

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

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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 public hearings in North Carolina, South Carolina and Florida and a Question and Answer Webinar for Regulatory Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic. The Council will also hold public hearings in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida and a Question and Answer Webinar for Amendment 36 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan for the South Atlantic. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

DATES: The public hearings will be held between August 10 and August 25, 2015. There will be a question and answer webinar on August 3 and August 5, 2015. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific details.

ADDRESSES: The hearings for Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 will be held in Little River, SC, Jacksonville, NC, Ormond Beach, FL. The hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 will be held in North Charleston, SC, Murrells Inlet, SC, Morehead City, NC, Brunswick, GA and Daytona Beach, FL, with an additional hearing being held via webinar. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. 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 hearings on Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 will take place August 11 (Little River, SC), August 12 (Jacksonville, NC), and August 17 (Ormond Beach, FL). The Question and Answer Webinar for Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 will be on Monday, August 3, 2015.

The public hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 will take place

August 10 (N. Charleston, SC), August 12 (Murrells Inlet, SC), August 13 (Morehead City, NC), August 18 (Webinar hearing), August 24 (Brunswick, GA), and August 25 (Daytona Beach, FL). The Question and Answer Webinar for Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 will be on Monday, August 5, 2015.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 (black sea bass pots)

The Q&A Session for Regulatory Amendment 16 will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 3, 2015. Registration is required and registration information will be posted on the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net as it becomes available.

Public Hearings for Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 begin at 4 p.m. in the following locations:

1. August 11, 2015: Holiday Inn Express, 722 Highway 17, Little River, SC 29566; phone: (843) 281-9400.
2. August 12, 2015: Comfort Suites, 130 Workshop Lane, Jacksonville, NC 28546; phone: (910) 346-8900.
3. August 17, 2015: Hull's Seafood Market/Restaurant, 111 West Granada Blvd., Ormond Beach, FL 32174; phone: (386) 677-1511.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 (Spawning SMZs)

The Q&A Session for Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, August 5, 2015. Registration is required and registration information will be posted on the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net as it becomes available.

Public Hearings for Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 begin at 4 p.m. in the following locations:

1. August 10, 2015: Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418; phone: (843) 308-9330.
2. August 12, 2015: Murrells Inlet Community Center, 4462 Murrells Inlet Road, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576; phone: (843) 651-7373.
3. August 13, 2015: NC Division of Marine Fisheries, Central District Office, 5285 Highway 70 West, Morehead City, NC 28557; phone: (252) 726-7021.
4. August 18, 2015: Public Hearing via webinar—registration for the webinar is required. Information regarding registration will be posted on the Council's Web site at www.safmc.net.
5. August 24, 2015: Georgia Dept. of Natural Resources, Coastal Resources Division, One Conservation Way, Brunswick, GA 31520-8687; phone: (912) 264-7218.
6. August 25, 2015: Hilton Garden Inn—Daytona Beach Airport, 189

Midway Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32114; phone: (386) 944-4000.

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16

Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16 has two actions. The first action is to consider options for opening the commercial South Atlantic black sea bass pot fishery from November 1 through April 30 while still providing protection for ESA listed whales during that period. The second action has alternatives that would require modifications to black sea bass pot gear such as reducing buoy line and weak link strength, as well as require markings that would identify gear as being specific to the South Atlantic black sea bass pot fishery. Background information regarding Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment 16, including a public hearing draft of the document, a document summary, and a PowerPoint presentation will be posted to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site www.safmc.net no later than 5 p.m. on July 30, 2015. In addition to making public comments in person, interested persons can make comments via email or U.S. mail no later than 5 p.m. on August 21, 2015. Email comments may be sent to: Mike.Collins@safmc.net. Please include the words "Regulatory Amendment 16" in the subject line of the email. Comments submitted by U.S. mail should be sent to: Robert K. Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

Snapper Grouper Amendment 36

Snapper Grouper Amendment 36 has nine actions. Action 1 modifies the Special Management Zone (SMZ) procedures to include protection of natural bottom; Action 2 modifies the framework procedure to allow modification of and/or additional Spawning SMZs; Actions 3-7 includes alternatives to establish Spawning SMZs off NC, SC, GA, and FL where fishing for snapper grouper species would be prohibited, however, fishing for other species (e.g., billfish, tunas, mackerels) would be allowed; Action 8 would establish transit and anchoring provisions; and Action 9 would add a "sunset provision" for Spawning SMZs after 10 years if not reauthorized. Background information regarding Snapper Grouper Amendment 36, including a public hearing draft of the document, a document summary, and a PowerPoint presentation will be posted to the Council's Web site (www.safmc.net) no later than 5 p.m. on

July 30, 2015. Written comments will also be accepted via email or U.S. mail until 5 p.m. on August 31, 2015. Email comments to: *Mike.Collins@safmc.net*. Please include the words "Amendment 36" in the subject line of the email. Comments submitted by U.S. mail should be sent to: Robert K. Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meeting.

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

Dated: July 14, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Charter Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Amendment of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing this notice to announce that it is amending the charter for the Defense Business Board ("the Board").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Freeman, Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, 703-692-5952.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This committee's charter is being amended in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.50(d).

The Board is a discretionary Federal advisory committee that provides the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense with independent advice and recommendations on critical matters concerning the Department of Defense (DoD). The Board shall examine and advise on overall DoD management and governance from a private sector perspective.

The DoD, through the Office of the Deputy Chief Management Officer (DCMO), shall provide support for the performance of the Board's functions

and shall ensure compliance with the requirements of the FACA, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) ("the Sunshine Act"), governing Federal statutes and regulations, and established DoD policies and procedures.

The Board shall be composed of no more than 35 members. The members must possess the following: (a) A proven track record of sound judgment in leading or governing large, complex private sector corporations or organizations and (b) a wealth of top-level, global business experience in the areas of executive management, corporate governance, audit and finance, human resources, economics, technology, or healthcare. The Board members will be appointed by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense for a term of service of one-to-four years and will be renewed on an annual basis in accordance with DoD policies and procedures. Members of the Board who are not full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will be appointed as experts or consultants pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 to serve as special government employee (SGE) members. Members of the Board who are full-time or permanent part-time Federal officers or employees will be appointed pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.130(a) to serve as regular government employee (RGE) members. All members of the Board are appointed to provide advice on the basis of their best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

Consistent with Deputy Secretary of Defense policy, the DCMO may appoint the Board chair or vice chairs from among the Secretary of Defense approved Board membership and, in doing so, the DCMO shall determine the term of service for the Board chair and/or chairs, which shall not exceed the member's approved term of service.

All Board members will be reimbursed for travel and per diem as it pertains to official business of the Board. Board members will serve without compensation. No member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service on the Board, to include its subcommittees, or serve on more than two DoD federal advisory committees at one time.

The Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense, according to DoD policies and procedures pertaining to inviting or appointing individuals to serve on advisory committees, may invite the chairs of the

Defense Policy Board and the Defense Science Board to serve as non-voting ex-officio SGE members of the Board and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget and the Comptroller General of the United States to serve as non-voting ex-officio RGE members of the Board. The non-voting ex-officio SGE members may speak to the Board membership only on those topics governed by their respective advisory boards provided the information has been voted on by their membership and is available to the general public. They do not represent their respective advisory boards. These non-voting ex-officio SGE and RGE members, when invited by the Secretary of Defense, will not count toward the Board's total membership and may not participate in the Board's deliberations.

The Director of Administration, Office of the DCMO, on behalf of the Secretary of Defense, the Deputy Secretary of Defense, and the DCMO and pursuant to DoD policies and procedures, may appoint, as deemed necessary, non-voting subject matter experts (SMEs) to assist the Board or its subcommittees on an ad hoc basis. These non-voting SMEs are not members of the Board or its subcommittees and will not engage or participate in any deliberations by the Board or its subcommittees. These non-voting SMEs, if not full-time or permanent part-time Federal government officers or employees, will be appointed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3109 on an intermittent basis to address specific issues under consideration by the Board.

DoD, when necessary and consistent with the Board's mission and DoD policies and procedures, may establish subcommittees, task forces, or working groups to support the Board. Establishment of subcommittees will be based upon a written determination, to include terms of reference, by the Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense. Such subcommittees shall not work independently of the Board and shall report all their recommendations and advice solely to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees, task forces, or working groups have no authority to make decisions and recommendations, verbally or in writing, on behalf of the Board. No subcommittee or any of its members can update or report, verbally or in writing, directly to the DoD or to any Federal officer or employee.

The Secretary of Defense or the Deputy Secretary of Defense shall appoint subcommittee members even if the member in question is already a member of the Board. Subcommittee