



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA **Full Council Session I (Open Session)**

World Golf Village Renaissance
500 Legacy Trail
St. Augustine, FL

Monday, June 12, 2023 **1:30 pm to 4:00 pm (Times subject to change)**

Call to order and introductions

Adoption of agenda

Approval of minutes (March 2023)

1. Reports (NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, Council liaisons) (*Attachments 1a-1c*)
2. NMFS Highly Migratory Species Update (*Attachment 2*) – TBD, NMFS HMS
3. Joint Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment
 - a. Update on amendment – Myra Brouwer
 - b. Presentation on SEFSC commercial e-logbook program (*Attachment 3*) – Sarah Privoznik, NMFS SEFSC
4. SAFMC Research Recommendations (*Attachments 4a-4c*)
 - a. Overview of Revised SAFMC Research Recommendations – Chip Collier
 - b. Presentation on SEFSC on accomplishments and progress – NMFS SEFSC

Attachments:

Attachment 1a: NOAA OLE Report

Attachment 1b: NOAA OLE presentation

Attachment 1c: Gulf Council Liaison Report

Attachment 2: NMFS HMS Update Presentation

Attachment 3: SEFSC Commercial E-Logbook Presentation

Attachment 4a: Updated SAFMC Research Recommendations

Attachment 4b: SEFSC Progress and Accomplishments on SAFMC Research Needs

Attachment 4c: States' activities related to research and monitoring

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OVERVIEW

Full Council Session I

1. Reports (*Attachments 1a-1c*)

Description: NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard, state agencies, and Council liaisons will provide reports to the Council.

2. Update from Highly Migratory Species (*Attachment 2*)

Description: NOAA Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) staff will provide a presentation on the proposed rule for Amendment 15 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP), Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) on electronic reporting, and scoping for Amendment 16 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP. [Amendment 15](#) includes modifications to spatial management and electronic monitoring for commercial longline gear, the [ANPR](#) covers options to convert commercial paper logbooks to electronic logbooks as well as other changes to monitoring and reporting, and [Amendment 16](#) considers a range of options to modify commercial and recreational shark fishery management measures based on revised catch levels for some shark stocks.

Required Council Action: Review the presentation and provide comments to HMS staff as well as provide direction to Council staff on submitting written comments.

3. Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment (*Attachment 3*)

Description: Council staff will update the Council on progress on the joint commercial electronic logbook amendment. This will be followed by a presentation from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center covering the needed changes to transition the coastal logbook from a paper-based program to an electronic one, along with a demonstration of eTRIPS.

Required Council Action: Consider requesting SEFSC assistance for public hearings and clarification on implementation timeline.

4. SAFMC Research Recommendations (*Attachments 4a-4c*)

Description: The Council revises their research and monitoring plan every two years. The research and monitoring plan is used by the Council and NOAA Fisheries staff to identify and prioritize research needs for fisheries in the South Atlantic. These research needs are circulated to funding agencies to be included as research grant priorities and used by researchers during development of research proposals. In addition to just reviewing the research and monitoring plan with the Science and Statistical Committee, staff gathered feedback from Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management, Mackerel Cobia, and Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel. Council staff will present the 2023-2027 South Atlantic Research and Monitoring Plan (*Attachment 4a*) for approval by the Council. Southeast Fisheries Science Center staff will provide an update on activities related to the 2021-2025 Research and Monitoring Plan (*Attachment 4b*) and Council staff will provide an update on state activities related to the 2021-2025 Research and Monitoring Plan (*Attachment 4c*).

Required Council Action: Review and consider approving South Atlantic Research and Monitoring Plan.