

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold four Best Fishing Practices Master Volunteer Program (BFP MVP) workshops covering best fishing practices, specifically for snapper grouper species, how to get involved in Citizen Science projects, and how to get involved in the Council process.

**DATES:** BFP MVP Workshops will take place August 20, August 21, August 22, and August 27, 2024. The August 20, 21, and 22 workshops will begin at 6 p.m., local time. The August 27 workshop will begin at 5 p.m., local time. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting addresses:* The workshops will be held in New Smyrna Beach, FL; Jupiter, FL; Key West, FL; and Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council is hosting a series of Best Fishing Practices Master Volunteer Program (BFP MVP) workshops along the South Atlantic coast throughout 2024. The workshops are designed to empower key members of the fishing community to share information on best fishing practices and opportunities to get involved in the Council process. Council staff will introduce the BFP MVP and the program's goals and objectives and share information on Best Fishing Practices including the topics of barotrauma and barotrauma mitigation devices. The workshop agenda also includes discussions of the Council's Citizen Science projects, and an introduction to the Regional Fishery Management Councils, specifically the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and how to get involved in the Federal fishery management process. If applicable, state agencies will share information pertaining to their fisheries management and BFP efforts. Throughout the workshop, attendees will have the opportunity to share their expertise and ideas with staff on improving outreach efforts in their community. Additional workshops will be scheduled along the South Atlantic coast throughout the remainder of 2024. A summary of the 2024 workshops will be provided to the Council for use in ongoing outreach efforts.

**Workshop Locations**

*Tuesday, August 20, 2024:* Marine Discovery Center: 520 Barracuda Blvd., New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169; phone: (386) 428-4828;

*Wednesday, August 21, 2024:* West Jupiter Recreation Center: 6401 W Indiantown Rd., Jupiter, FL 33458; phone: (561) 694-5431;

*Thursday, August 22, 2024:* Beachside Resort and Residences: 3841 N Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040; phone: (305) 296-8100; and

*Tuesday, August 27, 2024:* Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve Classroom 3: 505 Guana River Rd., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082; phone: (904) 380-8600.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aid should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1802 *et seq.*

Dated: July 29, 2024.

**Rey Israel Marquez,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's is convening a Scientific and Statistical Committee subpanel via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This webinar will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, beginning at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Webinar Registration information:* [https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_6yKH4990TI24kHu\\_mOdLg](https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_6yKH4990TI24kHu_mOdLg).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

A Scientific and Statistical Committee subpanel will convene to review and consider changes to the Atlantic sea scallop dredge survey sampling design and strata. The subpanel will be reviewing work by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on the application of the Generalized Random Tessellation Stratified (GRTS) method to the Atlantic sea scallop dredge survey sampling design and strata to improve its statistical efficiency. In this review, the subpanel will consider the appropriateness of: (1) the GRTS method for determining strata and as a sampling design, and (2) the newly designed survey strata for use in scallop management. They will discuss other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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