

## *Mark your calendar:*

# South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A Public Hearings

### • **October 25, 2010 - New Bern, NC**

*Hilton New Bern, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560*

### • **October 26, 2010 - North Charleston, SC**

*Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29418*

### • **October 27, 2010 - Daytona Beach, FL**

*Hampton Inn Daytona Speedway, 1715 W. International Blvd.,  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114*

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The public hearings will take place from  
**4:00 PM until 7:00 PM**

Members of the public are invited to attend the hearings, learn more about the issues from Council staff and provide formal comments to area Council members in attendance. Written comments will be accepted until

**November 12, 2010** and can be sent via email to:

[SGAmend18AComments@safmc.net](mailto:SGAmend18AComments@safmc.net)

or hard copies to:

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## Federal Fishery Public Hearing Items:

Amendment 18A primarily focuses on measures for the **commercial golden tilefish** and **black sea bass** fisheries to account for anticipated effort shifts to those fisheries as regulations become more restrictive for other snapper grouper species. Proposed actions:

1. Limit participation in the commercial **golden tilefish** fishery through a gear endorsement program (hook & line and longline):
  - establish criteria for transferability of endorsements and trip limits for fishermen who do not receive an endorsement;
2. Change the golden tilefish fishing year, modify commercial trip limits, and allocate the commercial quota between gear types;
3. Modify the **black sea bass** fishery to limit participation and effort and reduce bycatch in the fishery, including:
  - limits to tag distribution and the number of tags/pots a fisherman can deploy;
  - limiting the time period pots can be deployed.
4. Methods to improve the accuracy, timing and quantity of fisheries data (*for both for-hire and commercial fisheries*).

Copies of the Amendment 18A Public Hearing Document will be posted on the Council's Web site at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net) or available from the Council office by **October 22, 2010**.

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## *Interested in other fisheries meetings?*

**See back of post card for a listing of upcoming meetings, dates, and locations.**

## Upcoming Meetings

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- October 12-14 SEDAR 24 (Red Snapper) Review Workshop**  
Hilton DeSoto, 15 East Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401
- October 19-21 National Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting**  
Charleston Marriott Hotel, 170 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston SC 29403
- October 25-27 Public Hearings – Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A**  
(see information on front)
- November 8-10 SAFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting**  
Holiday Inn, 5264 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418
- November 8-11 Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting**  
Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, SC 29403
- November 15-17 SEDAR 23 (Goliath) Review Workshop**  
Marriott Beachside Hotel, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040
- November 16-17 Habitat Advisory Panel Meeting**  
Charleston Marriott Hotel, 170 Lockwood Blvd., Charleston SC 29403
- November 16-18 Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel Meeting**  
Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418
- November 18-19 SEDAR Spiny Lobster Update Review Workshop**  
Marriott Beachside Hotel, 3841 N. Roosevelt Blvd., Key West, FL 33040
- December 6-10 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting**  
Hilton New Bern Riverfront, 100 Middle St., New Bern, NC 28560

Additional information will be posted at [www.safmc.net](http://www.safmc.net)  
as it becomes available.