

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

September 12-16, 2011
Charleston, SC

Charleston Marriott Hotel
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Charleston, SC 29403

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Agenda Highlights:

Snapper Grouper Committee

- **Corrected Comprehensive Annual Catch Limit Amendment** - The Committee will review corrected allocation values for species in the **snapper grouper management complex** and provide recommendations for the Council to consider. The corrected document is scheduled for approval by the Council for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.
- **Speckled hind and warsaw grouper** - The Committee will review management options to address bycatch mortality of these two species.
- **Amendment 24** - Addresses measures to end overfishing of red grouper and rebuild the stock, including ACLs and accountability measures. The Committee will review public comment and continue to develop options. *Public hearings were postponed in Florida due to hurricane Irene and will be rescheduled for November.*
- **Amendments 18A, 18B and 20A** - the Committee will continue to review alternatives. The Council is scheduled to approve the amendments for public hearing. The amendments address: **18A** - options for the commercial black sea bass fishery and data collection requirements; **18B** - alternatives for limiting the commercial golden tilefish fishery; and **20A** the Individual Transferable Quota (ITQ) program in the wreckfish fishery.

Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels/Committee

- **Joint AP Meeting:** Members will receive updates on recent state closures, data collection, bycatch issues and develop recommendations for Committee consideration regarding management actions to include in draft Amendment 9 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.

Ecosystem-Based Management Committee

- The Committee will receive a presentation on lionfish from Dr. James Morris
- Management measures to include in Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 will be discussed and recommendations provided.

Public Input

Wednesday, September 14 - 5:30 PM - Informal Q&A Session

Led by NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator Dr. Roy Crabtree and the Council Chairman

Thursday, September 15 - 2:00 PM - Public Comment

Formal public comment will be accepted on the Comprehensive ACL Amendment followed by public comment regarding any other agenda items.

Agenda

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Monday, September 12

1:30 pm - 5:30 pm Joint Shrimp and Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panels Meeting

Tuesday, September 13

8:30 am - 12:00 noon Joint Shrimp AP and Committee Meeting
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Law Enforcement Committee Meeting
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 14

8:30 am - 9:30 am Executive/Finance Committees Meeting
9:30 am - 10:30 am King and Spanish Mackerel Committee Meeting
10:30 am - 12:00 noon SEDAR Committee Meeting
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Golden Crab Committee Meeting
3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting
5:30 pm *Informal Public Q & A Session*

Thursday, September 15

8:30 am - 12:00 noon Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (*continued*)
1:30 pm - 5:30 pm -Council Session-
2:00 pm *Public Comment on the corrected Comprehensive ACL Amendment, followed by comment on other agenda items*

Friday, September 16

8:30 am - 12:00 noon -Council Session-

Note: Except for public comment, the agenda items and schedules are subject to change.

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