

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

December 6 - 11, 2009

Atlantic Beach, NC

Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel

2717 W. Fort Macon Road

Atlantic Beach, NC 28512

Call 252/240-1155 or

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The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet in
concurrent sessions during the meeting week.

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Committee Agenda Highlights:

Snapper Grouper Committee

- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 17A** - Long-term measures to end overfishing for red snapper including a proposed closure of red snapper fishery and area closures, plus Annual Catch Limits and other management measures. The Committee will review public comments and continue to modify the document as necessary/choose preferred alternatives. *Note:* A final decision on the amendment will not be made at this meeting.
- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B** - Measures to end overfishing as necessary and establish ACLs for 9 snapper grouper species currently listed as undergoing overfishing (includes a proposed deepwater closure), etc. - the Committee will review public comments, modify the document as necessary, and develop recommendations for submission to the Secretary of Commerce for approval.
- **Snapper Grouper Amendment 18** - Includes alternatives to expand the management unit northward and other measures - the Committee will review management options and provide recommendations to staff for continued development.

Mackerel Committee

- The Committee will review the Amendment 18 decision document (being developed jointly with the Gulf of Mexico Council) outlining Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for cobia, king mackerel and Spanish mackerel required by the reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act, and other measures. The Committee will also discuss alternatives to address cutting mackerel nets/trip limits and other management issues.

Public Input

Wednesday, December 9 - 5:30 PM - Informal Q&A Session

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

Thursday, December 10 - 2:00 - 4:30 PM - Interested persons will

be provided the opportunity to present oral or written statements relative to the meeting agenda. **Note: Public comment on Snapper Grouper Amendment 17B will be taken during this time prior to possible approval by the Council for submission to the Secretary of Commerce.**

AGENDA
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Sunday, Dec 6 Scientific & Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Monday, Dec 7
8:00 am - 5:30 pm SSC Meeting (*continued*)
- Concurrent Sessions -
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm Law Enforcement Committee Meeting
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm Jt. Exec/Finance Committees Meeting
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm Protected Resources Committee Meeting

Tuesday, Dec 8
8:00 am - 3:00 pm SSC Meeting (*continued*)
- Concurrent Sessions -
8:30 am - 11:00 am Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting
11:00 am - 12:00 noon Dolphin/Wahoo Committee Meeting
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm Mackerel Committee Meeting
2:30 pm - 5:00 pm Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (*continued*)

Wednesday, Dec 9
8:30 am - 5:30 pm Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting
5:30 pm ***Informal Public Q & A Session***

Thursday, Dec 10
8:30 am - 9:30 am Personnel Committee Meeting (*Closed Session*)
9:30 am - 12:00 noon Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (*continued*)
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm Council Session
2:00 pm - 4:30 pm ***Public Comment Session - including Snapper
Grouper Amendment 17B***

Friday, Dec 11
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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