



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## Private Recreational Reporting Workgroup

February 17, 2021

Webinar

webinar registration: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3043069266496701707>

## AGENDA

**Wednesday, February 17, 2021, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm (Times Subject to Change)**

*Webinar startup and troubleshooting 12:30 pm*

Agenda Approval

1. Workgroup Goals and Objectives (*Attachment 1*)
2. Presentation on the FL FWC Reef Fish Survey (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)
3. Update on the MRIP rare event estimation workgroup (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)
4. Requests for the next meeting

Other Business

Adjourn

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Attachments

1. November 9 Meeting Report
- 2a. FWC Gulf Reef Fish Certification and Documentation
- 2b. FWC Reef Fish Survey Presentation
- 3a. Improving Rare Event Estimates MRIP Report
- 3b. MRIP Presentation on Rare Event Estimates

# OVERVIEW

## Private Recreational Reporting Workgroup

### Agenda Approval

#### 1. Workgroup Goals and Objectives

The workgroup was created by the Council at the November 9, 2020 meeting convened to address various recreational topics. The report of that meeting is included as Attachment 1. As this is the first meeting, the workgroup may want to consider clarifying the Goals and Objectives.

Based on the discussion at the November 9 meeting, the following strawman is provided for consideration and revision:

##### Workgroup Goal:

*Develop recommendations, for consideration by the Council, for state-administered data collection and permitting programs to improve estimates of catch and effort for private recreational (snapper grouper?) fishing activities.*

##### Objectives:

- *Review state data collection and permitting programs such as the FL Reef Fish Survey.*
- *Review progress of the MRIP rare event estimation working group*
- *Review the legal and logistical differences between state vs federal fishing permits, including implementation, financing, and enforcement in federal and state waters*
- *Evaluate the feasibility of state permitting and data collection programs for collecting information on recreational fisheries in federal waters*
- *Outline the steps necessary for state-collected data to be accepted by:*
  - *MRIP (ie., certification)*
  - *Considered in the SEDAR stock assessment process*
  - *Used to develop Council management plans.*

#### 2. FL Reef Fish Survey (*Attachments 2a and 2b*)

The FL Reef Fish Survey is an extension of FWC's Gulf Reef Fish Survey designed to provide information on private boat catch and effort for reef associated species. FWC staff will

provide an overview of the program. Supporting information includes the full program documentation and evaluation approved by MRIP and a summary presentation.

### **3. MRIP Rare Event Estimation Working Group (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)**

The group will be briefed on progress of an MRIP working group created to develop alternatives for improving estimates of “rare event species”. Since 90% of the trips estimated by MRIP occur in state waters, most of the Council-managed species potentially fall into the category of rare events within the MRIP survey. Therefore, the findings of this group may have significant implications for Council managed species.

### **4. Requests for the Next Meeting**

The group is asked to consider topics for presentation and discussion at the next meeting, and to select a date for that meeting.

### **Other Business**

### **Adjourn**