



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Scientific and Statistical Committee

October 18-20, 2016
Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Blvd.
Charleston, SC 29403

AGENDA

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

Tuesday, October 18, 1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTION

- Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

3. STOCK ASSESSMENT PRIORITIZATION

Actions: Provide recommendations for revisions to draft prioritization application, discuss and provide recommendations on initial inputs, and identify potential stocks for a data limited SEDAR.

4. SEDAR ACTIVITIES

Actions: Consider the Goliath Grouper benchmark, receive a progress report on SEDAR 50 (Blueline Tilefish), and consider Terms of Reference for Black Grouper.

Wednesday, October 19, 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

5. 2015-2016 LANDINGS, ACLS, AND ABCS

- *Landings Presentation: Mike Larkin, SERO, via webinar*
- *Actions: Consider ABC modifications, research recommendations, and assessment recommendations.*
- *Public Comment*

6. DISCUSSION OF TILEFISH UPDATE ASSESSMENT

- *Actions: Review projections, discuss uncertainties, and consider further fishing level recommendations.*
- *Public Comment*

7. SNAPPER GROUPEL AMENDMENT 43 – RED SNAPPER

- *MRIP estimates evaluation*
 - *Actions: Comment on reliability for estimating catch and discards, and provide the Council guidance on implications for management and risk.*
- *Stock assessment discussion*
 - *Presentation: Dr. Kate Siegfried, SEFSC*
 - *Actions: Review alternative reference points and consider alternative fishing level recommendations.*
- *Amendment 43 ACT Alternative*
 - *Presentation: Chip Collier, SAFMC*
 - *Actions: Discuss the pros and cons of the proposed ACT methodology and discuss the benefits of the proposed ACT method over the current method.*
- *Public Comment*

8. MODIFICATIONS TO THE ABC CONTROL RULE

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Provide recommendations on control rule revisions and provide guidance on next steps in considering revisions to the control rule.*
- *Public Comment*

Thursday, October 20, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT

9. BLACK SEA BASS POT MESH SIZE STUDY

- *Presentation: Paul Rudershausen, NCSU*
- *Actions: Discuss uncertainties and recommend whether this study is appropriate for making management decisions.*

10. MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS REVIEW PROCESS

- *Presentation: John Carmichael, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Comment on and review the proposed process for evaluating complex analyses.*

11. SPINY LOBSTER REVIEW

- *Presentation: Dr. Kari MacLauchlin, SAFMC*
- *Actions: Provide fishing level recommendations.*

12. SNAPPER GROUPE AMENDMENT 41 – MUTTON SNAPPER

Actions: Review and comment on any actions as necessary.

13. DISCUSSION OF NATIONAL SSC AGENDA

Actions: Discuss and recommend topics and rankings for the next National SSC meeting.

14. COUNCIL WORKPLAN UPDATE

15. DISCUSSION OF SSC PUBLIC COMMENT POLICY

Actions: Discuss and consider revisions to the public comment policy.

16. PUBLIC COMMENT

17. REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEW

18. NEXT MEETING

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PUBLIC COMMENT PROCESS

Written comment: Written comment on SSC agenda topics is distributed to the Committee through the Council office, similar to all other briefing materials. Written comment to be considered by the SSC shall be provided to the Council office no later than one week prior to an SSC meeting. For this meeting, the deadline for submission of written comment is 12:00 pm Tuesday, March 29, 2016.

Verbal comment: Two opportunities for comment on agenda items will be provided during SSC meetings. The first will be at the beginning of the meeting, and the second near the conclusion. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment. All comments are part of the record of the meeting.

The Council requested that the SSC consider providing an opportunity for comment each day, or for each agenda item. For this meeting, specific comment periods were added under each agenda item on Wednesday, and an additional comment period added at the start of the final day, Thursday.