

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold two training workshops for its for-hire advisory panel members and other for-hire operators for purposes of providing instruction on electronic reporting of for-hire Vessel Trip Reports (VTRs).

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, April 25, 2017 and Thursday April 27, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshops will be held: Tuesday, April 25, at the Hilton Mystic Hotel 20 Coogan Blvd., Mystic CT 06355; phone: (860) 572–0731. Thursday, April 27, at the Doubletree by Hilton Baltimore-BWI Airport, 890 Elkridge Landing Rd., Linthicum Heights, MD 21090; phone: (410) 859–8400. Participation is limited to 30 individuals in each workshop due to space limitations. To ensure attendance, please register at <http://www.mafmc.org/forms/evtr-workshop-registration> or email the workshop coordinator at aloftus@andrewloftus.com.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Andrew Loftus, eVTR Outreach Workshop Coordinator; telephone: (410) 295–5997; email: aloftus@andrewloftus.com or Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526–5255. The Council's Web site, www.mafmc.org also has details on the proposed agenda and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council has submitted a Regulatory Omnibus Framework Adjustment to NMFS requiring that for-hire vessels submit VTRs electronically starting 6 months following publication of the final rule in the **Federal Register** for all Council-managed fisheries that require for-hire VTR reporting. This action would change the method of transmitting VTRs—the required data

elements would not change. VTRs would be required to be completed before arriving at the dock, and electronic reports would have to be submitted within 48 hours after docking. These workshops will provide training for the Council's for-hire advisory panel members and the public in preparation for this action.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and SSC Socio-Economic Panel (SEP).

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its SSC and SEP. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEP will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2017; and 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon, Tuesday, April 25, 2017. The SSC will meet from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 25, 2017; 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 26, 2017; and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The meetings will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Hwy, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (800) 334–6660 or (843) 571–1000; fax: (843) 766–9444.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items will be discussed by the SEP and SSC during these meetings:

SEP Meeting, Monday, April 24, 2017, 1:30 p.m. Until Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 12 Noon

1. Human environment sections of the Fishery Ecosystem Plan.
2. Snapper Grouper socio-economic profile.
3. Potential socio-economic survey in the South Atlantic.
4. Socio-economic components of the charter/headboat logbook questionnaire.
5. Analysis of fishing behavior.
6. Economic and social indicators of stock abundance.
7. Recent and developing Council actions.

SSC Meeting, Tuesday, April 25, 2017, 1:30 p.m. Until Thursday, April 27, 2017, 3 p.m.

1. Receive updates on 2016–2017 landings, annual catch limits (ACLs), Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs) and accountability measures (AMs) the Southeast Fishery Independent Survey (SEFIS) fishery independent index; planning for the next meeting of the Council Coordination Committee's Scientific Coordination Committee; recent Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment program activities including review of Vermilion Snapper Terms of Reference and assessment project schedule; the proposed research track assessment approach; and Council future assessment priorities.
2. Review updated golden tilefish projections and further consider fishing level recommendations.
3. Review the Red Grouper Stock Assessment and provide fishing level recommendations.
4. Discuss ABC Control Rule modifications.
5. Review Snapper Grouper Amendment 43 (management options for red snapper and recreational reporting) and consider the Council request to work with the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) to explore approaches for obtaining an ABC for red snapper.
6. Discuss uncertainty in the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) estimates and a future joint SSC meeting with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's SSC.