



# What to Expect as a Biological Review Panel Member

## The Role of the Committee

Committee members work together to develop strategies and standards to collect and manage biological data. This includes maintaining the commercial biological sampling priority matrix, which ranks species based on partner priorities, fishery statistics, current sampling levels, and characteristics of the fishery and species. Committee members also maintain the biological sampling program inventory and work with staff to develop and maintain standards for the collection of biological data.

**Chair: Angel Willey**

**Vice Chair: Lucas Pensinger**

**ACCSP Staff: Skye Thomas**

## Current Committee Priorities

- Building a database link between the SEFSC BIO TIP program and the ACCSP Biological Sample module
- Resilience Factor project
- Updating the resilience field in the priority matrix to reflect a consistent quantitative score, which refers specifically to species resilience/vulnerability scores.
- Database link between the NC DMF and the ACCSP Biological Sample module

## Your Involvement

- Regular conference calls and as needed contact via email distributions
- Attendance at the biennial in-person meeting
- Working with colleagues to determine appropriate state rankings for species on the matrix

## Relevant Knowledge/Skills

- Understanding of stock assessments
- Knowledge of biological sampling techniques
- Knowledge of fish biology and marine fisheries
- Field supervisory experience

## More Information

Our program calendar, along with additional information resources, can be found on our website at [www.accsp.org](http://www.accsp.org). If you are interested in learning more about the Biological Review Panel's recent efforts, we suggest you glance through recent meeting minutes or contact the chair, vice chair or acting staff member.

*If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the assigned staff member, Skye Thomas, at [Skye.Thomas@accsp.org](mailto:Skye.Thomas@accsp.org).*