

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MARCH 4, 2021

(MEETING HELD VIA WEBINAR)

The South Atlantic Council's Executive Committee met via webinar on March 4, 2021. The Committee approved the meeting agenda and December 2020 minutes.

Advisory Panel Policy

The Committee reviewed and approved a revised draft of the Advisory Panel policy that addressed guidance provided in December 2020.

SAFMC Seminar Series Proposal

The Committee reviewed a proposal for a SAFMC Seminar Series intended to increase the timeliness and transparency of the Council considering research findings. The committee suggested several changes, including: discussing “next steps” following a seminar separately from the seminar; distributing a “call for topics” after the initial list of topics is addressed; clarifying that some questions will be considered “beyond the scope” of the seminar approach; and providing context when a topic is forwarded to the SSC for BSIA consideration. The Committee requested that boilerplate FRN language be provided to Monica Smit-Brunello for review. The Committee approved the proposal and discussed the initial topics.

Workplan Review

The Committee was provided an updated workplan that addressed direction and progress from this meeting. Priorities for June 2021 will be completing Dolphin Wahoo 10 for final approval and addressing the Red Snapper assessment findings. If necessary to achieve these goals, work may be delayed on the Greater Amberjack and ABC Control Rule Amendments. Final approval for Coral Amendment 10 and the ABC Control Rule amendment was delayed 1 meeting. There was also discussion on considering the commercial electronic logbook action sooner and the potential impact on developing Dolphin framework actions on scheduling of the proposed Dolphin longline amendment. The Committee directed staff to prepare, for consideration in June, proposals for completing the Dolphin Wahoo framework actions.

MOTIONS

MOTION 1: APPROVE THE AP POLICY AS REVISED

Approved by Committee

Approved by Council.

MOTION 2: APPROVE THE SAFMC SEMINAR SERIES

Approved by Committee

Approved by Council.