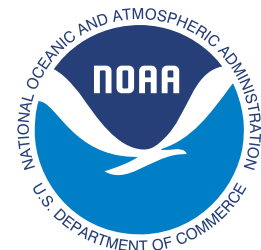


# Getting Involved in the Fishery Management Process

Marine Resource Education Program – Southeast  
November 13-17, 2023

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# Fishery Management

- Rules and Regulations
- Proposed Changes
- Upcoming Meetings...

*Where do you  
get your  
information?*

# Get the Facts

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**Council Websites**

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**NOAA Fisheries Websites**

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**Direct Email Notices**

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**Social Media** – Facebook,  
Instagram, Twitter, YouTube

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**Meetings** - Scoping, Public  
Hearings, Council Meetings

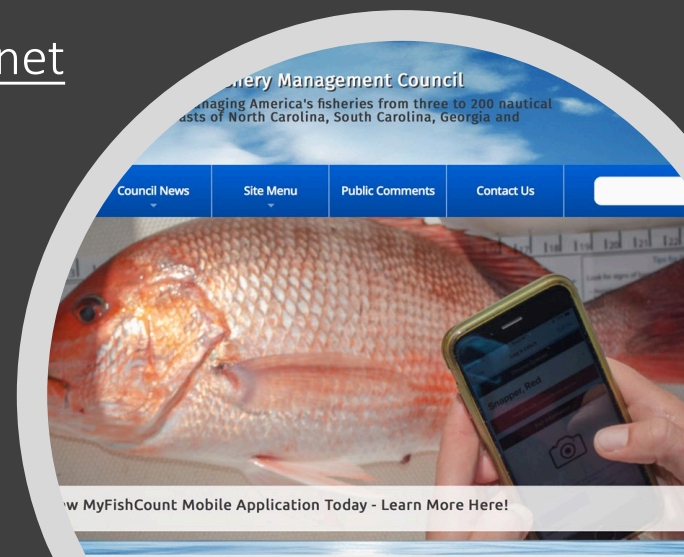
# Council Website Resources

- Contact Information
  - Council Members
  - Advisory Panels
  - Staff
- Amendments Under Development
- Meeting Calendars
- Meeting Materials
  - Agendas
  - Briefing books, public hearing/scoping docs
  - Informative videos
  - Webinar Registration links
  - ONLINE COMMENT FORMS



[gulfcouncil.org](http://gulfcouncil.org)

[safmc.net](http://safmc.net)



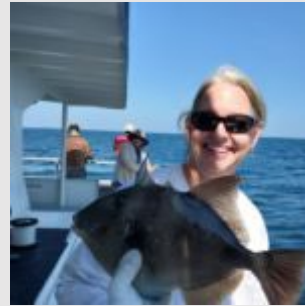
Download MyFishCount Mobile Application Today - Learn More Here!

# Fishery Management Council Members

*Who are these people?*

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# Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council Members





# South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Members





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# Fishery Management

*How do you  
(effectively)  
get involved?*

1. Learn the Facts
2. Build Relationships
3. Attend Meetings
4. Make Informed Comments
5. Serve
6. Join a Group





## Opportunities for Public Comment

- Public Scoping Meetings
- Public Hearings
- Council Meetings
- Written Comments





# Making Effective Comments

- Be prepared – read materials
- Introduce yourself and involvement in fishery or issue
- Focus comments on options/alternatives
- Be concise
- Offer recommendations and solutions
- Be nice
- (Use webinars and written comments too!)



Serve

Advisory Panels

SEDAR Stock Assessment  
Panels

Specific Workgroups

As a Council Member



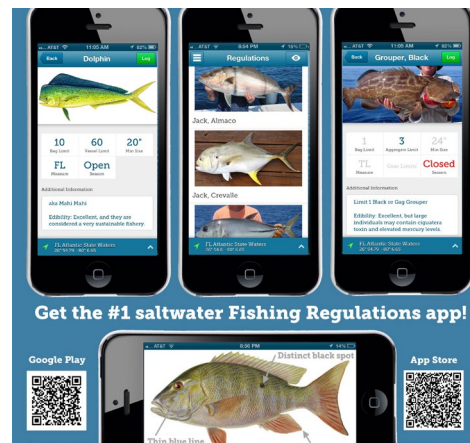
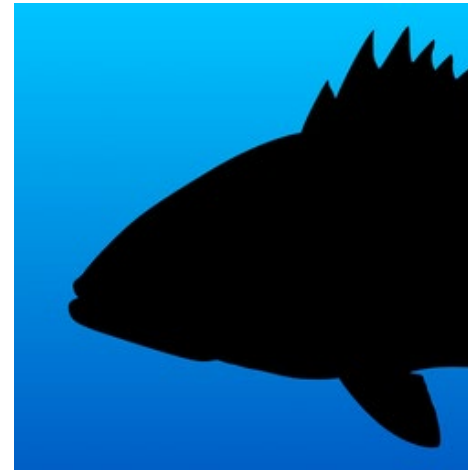


**GULF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION**  
The largest organization of offshore fishermen in the Southeastern US



# Ways to Stay Informed

- Website Postings
- Subscribe News & Updates
- *South Atlantic Bite*
- Scoping and Public Hearing Guides
- Follow us on Facebook
- Watch our YouTube Channel
- Download Fish Rules Mobile App  
(push notifications)



*Get informed and get involved*

## NOAA Fisheries Resources

- 1) Be aware of notifications like **NOAA Fishery Bulletins**
- 2) Sign up for **Text Alerts** from NOAA SERO
- 3) Participate in **events**: roundtables or constituent calls





NEWS

# Reminders about Reporting Requirements for Vessels with Commercial and Federal For-Hire Permits

October 26, 2023

FB23-078: Southeast Fishery Bulletin; For more information, contact: Sustainable Fisheries Division, (727) 824-5305

Bulletin | Southeast | Gulf of Mexico, | South Atlantic

**Key Message:**

- NOAA Fisheries is sending this reminder to ensure federal permit holders and operators of commercial and for-hire permits in the Southeast region are aware of reporting requirements, including some examples for when a vessel holds multiple permits across fisheries. This pertains to vessels with:

**Recent News**

**FEATURE STORY**

U.S. Scientists Integral to Sustainable Management of Atlantic Tunas Southeast





## 2) Sign up for NOAA Fisheries SERO Text Alerts

### **Sign Up For Text Message Alerts - Find Out About Immediate Openings And Closures**

NOAA's Text Message Alert Program allows you to receive important fishery related alerts via text message (SMS). Standard message & data rates may apply. You may opt-out at any time.

Text alerts you may receive include:

- Immediate fishery openings and closures
- Any significant changes to fishing regulations that happen quickly

Sign up for one or more of the following groups:

- **Gulf of Mexico Recreational Fisheries Related Alerts**
  - Text GULFRECFISH to 888777
- **Gulf of Mexico Commercial Fisheries Related Alerts**
  - Text GULFCOMMFISH to 888777
- **South Atlantic Recreational Fisheries Related Alerts**
  - Text SATLRECFISH to 888777
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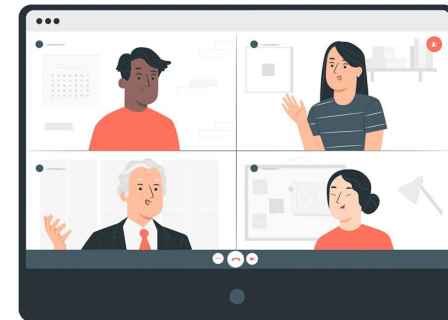




# Accept an invite to a roundtable



# Join a constituency call



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# Questions?

*Contact Us – Anytime!*

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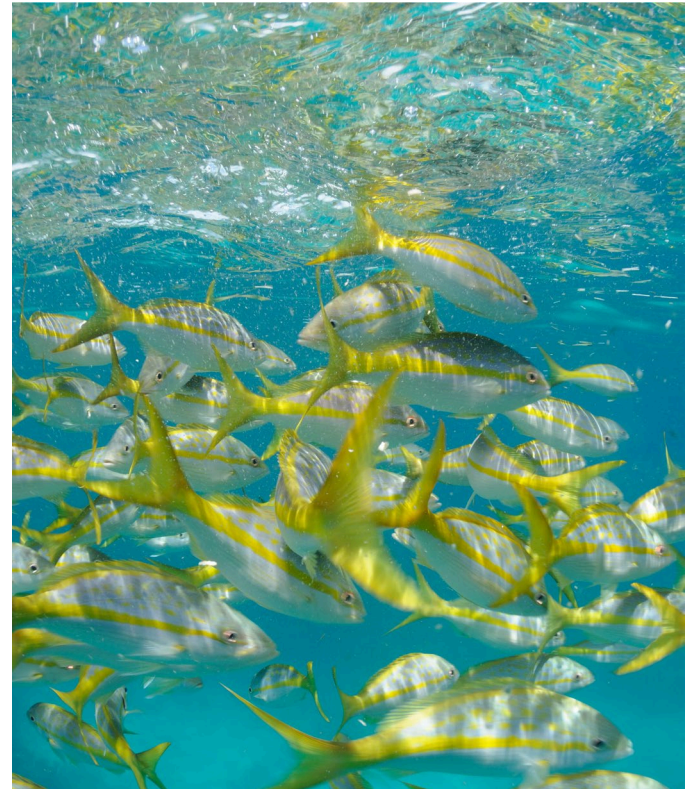
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Also use your *List of Resources* from the MREP Team!