

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

December 4-8, 2017
Atlantic Beach, NC

DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront
2717 W. Fort Macon Road
Atlantic Beach, NC 28512
Reservations: 800/222-8733 or 252/240-1155



Members of the public are invited to attend all meetings.

Briefing book materials are available at
<http://safmc.net/2017-december-council-meeting/>

including the complete agenda, committee meeting agendas and overviews, and supporting materials.

Can't attend in person?

Tune in via webinar!

Watch the December 2017 Council meeting live from your computer!

Webinar registration details are available from the December Council meeting page at

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Items of Interest

Citizen Science Committee:

- **SAFMC Citizen Science Program** - Program partners Dr. Jennifer Shirk (Citizen Science Association) and Rick Bonney (Cornell University, Lab of Ornithology) will provide an update on an upcoming pilot project addressing scamp grouper discards and a publication in production to address the Council's Citizen Science program development and implications for using citizen science to address fisheries issues. Development of the program continues as the committee receives Action Team progress reports.

Snapper Grouper Committee:

- **Red Snapper** - The committee will continue to work on long-term management of red snapper as they begin development of Amendment 46. An options paper addressing fishing level specifications, management measures, improving recreational data, and the use of powerheads will be reviewed. In September, the Council approved an amendment setting an annual catch limit designed to allow a 2018 season. It is under review.
- **Federal For-Hire Permit Moratorium** - Discussion continues on developing a limited entry system affecting federal for-hire permits in the snapper grouper fishery.

Data Committee:

- **For-Hire Electronic Reporting** - The committee will receive an update on the status of an amendment approved by the Council in December 2016 to require federally permitted for-hire (6-pack) vessels to report electronically. An update will also be given on a pilot reporting project just completed and outreach efforts.
- **Workshop: Recreational Reporting**
Join Council members **Tuesday, December 5th from 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon** as they receive an update on the **2017 results of the red snapper recreational reporting pilot program MyFishCount.com** and receive presentations relative to recreational reporting of red snapper and other reef fish in the Gulf of Mexico and big game tagging.

Public Input

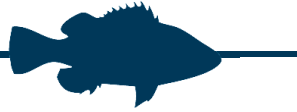
Wednesday, December 6 at 4:30 PM
Public Comment Session

Formal public comment accepted on meeting agenda items.

SAFMC Meeting Agenda

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Monday, Dec. 4

8:00 am - 9:00 am

9:00 am - 11:00 am

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm

4:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Personnel Committee (*Closed Session*)

Habitat & Ecosystem-Based Mgmt. Committee

ABC Control Rule - Committee of the Whole

Spiny Lobster Committee

Citizen Science Committee

Data Collection Committee

Tuesday, Dec. 5

8:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm

Workshop: Recreational Reporting

Snapper Grouper Committee

Wednesday, Dec. 6

8:30 am - 4:30 pm

4:30 pm

Snapper Grouper Committee (*Continued*)

Formal Public Comments

Thursday, Dec. 7

8:30 am - 9:30 am

9:30 am - 12:00 pm

1:30 pm - 2:00 pm

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

3:30 pm - 5:30 pm

SEDAR Committee (*Partially Closed Session*)

Mackerel Cobia Committee

Information & Education Committee

SOPPs Committee

Executive Finance Committee

Friday, Dec. 8

8:30 am - 1:00 pm

~Council Session~

Note: Except for public comment, the agenda items and schedules are subject to change.