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TONIGHT

NC Commercial Snapper Grouper Meeting

The South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (SAFMC) is holding an in-person scoping meeting Monday and Tuesday nights for Amendment 60, *Commercial Snapper/Grouper 1 Permit and Trip Efficiency*, in Morehead City and Bolivia, North Carolina.

Purpose of Amendment 60:

The amendment has two main objectives:

- 1) To address issues related to the commercial Snapper Grouper Unlimited (SG 1) permit.
- 2) To increase commercial trip efficiency.

Action Summary:

- 1) Revise the 2-for-1 snapper grouper commercial unlimited permit policy;
- 2) Establish dynamic (step-down) trip limits;
- 3) Revise existing stowage requirements for gear on board.

Monday, August 10th

6:00pm

NC Division of Marine Fisheries
Central District Office
5285 Highway 70 West
Morehead City, NC 28557

Tuesday, August 11th

6:00pm

Brunswick County Administrative Building

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30 Government Center Drive NE
Bolivia, NC 28422

Submit Written Comments:

Must be received no later than 5pm September 1st.

[Submit Written Comments](#)

[Public Hearing Document](#)

[Amendment 60 DRAFT](#)

[Amendment 60 Webpage](#)

MAFMC Meeting This Week

The Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC) meets Tuesday, August 11th - Thursday, August 13th in Philadelphia, PA with an option of attending virtually. Public comment will be accepted in-person and remotely on all major agenda items.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Surveys Update, Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish.

[MAFMC Meeting Webpage](#)

[MAMFC Meeting Agenda](#)

[Stock Status Reports](#)

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NCMFC Meets Next Week

The North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission (NCMFC) meets at the DoubleTree Raleigh Midtown hotel, August 19-20 in Raleigh, NC.

[NCMFC Meeting Webpage](#)

Topics at the meeting include but are not limited to:

[Annual Fisheries Management Plan \(FMP\) Updates](#)

[FMP Annual Review](#)

[Review of the Kingfishes Stock Complex Data](#)

[Coastal Habitat Protection Plan 2026 Amendment](#)

[Rulemaking, which includes New Atlantic Bonito Rules](#)

In-person Public Comment:

6pm, Wednesday August 19th
and 9am, Thursday August 20th

Written Public Comment:

Deadline to submit written comment is 4pm Monday, August 17th

[Submit Written Comment Online](#)

Written comment can also be mailed to:

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August 2026 Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting Comments,
P.O Box 769,
Morehead City, N.C. 28557

Or dropped off at:
Division of Marine Fisheries Morehead City Headquarters Office
3441 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please reach out.

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