



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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SAFMC Shrimp Workgroup Meeting #2

Via Webinar
June 30, 2026
9:00am - 5:00pm

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6414982300169890395>

1. Species Profiles

a. Giant Manta Ray

- Species Biology, Ecology, and Behavior – Dr. Jessica Pate
- Giant Manta Ray Distribution and Movements – Dr. Nick Farmer

-- 5 Minute Break --

b. Smalltooth Sawfish

- Species Biology, Ecology, and Behavior – Dr. Greg Poulakis
- Smalltooth Sawfish Distribution and Movements – Dr. Dean Grubbs
- Smalltooth sawfish Genetics – Dr. Dominic Swift

-- 10 Minute Break --

2. Shrimp Fishery Profiles

a. Shrimp Fishery Overview – Chip Collier

-- 1 Hour Lunch --

3. Interaction Profiles

- SEFSC Shrimp Observer Program Overview and Shrimp Fishery Data – Gary Decossas
- Smalltooth Sawfish and Giant Manta Ray Bycatch Estimates – Dr. Cheston Peterson
- Shrimp Fishermen Bycatch Observations/Anecdotes – Fishery Representative Workgroup Members

-- 10 Minute Break --

Public Comment

4. Next Steps

- a. Information Left to Present and Discuss at the Next Meeting - Allie Iberle
 - Available Research on Bycatch Mitigation
 - Review Agency Best Management Practices for Minimizing Release Mortality
 - Final Product of this workgroup – Action plan development for the Council
- b. Introduction to common Bycatch Reduction Tools– Jenny Lee
 - What needs to be prepared for the next meeting based on the information presented at this meeting and the common bycatch reduction tools?

Adjourn