

statement (EIS) is not required, and CPO is issuing a FONSI for the Proposed Action.

*Authority:* This notice is provided pursuant to NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4336(b)(2), and the NEPA implementing regulations, 40 CFR 1506.6.

**Alicia Chambers,**

*NIST Executive Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE085]

#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC); Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold two virtual public hearings pertaining to Regulatory Amendment 36 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region. This amendment considers revisions to the recreational vessel limits for gag and black grouper and stowage requirements for black sea bass pots equipped with on-demand gear while transiting closed areas.

**DATES:** The public hearings will take place via webinar July 31 and August 1, 2024, beginning at 6 p.m., EDT. For specific dates and times, see

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The hearings will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Information, including a link to webinar registration will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/public-hearings-and-scoping/> when it becomes available.

*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, SAFMC; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A public hearing document, an online public comment form, and other materials will be posted to the Council's website at <https://safmc.net/public-hearings-and-scoping/> as they become available.

Written comments should be addressed to John Carmichael, Executive Director, SAFMC, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N Charleston, SC 29405. Written comments must be received by August 2, 2024, at 5 p.m. During the hearings, Council staff will provide an overview of actions being considered in the amendment. Staff will answer clarifying questions on the presented information and the proposed actions. Following the presentation and questions, the public will have the opportunity to provide comments on the amendment.

#### *Regulatory Amendment 36 to the Snapper Grouper FMP*

Amendment 53 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (Snapper Grouper FMP) became effective October 23, 2023, and established recreational vessel limits of 2 fish per vessel per day or per trip (depending on private recreational or for-hire component) of gag and black grouper (2 fish limit for each species). The Council intended for these limits to instead be an aggregate limit of 2 gag or black grouper per vessel. Therefore, the Council is considering a revision of these recreational vessel limits through Regulatory Amendment 36.

Regulatory Amendment 36 also addresses stowage requirements for black sea bass pots equipped with on-demand (also known as 'ropeless') gear while transiting closed areas. Other regulations for black sea bass pots were reviewed and were determined to not limit the fishery's ability to use pots equipped with on-demand gear in areas and times of year when pots are currently allowed. While transiting marine protected areas, special management zones, and spawning special management zones, black sea bass pots are required to be appropriately stowed, meaning they are not baited, and the buoy is not attached. Detaching and re-attaching the buoy is more difficult for pots with on-demand gear, due to the construction of on-demand retrieval mechanisms. Therefore, the Council is considering revision of the stowage requirements to better accommodate the transportation of this gear.

#### **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: July 2, 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

[RTID 0648-XE073]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, starting at 9:30 a.m. and continue through 1 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, 2024. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for agenda details.

**ADDRESSES:** This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. SSC members, other invited meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Le Méridien Philadelphia, 1421 Arch St., Philadelphia, PA, or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: [www.mafmc.org/ssc](http://www.mafmc.org/ssc).

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; website: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** During this meeting, the SSC will make multi-year acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for Golden Tilefish, Black Sea Bass, Butterfish, and Atlantic Surfclaw based on the results of the recently completed management track stock assessments and peer review. The SSC will recommend new 2025-27 ABC specifications for Golden Tilefish, new 2025 ABC recommendations for Black Sea Bass, new 2025-26 ABC recommendations for Butterfish, and review existing 2025-26 ABCs and

recommend new 2027–28 ABCs for Atlantic Surfclam. The SSC will review the most recent fishery data for Blueline Tilefish and make a 2025 ABC recommendation. The SSC will review the most recent survey and fishery data and the previously recommended 2025 ABC for Bluefish, Summer Flounder, and Scup. The SSC will review and finalize the draft report developed by an SSC sub-group to address the Terms of Reference regarding the Recreational Measures Setting Framework/Addenda. The SSC will also receive the results of updated Surfclam genetics research. The SSC may take up any other business as necessary.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's website ([www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org)) prior to the meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to Shelley Spedden, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE082]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Tilefish Monitoring Committee will hold a public webinar meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024, from 1 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information, agenda items, and any additional information will be posted at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) prior to the meeting.

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Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526–5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Tilefish Monitoring Committee will meet via webinar to discuss management measures for both golden and blueline tilefish. The objectives of this meeting are for the Monitoring Committee to: (1) Review recent stock assessment information, fishery performance, and recommendations from the Advisory Panel, Scientific and Statistical Committee, and staff; (2) Recommend commercial and recreational annual catch limits, annual catch targets, and total allowable landing limits/quotas for golden tilefish for 2025–27 and for blueline tilefish for 2025; and (3) review commercial and recreational management measures for both species and recommend changes if needed. Meeting materials will be posted to [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

#### Special Accommodations

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

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**Rey Israel Marquez,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE080]

#### Identification of Nations or Entities Engaged in Illegal, Unreported, or Unregulated Fishing, Bycatch of Protected Living Marine Resources, or Fishing Activities That Target or Incidentally Catch Sharks

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is seeking information from 2022, 2023, and/or 2024 regarding nations or entities that have competency

to enter into international fishery management agreements (entities) that are engaging in or endorsing illegal, unreported, or unregulated (IUU) fishing or have vessels that engaged or are engaging in IUU fishing, fishing activities or practices that result in the bycatch of protected living marine resources (PLMRs) on the high seas or within the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of any nation or fishing activities on the high seas or within the EEZ of another nation that target or incidentally catch sharks. Such information will be reviewed and may be used for the purpose of identifying nations or entities pursuant to the High Seas Driftnet Fishing Moratorium Protection Act (Moratorium Protection Act).

**DATES:** NMFS encourages submission before the preferred deadline of October 1, 2024, with a final deadline of December 31, 2024.

**ADDRESSES:** Information may be submitted either electronically to: [IUU.PLMR.Sharks@noaa.gov](mailto:IUU.PLMR.Sharks@noaa.gov) or by mail to: NMFS Office of International Affairs, Trade, and Commerce, Attn.: Moratorium Protection Act Information, F/IATC 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ellie Bors, (240) 429–4461, [eleonor.bors@noaa.gov](mailto:eleonor.bors@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Moratorium Protection Act requires the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to issue a biennial report to Congress that includes a list of nations and entities identified for engaging in or endorsing IUU fishing, as well as those nations and entities having fishing vessels that engaged in or are engaging in IUU fishing, fishing activities or practices that result in the bycatch of PLMRs on the high seas or within the EEZ of any nation without a regulatory program comparable in effectiveness to that of the United States; and/or fishing activities on the high seas or within the EEZ of another nation that target or incidentally catch sharks without a regulatory program comparable to that of the United States.

NMFS submitted the eighth biennial report to Congress in August 2023 and it is available online at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/s3/2023-08/2023RTC-ImprovingIFManagement.pdf>. NMFS identified seven nations and entities for IUU fishing and two for shark catch where those nations do not have a comparable regulatory program to that of the United States. In fulfillment of its requirements under the Moratorium Protection Act, NMFS is