock hind, red hind, coney, graysby, yellowfin grouper, and yellowmouth grouper.

Recreational

Grouper Aggregate Bag Limit

3 grouper per person/day includes:

black, gag, misty, red, scamp, snowy, yellowedge, yellowfin, yellowmouth grouper, and also includes blue line tilefish, golden tilefish, sand tilefish, coney, graysby, red and rock hind.

- No more than 1 may be a gag **or** black grouper (each 24" TL)
- Snowy grouper-1 fish per vessel/ per day
- No more than 1 fish may be golden tilefish
- Wreckfish -1 per vessel/ per day. Season open July 1 - August 31.

Snapper

- **Vermilion snapper closed November 1 through March 31**
- Aggregate bag limit of 10 snapper per person/day
- In addition to the aggregate bag limit, 5 vermilion snapper per person/day (except during the recreational closure) - 12" TL
- Maximum of 2 cubera snapper per person (not to exceed 2 per vessel) for fish 30" Total Length (TL) or larger off Florida. These are not included in the 10 snapper bag limit. Cubera less than 30" TL are included in the 10 fish bag limit.

Fishermen may also retain:

- 1 greater amberjack per person/day (in April, for-hire/charter vessels limited to 1 per person/day or 1 per person/trip)
- Limit of 5 black sea bass per person/day - 13" TL (**closed until June 1, 2013**)
- 5 hogfish per person/day, off east coast of Florida - 12" FL
- 3 red pogy per person/day or 3 per person/trip, which ever is more restrictive - 14" TL

An aggregate bag limit of 20 fish per person inclusive of all fish in the snapper grouper management unit currently not under the bag limit, excluding tomtates and bluerunners. You may catch your bag limits and in addition retain up to 20 other fish for which there is no bag limit.

Commercial

Commercial Closures

- **Black sea bass** - effective 10/8/12. Reopens 6/1/13.
- **Vermilion snapper**- effective 2/13/13. Reopens 7/1/13.
- **Red Pogy** - annual closure January - April.

Other Regulations

- **Dehooking tools** are required for both commercial and recreational fishermen.
- **The sale of bag limit snapper grouper prohibited.**
- **Closed year-round to harvest or possession:** Goliath grouper, Nassau grouper, speckled hind, warsaw grouper and *red snapper (*unless otherwise noted).
- **Non-stainless steel circle hooks** are required for both commercial and recreational fishermen north of 28 degrees N. latitude.

NOTE: Regulations are subject to change.
For the latest updates, visit www.safmc.net.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 (Continued)



Split 50/50 between commercial and recreational fishermen, the current ACL for red porgy is 395,304 lbs. (whole weight). With a commercial closed season from January - April and bag limits of 3 per person/day, the ACL has not been met in previous years. A proposed reduction in the ACL to 306,000 lbs. (ww) to address overfishing is not expected to impact fishermen unless a shift in effort occurs.

Stock assessment updates were completed in October 2012 for both vermilion snapper and red porgy through the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment program. The updates show that overfishing has been

ended for vermilion snapper, allowing for an increase in the Annual Catch Limit (ACL). The increase may allow for a removal of the current recreational seasonal closure (November 1 through March 31) as well as other measures for both commercial and recreational fisheries. While red porgy is not undergoing overfishing, the assessment update concluded the stock is still overfished and reductions in the ACL are necessary.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 18 includes management actions for both vermilion snapper and red porgy, based on recommendations from the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee that include new catch levels for both species. The Council is scheduled to approve the amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce during its March meeting. Written comments on the amendment are being accepted until **March 4, 2013**. E-mail SGRegAm18Comments@safmc.net; Fax: 843/769-4520 or Mail: SAFMC, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC, 29405.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 27

Captain and crew bag limit retention, crewmember numbers, framework actions, and measures for Nassau grouper and blue runner
Proposed Actions:

- Extend management responsibility of Nassau grouper to the SA Council in Gulf of Mexico waters.
- Increase the number of allowable crew members on dual-permitted snapper grouper vessels.
- Address captain and crew bag limit retention of snapper grouper.
- Modify framework procedures.
- Modify management measures for blue runner.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 27 addresses a variety of management measures, beginning with extension of management responsibility for Nassau grouper at the request of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, to management options for blue runner, a popular bait fish commonly caught in conjunction with the commercial Spanish mackerel gill net fishery. The amendment also includes options to allow an increase the number of crew members allowed on dual-permitted snapper grouper vessels to address safety concerns for commercial divers, as well as alternatives for allowing captain and crew members on for-hire vessels to retain their bag limits of certain snapper grouper species.

The Council held a series of public hearings on the amendment in January 2013 and will review the public comments during its March meeting. The Council is scheduled to approve the amendment for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

During public hearings in January, charter captains expressed support for a measure that would allow captain and crew to retain their bag limits of vermilion



snapper and shallow-water grouper during charter trips. The restrictions were implemented in 2009 to help address overfishing.

Additional information on issues to be addressed during the March 4-8, 2013 Council meeting are available from the Council's website at www.safmc.net. Information includes the meeting agenda, committee agendas and overviews, as well as copies of amendments under development.

Marine Resource Education Program Expands to Southeast Region



Fishermen and others who want to learn more about the Fishery Science & Management processes used in the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean are encouraged to sign up to attend the Marine Resource

Education Workshops, now being offered specifically for the Southeast fisheries region. Applications for 2013 workshops are due by March 1, 2013. The program, administered by the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, is a program **for** fishermen **designed by** fishermen!

Learn more at www.gmri.org/fishedu or call 207/228-1645



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SAFMC Meeting Dates and Locations 2013 Schedule

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March 4-8, 2013



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Acronyms

ABC - Allowable Biological Catch
ACCSP - Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program
ACL - Annual Catch Limit
AM - Accountability Measure
ACT - Annual Catch Target
AP - Advisory Panel
ASMFC - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
BRD - Bycatch Reduction Device
EEZ - Exclusive Economic Zone
EFH - Essential Fish Habitat
EFH/HAPC - Essential Fish Habitat/Habitat Area of Particular Concern
FMP - Fishery Management Plan
HMS - Highly Migratory Species
ITQ - Individual Transferable Quota
MSY - Maximum Sustainable Yield
MRFSS - Marine Recreational Fishing Statistics Survey
NMFS - National Marine Fisheries Service
OY - Optimum Yield
SEDAR - Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (stock assessment process)
SSC - Scientific & Statistical Committee
SFA - Sustainable Fisheries Act
TAC - Total Allowable Catch
VMS - Vessel Monitoring System

MEETING AGENDA

Monday	9:00 - 12:00	Council Member Visioning Workshop
	1:30 - 6:00	Joint SAFMC and Gulf Council Mackerel Committees Meeting
Tuesday	8:00 - 10:00	Ecosystem-Based Management Committee
	10:00 - 11:00	Dolphin Wahoo Committee
	11:00 - 12:00	Golden Crab Committee
	1:30 - 5:30	Snapper Grouper Committee
Wednesday	8:30 - 5:00	Snapper Committee Committee (continued)
	5:30	Open informal public Q&A session
Thursday	8:30 - 12:00	Ad-Hoc Data Collection Committee
	1:30 - 3:00	Information & Education Committee
	3:00 - 4:00	Law Enforcement Committee
	4:00 - 5:30	Executive Finance Committee
Friday	8:30 - 5:00	Council Session
	8:45	Public comment

Note! Follow the Council meeting live online
Watch the Council meeting via webinar from St. Simons Island, GA. Registration information is available from the March 2013 meeting information page at www.safmc.net.

Mark your calendar...

2012 - 2013

- February 25** *Joint Committee on South Florida Management Issues Webinar*
Time: 12:30-4:00 PM www2.gotomeeting.com/register/323435202
- March 27** *SAFMC Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel Meeting*
N. Charleston, SC www.safmc.net
- April 2-4** *Marine Resources Education Program Southeast
Fishery Science Workshop*
Tampa, FL www.gmri.org/fishedu
- April 15-18** *Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Meeting*
Mobile, AL www.gulfcouncil.org
- April 22-23** *SAFMC Mackerel Advisory Panel Meeting*
Charleston, SC www.safmc.net
- April 23-25** *SAFMC Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting*
Charleston, SC www.safmc.net
- May 7-8** *SAFMC Joint Habitat & Coral Advisory Panel Meeting*
Charleston, SC www.safmc.net



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