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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), Hawai'i must revise the management plan for the He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve at least every five years. Major changes to a reserve's management plan may be made only after receiving written approval from NOAA. NOAA approves changes to management plans via notice in the **Federal Register**. On July 22, 2022 NOAA issued a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing a thirty-day public comment period for the proposed revision of this management plan (87 FR 43790).

Appendix D of the plan contains a summary of written and oral comments received, and an explanation of how comments were incorporated.

The management plan outlines the reserve's strategic goals and objectives; administrative structure; programs for conducting research and monitoring, education, and training; resource protection, restoration, and manipulation plans; public access and visitor use plans; consideration for future land acquisition; and facility development to support reserve operations. Since 2016, this research reserve has supported community-led ahupua'a scale restoration in the He'eia estuary with the removal of 20 acres (80,000 square meters) of invasive mangroves and plants, replacing them with native plant species; agroforestry and lo'i cultivation; produced publications on Native Hawaiian land and sea management practices; and restored the He'eia fishpond.<sup>1</sup> As a newly established reserve, the reserve hired staff consisting of a reserve manager, research coordinator, education coordinator, coastal training program coordinator, and research technician. These staff play an important role in building community-supported education, research, stewardship, and training programming across the He'eia community. The reserve also installed and launched monitoring equipment across the ahupua'a to monitor water quality, abiotic and biotic features, and changes related to sea level rise and coastal inundation; completed needs assessments for education and training needs in He'eia; and supported various graduate assistants, fellows, and research interns. The revised management plan will serve as the

guiding document for the 1,385-acre (5.6-square kilometer) He'eia National Estuarine Research Reserve for the next five years.

NOAA reviewed the environmental impacts of the revised management plan and determined that this action is categorically excluded from further analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA (40 CFR 1500-1508 (2022)), consistent with NOAA Administrative Order 216-6A.

*Authority:* 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*; 15 CFR 921.33.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following: Mackerel Cobia Committee, Habitat Protection and Ecosystem-Based Management (Habitat) Committee, Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee, and the Snapper Grouper Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and a meeting of the Full Council.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. on Monday, September 11, 2023, until 12 p.m. on Friday, September 15, 2023.

**ADDRESSES:** *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: (843) 571-1000. The meeting will also be available via webinar. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8440 or toll

free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: *kim.iverson@safmc.net*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Meeting information, including agendas, overviews, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Webinar registration links for the meeting will also be available from the Council's website.

*Public comment:* Public comment on agenda items may be submitted through the Council's online comment form available from the Council's website at: <http://safmc.net/safmc-meetings/council-meetings/>. Written comments will be accepted from August 25, 2023, until September 15, 2023. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration. A formal public comment session will also be held during the Council meeting.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

**Council Session I, Monday, September 11, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 5 p.m.**

The Council will receive reports from state agencies, Council liaisons, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, and the U.S. Coast Guard. The Council will review public hearing comments on the Joint Commercial Electronic Logbook Amendment and consider approving the amendment for Secretarial review. The Council will receive updates on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning, the Council's Allocation Review Process, the Southeast Reef Fish Monitoring Survey (SERFS), and the Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP). The Council will receive information on a Marine Recreational Information Program pilot study on the recreational Fishing Effort Survey design. The Council will also discuss the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Draft Procedural Directive providing guidance on Council authority for stocks that may extend across the geographic areas of more than one Council.

**Mackerel Cobia Committee, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m.**

The Committee will review options for Amendment 13 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan addressing catch level adjustments for Spanish mackerel. The Committee will also receive an update on plans for conducting port meetings for the mackerel fishery.

<sup>1</sup> An ahupua'a is a Hawaiian conceptualization of community that typically extends from the mountains to the ocean, and includes zones for forest, various forms of Indigenous agro-ecology and aquaculture, as well as nearshore zones for fisheries management.

**Habitat Committee, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 10 a.m. Until 3 p.m.**

The Committee will receive a report from the May 2023 meeting of the Habitat Advisory Panel addressing plans for the 5-year Essential Fish Habitat Review and revisions to Council's policies addressing Beach Renourishment and Offshore Wind Energy Development, receive comments from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) on a coral distribution model, and review and consider approval of the Council's Habitat Blueprint. The Committee will also review topics to be addressed at the next meeting of the Habitat Advisory Panel.

**SEDAR Committee, Tuesday, September 12, 2023, 3 p.m. Until 5 p.m. (Partially Closed Session)**

The Committee will receive a report from the April 2023 meeting of the SEDAR Steering Committee, an update on SEDAR projects, and approve the Statements of Work for 2026 Assessments. The Committee will then meet in Closed Session to address appointments of SSC members to SEDAR Panels.

**Snapper Grouper Committee, Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 3:45 p.m., and Thursday, September 14, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.**

The Committee will review the following amendments that are under development to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan: Amendment 48 addressing wreckfish management; Amendment 44 addressing yellowtail snapper management; and Amendment 46 addressing recreational permits for the snapper grouper fishery, including recommendations from the Recreational Permitting and Reporting Technical Advisory Panel for Amendment 46. The Committee will review public scoping comments received on Amendment 55 addressing management measures for scamp and yellowmouth grouper, consider SSC recommendations, and discuss rebuilding timelines, ecosystem component designation, and application of the Allocations Decision Tool as it pertains to Amendment 55. The Committee will also discuss potential actions to include in Amendment 56 addressing Black Sea Bass management after receiving recommendations from the SSC on requested projections and catch levels, and a report from the On-Demand Gear Workshop. The Committee will receive updates from the System Management Plan (SMP) Workgroup and Best Fishing Practices

Outreach, and review topics for the next meeting of the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel.

*Formal Public Comment, Wednesday, June 13, 2023, 4 p.m.*—Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting in person and via webinar on all items on the Council meeting agenda. The Council Chair will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

**Council Session II, Thursday, September 14, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m. and Friday, September 15, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.**

The Council will present awards, receive a litigation brief if needed, and receive a staff report. The Council will review topics for upcoming meetings of the Dolphin Wahoo and Outreach and Education Advisory Panels; receive a report from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, including a briefing on ongoing system issues at the NMFS' Southeast Permits Office and updates on Biological Opinions for Dolphin, Wahoo, and Shrimp; and a report from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center. The Council will receive Committee reports, review its workplan, review upcoming meetings, and take action as necessary. The Council will discuss any other business as needed.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids 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. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: August 18, 2023.

**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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council's is convening its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) 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 hybrid meeting will be held on Friday, September 8, 2023, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 Boardman Street, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 567-6789.

Webinar registration information: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6781933288682361437>.

Call in information: +1 (415) 655-0052, Access Code: 211-296-770.

*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**

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will meet to: review recent stock assessment information and additional information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team and recommend the overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2024 and 2025; white hake for fishing years 2024 and 2025, including feedback on the white hake rebuilding plan options and Gulf of Maine haddock