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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting of the
(SSC).

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery
Management Council's (Council) will
hold a meeting of its Scientific and
Statistical Committee (SSC) in
Charleston, SC. See **SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SSC will meet from 1 p.m.
to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15,
2019; from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on
Wednesday, October 16, 2019; and from
8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursday,
October 17, 2019.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meeting will be
held at the Crowne Plaza, 4831 Tanger
Outlet Blvd., North Charleston, SC
29418; phone: (866) 358–6255 or (843)
744–4422; fax: (843) 744–4472.

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

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(843) 769–4520; email: [kim.iverson@
safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
following agenda items will be
addressed by the SSC during the
meeting:

1. Review the recommendations of the
SSC's Acceptable Biological Catch
(ABC) Workgroup regarding ABCs for
unassessed stocks, make catch level
recommendations for all unassessed
stocks, and discuss the use of Monroe
County, Florida data in both calculating
the ABC and tracking the landings for
Dolphin and Wahoo.

2. Updates on Southeast Data,
Assessment and Review (SEDAR)
projects; and approve the terms of
reference, schedule, and identify
participants for the SEDAR 71 stock
assessment for Gag.

3. Review the draft National Standard
1 Guidelines on Carryovers and Phase-
In Provisions and make any
recommendations for additions,
deletions, or edits to the draft language.

4. Review the draft Modernizing
Recreational Fisheries Act—Report to
Congress and make any
recommendations for additions,
deletions, or edits to the draft language.

5. Review a coral habitat distribution
model; review the model assumptions
and methods for predicting coral habitat
distribution and discuss uncertainties;
and determine whether this model is
best scientific information available and
useful for making management
decisions.

6. Update on the Southeast Reef Fish
Survey results from the 2018 sampling
year.

7. Clarify the SSC's intent of adding
the Over Fishing Levels (OFL) and ABCs
for Blueline Tilefish from the areas
north and south of Cape Hatteras to
produce a single OFL and ABC for the
entire stock in the South Atlantic.

8. Update on the progress of the South
Atlantic Ecosystem Model Workgroup
and approval of timing moving forward.

9. Review Dolphin Wahoo
Amendment 12 addressing Bullet and
Frigate Mackerel; provide any
comments or recommendations as
necessary.

10. Updates and progress reports on
ongoing Council amendments and
activities; make comments or
recommendations on any Council
amendments or activities as necessary.

The meeting is open to the public and
will also be available via webinar as it
occurs. Webinar registration is required.
Information regarding webinar
registration will be posted to the
Council's website at: [http://safmc.net/
safmc-meetings/scientific-and-
statistical-committee-meetings/](http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/scientific-and-statistical-committee-meetings/) as it
becomes available. The meeting agenda,
briefing book materials, and online
comment form will be posted to the
Council's website two weeks prior to the

meeting. Written comment on SSC
agenda topics is to be 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 p.m., Tuesday, October
8, 2019.

Multiple opportunities for comment
on agenda items will be provided during
SSC meetings. Open comment periods
will be provided at the start of the
meeting and near the conclusion. Those
interested in providing comment should
indicate such in the manner requested
by the Chair, who will then recognize
individuals to provide comment.
Additional opportunities for comment
on specific agenda items will be
provided, as each item is discussed,
between initial presentations and SSC
discussion. Those interested in
providing 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.

Although non-emergency issues not
contained in the meeting agenda may
come before this group for discussion,
those issues may not be the subject of
formal action during this meeting.
Action will be restricted to those issues
specifically identified in this notice and
any issues arising after publication of
this notice that require emergency
action under section 305(c) of the
Magnuson-Stevens Fishery
Conservation and Management Act,
provided the public has been notified of
the intent to take final action to address
the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people
with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary
aids should be directed to the SAFMC
office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5
business days prior to the meeting.

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

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

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