



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Agenda

Westin Jekyll Island
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March 6-10, 2023

Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment sessions, the times indicated on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that meetings may start earlier or later than indicated.

Hybrid Public Comment Session:

The public comment session for the meeting (March 8, 2023, at 4 PM), will allow for both in-person and remote (via webinar) verbal public comment. Individuals intending to provide verbal public comment remotely are asked to [sign up here](#).

Members of the public intending to provide verbal public comment in-person will be asked to sign-in at the meeting.

Written Comments:

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Written comments will be accepted from February 17 to March 10, 2023. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration.

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Written comments submitted by mail/fax received by close of business the Monday before the meeting (February 27, 2023) will be compiled, posted to the website as part of the meeting materials, and included in the administrative record.

From February 28 to 5 PM on March 10, written comments must be submitted electronically through the online public comment form at the link above.

Monday, March 6, 2023

COUNCIL SESSION I

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 8:30 am – 10:00 am (CLOSED Session)

- Adopt agenda
 - Approve transcript(s)
 - Litigation brief – NOAA General Counsel
1. Review and approve changes
 - a. AP policy
 - b. SAFMC Handbook
 2. Appoint Blueline and Tilefish participants to topical working groups
 3. SEDAR Pool appointments (as needed)
 4. SSC appointments

COUNCIL SESSION I/Belcher 10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

- Call to order and introductions
 - Adopt agenda
 - Approve transcripts (December 2022)
1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, Council liaisons, state agencies)
 2. Joint Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment – approve for public hearings
 3. Scenario Planning – outcome from summit and next steps

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Monday, March 6, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

- Status of amendments under formal review – NMFS SERO
1. Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) for the Snapper Grouper Fishery
 - a. Presentation – Tom Carruthers & Adrian Hordyk, Blue Matter Science
 - b. Discussion

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

2. Red Snapper 2023 Recreational Season – NMFS SERO
3. Release Mortality Reduction & Red Snapper (SG Regulatory Amendment 35)
 - a. Review public hearing comments and consider for final approval
 - b. Best Fishing Practices Outreach Update
 - c. Update on South Atlantic Red Snapper Research Program

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

4. Recreational Permitting & Reporting (SG Amendment 46)
 - a. Review scoping comments
5. Scamp/Yellowmouth Grouper Assessment (SEDAR 68)
 - a. Presentation – NMFS SEFSC

- b. SSC Recommendations – Jeff Buckel, SSC Chair
 - c. Discussion
6. Gag and Black (SG Amendment 53)
- a. Review public hearing comments and consider for final approval

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Snapper Grouper Committee/McCawley 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

- 7. Wreckfish (SG Amendment 48) – review and conduct public hearing
- 8. Approve topics for Spring 2023 advisory panel meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

SEDAR/Belcher 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

- 1. Blueline Tilefish and Tilefish Terms of Reference
- 2. Steering Committee Report
- 3. Update on SEDAR projects
- 4. 2026 South Atlantic SEDAR Schedule Recommendations

Mackerel Cobia /Roller 2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

- Status of amendments under review – NMFS SERO
- 1. Spanish Mackerel Management
 - a. SSC recommendations
 - 2. Port Meetings – update/planning
 - 3. Approve topics for Spring 2023 advisory panel meeting

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

PUBLIC COMMENTS

4:00 pm

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting (in-person and remotely) regarding any of the 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. Those intending to provide verbal public comment via webinar can [sign-up here](#).

Public hearing:

- Wreckfish (SG Amendment 48)

Final approval:

- Red Snapper & Release Mortality Reduction (Regulatory Amendment 35)
- Gag & Black Grouper (SG Amendment 53)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Habitat/Murphey 8:30 am – 12:00 Noon

1. Habitat Blueprint Update
2. Policy Review
 - a. Beach Dredging Policy
 - b. Energy Policy
3. 5-year EFH review
4. CCC Area-Based Management Subcommittee Report
5. Coral Management Items
6. Approve topics for Spring 2023 advisory panel meeting

12:00 noon to 1:30 pm

Lunch

Thursday, March 9, 2023

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Belcher 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm

1. Litigation Brief (if needed)
2. Staff Report
3. Shrimp advisory panel report
4. FKNMS Protocol for Cooperative Fisheries Management Update Presentation – FKNMS
5. NMFS Southeast Regional Office Report
6. NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center Report

Friday, March 10, 2023

COUNCIL SESSION

COUNCIL SESSION II/Belcher 8:30 am – 12:00 noon

7. Committee reports
8. Council workplan
9. Upcoming meetings

Other business

Adjourn