

Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 Advisory Committee Workshop

Central District Office, Morehead City, NC

January 27, 2025

6 p.m.

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), through the Department of Environmental Quality, is charged with the preparation and writing of proposed fishery management plans (FMP), for adoption by the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC). To assist the DMF in the development of FMPs, the chair of the MFC appoints a fishery management plan advisory committee (AC) that is composed of commercial fishers, recreational fishers, scientists, and others, all with expertise in the fishery for which the FMP is being developed. The following are the specific roles of appointed advisers in assisting the DMF in the development of FMPs:

- *Assist DMF staff in evaluating management issues and options addressed in the FMP*
- *Assist the DMF in informing the public on the issues contained in the FMP*
- *Solicit comments from peers and bring comments back to the AC*
- *Evaluate the impacts of management options on the resource and user groups*

6:00 p.m. Welcome

The moderator will review the agenda and set expectations for the workshop.

6:10 p.m. Presentation on the draft Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4

Receive an overview of the draft Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4.

6:30 p.m. Advisory Committee discussion on Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4

Advisory Committee will discuss Southern Flounder Fishery Management Plan Amendment 4 and its management options.

7:30 p.m. Recap and takeaways

Moderator and staff will lead Advisory Committee members through a recap of discussion and summarize the takeaways.

8:00 p.m. Adjourn

**** Times indicated are merely for guidance. The committee will proceed through the agenda until completed.***

*****Action Items***