

SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Atlantic Beach, North Carolina

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SUMMARY OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS

Note: These summary motions show the wording of the actions/alternatives as modified by the motion. For details of what was changed, see the Final Committee Reports available from the Council's website in the folder named Committee Reports:

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SNAPPER GROUPER

Amendment 37 (hogfish)

MOTION # 1: ACCEPT IPT SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTIONS 5, 6 AND 8 IN AMENDMENT 41

Action 5. Modify the commercial and recreational ~~mutton snapper~~ minimum size limit for mutton snapper in the South Atlantic Region

Alternative 1 (No Action). The minimum size limit for mutton snapper (commercial and recreational) in the South Atlantic region is 16 inches total length.

Alternative 2. Increase the commercial and recreational minimum size limit for mutton snapper in the South Atlantic region to 17 inches total length.

Preferred Alternative 3. Increase the commercial and recreational minimum size limit for mutton snapper in the South Atlantic region to 18 inches total length.

Alternative 4. Increase the commercial and recreational minimum size limit for mutton snapper in the South Atlantic region to 19 inches total length.

Alternative 5. Increase the commercial and recreational minimum size limit for mutton snapper in the South Atlantic region to 20 inches total length

Action 6. Designate spawning months during which certain commercial and recreational management measures for mutton snapper should apply in the South Atlantic Region

Alternative 1 (No Action). ~~During May and June, each year, the possession of mutton snapper in or from the exclusive economic zone on board a vessel that has a commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper grouper is limited to 10 per person per day or 10 per person per trip, whichever is more restrictive.~~

Seasonal harvest limitations apply to the commercial sector during mutton snapper spawning in May and June each year. There are no comparable seasonal restrictions during May and June that apply to the recreational sector.

Preferred Alternative 2. For regulatory purposes, designate the following as "spawning months." The remainder of the year would be the "regular season."

Preferred Sub-alternative 2a. April-June

Sub-alternative 2b. April-July

Sub-alternative 2c. May-July

Action 8. Modify mutton snapper commercial trip limit in the South Atlantic Region

Alternative 1 (No Action). During May and June, each year, the possession of mutton snapper in or from the exclusive economic zone on board a vessel that has a commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper grouper is limited to 10 per person per day or 10 per person per trip, whichever is more restrictive. There is no possession or trip limit for the commercial sector in the South Atlantic from ~~July through April~~ January through April and July through December.

Preferred Alternative 2. Establish a commercial trip limit for mutton snapper during the “regular season” (i.e., non-spawning months) in the South Atlantic.

Sub-alternative 2a. 300 pounds whole weight

Sub-alternative 2b. 400 pounds whole weight

Preferred Sub-alternative 2c. 500 pounds whole weight

Preferred Alternative 3. Specify a commercial trip limit for mutton snapper during the “spawning months” in the South Atlantic.

Sub-alternative 3a. 2 fish/person/day or 2 fish/person/trip, whichever is more restrictive

Sub-alternative 3b. 3 fish/person/day or 3 fish/person/trip, whichever is more restrictive

Sub-alternative 3c. 10 fish/vessel/day

Sub-alternative 3d. 12 fish/vessel/day

Sub-alternative 3e. No retention

Preferred Sub-alternative 3f. 5 fish/person/day or 5 fish/person/trip, whichever is more restrictive

MOTION # 2: APPROVE AMENDMENT 41 FOR FORMAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. GIVE THE IPT EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE AMENDMENT AND GIVE THE COUNCIL CHAIR LICENSE TO RE-DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT.

Vision Blueprint Recreational Regulatory Amendment 26

MOTION # 3: APPROVE VISION BLUEPRINT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 26 FOR SCOPING

Vision Blueprint Commercial Regulatory Amendment 27

MOTION # 4: APPROVE VISION BLUEPRINT REGULATORY AMENDMENT 27 FOR SCOPING

Amendment 43 (Red Snapper)

MOTION # 5: APPROVE AMENDMENT 43 OPTIONS PAPER AS MODIFIED FOR SCOPING IN JANUARY 2017

Golden Tilefish

MOTION # 6: SELECT OPTION 4 (IN THE SNAPPER GROUPER COMMITTEE OVERVIEW) TO IMPLEMENT CHANGES TO GOLDEN TILEFISH:

OPTION 4. INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAN AMENDMENT THAT WOULD MODIFY THE ABC CONTROL RULE TO IMPLEMENT A PHASED-IN

APPROACH TO END OVERFISHING OF GOLDEN TILEFISH (AS PRESENTED IN REVISIONS TO THE NS 1 GUIDELINES):

Year 1: ACL = OFL in Year 1

Year 2: ACL = mid-point between the OFL and ABC in Year 2

Year 3: ACL = ABC

MOTION # 7: ASK THE SEFSC TO PROVIDE PROJECTIONS FOR GOLDEN TILEFISH AT P* OF 0.4 AND 0.45

MOTION # 8: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK ITEMS:

1. DEVELOP A DISCUSSION PAPER FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE FRAMEWORK (OR A NEW FRAMEWORK) THAT WOULD SPECIFY CRITERIA FOR HANDLING RE-OPENINGS WHEN PROJECTED LANDINGS ARE CLOSE TO THE ACL.
2. REQUEST DISCARD-ONLY PROJECTION FROM SEFSC FOR RED SNAPPER
3. PREPARE AMENDMENT 41 FOR FORMAL REVIEW
4. PREPARE REGULATORY AMENDMENTS 26 & 27 FOR PUBLIC SCOPING (TO BE CONDUCTED IN JANUARY 2017 VIA WEBINAR)
5. REQUEST SEFSC BRIEFING ON OUTCOME OF BAROTRAUMA WORKSHOPS IN SOUTHEAST REGION FOR MARCH 2017
6. REQUEST THAT NOAA GC PROVIDE UPDATE IN MARCH 2017 ON HOW OTHER REGIONS HAVE REQUIRED USE OF DESCENDING DEVICES
7. WORK WITH SERO STAFF TO DETERMINE WHAT THE EXPECTED REDUCTION IN DISCARD MORTALITY WOULD BE FOR RED SNAPPER WITH A POSSIBLE REQUIREMENT OF DESCENDING DEVICES AND LOOK AT WHAT MIGHT BE A REASONABLE RANGE OF ASSUMPTIONS REGARDING COMPLIANCE, ETC.
8. REQUEST THAT THE SEFSC PROVIDE PROJECTIONS FOR GOLDEN TILEFISH AT P* OF 0.4 AND 0.45

MOTION # 9: CONTACT BSB POT ENDORSEMENT HOLDERS TO REQUEST INPUT ON MODIFYING POTS TO HAVE 2.25 MESH ON EITHER THE BACK PANEL OR THE ENTIRE POT

MACKEREL COBIA

CMP Amendment 30 (Cobia)

MOTION #1: POSTPONE FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF CMP AMENDMENT 30 UNTIL THE ASMFC COMPLETES THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN INTERSTATE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR COBIA.

MOTION #2. ACCEPT THE CHANGED WORDING TO THE PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT.

Purpose for Action

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the recreational and commercial fishing year for Atlantic migratory group cobia to ensure consistent, stable, and equitable fishing

opportunities for participants in the Atlantic cobia component of the coastal migratory pelagics fishery.

Need for Action

The need for this amendment is to respond to changing fishery characteristics for Atlantic cobia, while increasing social and economic benefits of the coastal migratory pelagics fishery through sustainable fishing opportunities and harvest of Atlantic cobia.

MOTION #3. ADOPT TIMING AND TASK MOTION.

TIMING AND TASKS

- 1) Compile examples of how modified fishing years have been applied for other species.

JOINT DOLPHIN/WAHOO, SNAPPER GROUPEL, AND MACKEREL COBIA Commercial Yellowtail Snapper Landings

MOTION # 1: REQUEST STAFF TO WORK WITH FWC TO CORRECT LANDINGS FOR SPECIES LANDED IN SOUTH FLORIDA THAT MAY AFFECT THE COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT JURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATIONS.

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 (dolphin and yellowtail snapper)

MOTION #2: MOVE TO MODIFY ALTERNATIVE 4 IN ACTION 1 AS SHOWN BELOW AND CREATE ACTIONS TO DEFINE ACTS FOR THE RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SECTORS INDIVIDUALLY.

ACTION 1. REVISE THE DEFINITION OF OPTIMUM YIELD (OY) FOR DOLPHIN.

“**DRAFT Alternative 4.** Optimum yield (OY) is the long-term average catch, which is not designed to exceed the total ACL, and will fall between the total ACL (15,344,846 lbs ww) and ACT (~~ACT equals [sector ACL *(1 - PSE)] or [ACL *0.5], whichever is greater.~~”

MOTION #3: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP AN ALTERNATIVE IN ACTION 2 THAT WOULD ALLOW MULTI-GEAR TRIPS FOR LEGALLY PERMITTED VESSELS IN THE DOLPHIN WAHOO FISHERY AND RETITLE ACTION TO REFLECT THIS ALTERNATIVE.

“**Action 2.** Allow mutli-gear trips for legally permitted vessels in the dolphin and wahoo fishery.”

MOTION #4: MOVE ALTERNATIVE 2 IN ACTION 3 TO CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED SECTION.

ACTION 3. REVISE SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR DOLPHIN.

Alternative 2. Maintain the current sector ACLs, but revise the AM to ~~not close either sector until the total ACL is met~~ prohibit harvest for both sectors once a portion of the total ACL is landed. **Note: Total ACL=ABC=OY.**

Sub-alternative 2a: Sectors will not close until 60% (9,206,908 lbs ww) of the total ACL is landed.

Sub-alternative 2b: Sectors will not close until 70% (10,741,392 lbs ww) of the total ACL is landed.

Sub-alternative 2c: Sectors will not close until 80% (12,275,877 lbs ww) of the total ACL is landed.

Sub-alternative 2d: Sectors will not close until 90% (13,810,361 lbs ww) of the total ACL is landed.

Sub-alternative 2e: Sector will not close until 100% (15,344,846 lbs ww) of the total ACL is landed.

MOTION #5: REWORD ALTERNATIVE 4 OF ACTION 3 TO STATE IF THE COMMERCIAL ACL IS NOT MET IN A GIVEN FISHING YEAR, THE UNUSED ACL MAY BE CARRIED FORWARD TO THE NEXT FISHING YEAR ONLY. THE CARRIED FORWARD BALANCE SHALL NOT EXCEED X PERCENT OF THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR ACL. SUB ALTERNATIVES RANGING FROM 5%, 10%, 20%.

ACTION 3: REVISE SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR DOLPHIN.

“Alternative 4: If the commercial ACL is not met in a given fishing year, the unused ACL may be carried forward to the next fishing year only. The carried-forward balance shall not exceed a given percentage (Sub-alternatives 4a-4c) of the commercial sector ACL.

Sub-alternative 4a: The carried forward balance shall not exceed 5% of the total commercial sector ACL.

Sub-alternative 4b: The carried forward balance shall not exceed 10% of the total commercial sector ACL.

Sub-alternative 4c: The carried forward balance shall not exceed 20% of the total commercial sector ACL.”

MOTION #6: MOVE TO RESTRUCTURE ALTERNATIVE 5 IN ACTION 4 TO BE SIMILAR TO THE LANGUAGE IN ALTERNATIVE 4 OF ACTION 3.

ACTION 4. REVISE SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER.

“Reword Alternative 5 of Action 4 to state if the commercial ACL is not met in a given fishing year, the unused ACL may be carried forward to the next fishing year only. The carried forward balance shall not exceed x percent of the commercial sector ACL. Sub alternatives ranging from 5%, 10%, 20%.”

“Alternative 5: If the commercial ACL is not met in a given fishing year, the unused ACL may be carried forward to the next fishing year only. The carried-forward balance shall not exceed a given percentage (Sub-alternatives 5a-5c) of the commercial sector ACL.

Sub-alternative 5a: The carried forward balance shall not exceed 5% of the total commercial sector ACL.

Sub-alternative 5b: The carried forward balance shall not exceed 10% of the total commercial sector ACL.

Sub-alternative 5c: The carried forward balance shall not exceed 20% of the total commercial sector ACL.”

MOTION #7: ADD AN ACTION TO COMBINE GULF AND SOUTH ATLANTIC ACL FOR YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER.

MOTION #8: SEPARATE YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER INTO ITS OWN AMENDMENT AND REMOVE CARRYOVER ALTERNATIVE AND APPROVE FOR PUBLIC HEARING IN JANUARY 2017.

MOTION #9: ADD AN ACTION TO REMOVE REQUIREMENT TO HAVE THE OPERATOR CARD FOR THE CHARTER HEADBOAT FLEET IN THE DOLPHIN WAHOO FMP.

MOTION #10: ACCEPT IPT SUGGESTED EDITS FOR ACTIONS 1-4.

Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 11/Snapper Grouper Amendment 45/Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 31 (Charter/Headboat Permit Limited Entry)

MOTION #11: STOP MOVING FORWARD WITH SCOPING FOR LIMITED ENTRY IN THE DOLPHIN WAHOO FOR-HIRE PERMIT.

MOTION #12: REMOVE FROM CONSIDERATION LIMITED ENTRY FOR THE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS CHARTER-HEADBOAT PERMIT AT THIS TIME.

MOTION #13: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP A WHITE PAPER TO EXPLORE LIMITED ENTRY OPTIONS FOR THE FOR-HIRE SECTOR IN SNAPPER GROUPER TO BE DISCUSSED.

MOTION #14: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- POSTPONE SENDING OUT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY AND CONTINUE TO DEVELOP DOLPHIN WAHOO 10/SNAPPER GROUPER 44 AMENDMENT, AS MODIFIED. BRING BACK REVISED DOCUMENT FOR REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL AT THE MARCH 2017 MEETING.
- PREPARE YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER AMENDMENT AS MODIFIED FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN JANUARY 2017.
- DEVELOP WHITE PAPER FOR LIMITED ENTRY IN THE FOR HIRE SNAPPER GROUPER FISHERY FOR REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL IN MARCH.

DATA COLLECTION

Motion #1: Move to incorporate the 3 suggested wording changes to the Action 1 alternatives by replacing slashes with “and”, replacing “harvested” with “the fish were caught” in the area description, and striking the parenthetical “(current headboat requirements)”.

Action 1: Modify Frequency and Mechanism of Data Reporting for Charter Vessels

Preferred Alternative 2. Require that federally permitted charter vessels, while operating as a charter vessel, submit fishing records to the SRD weekly, or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD, via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware~~and~~ software). Weekly = Tuesday following each fishing week. [Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel preferred.](#)

Preferred Sub-alternative 2a. Report all fish harvested~~and~~ discarded on all trips regardless of where ~~harvested~~ the fish were caught. (~~current headboat requirement~~)

Sub-alternative 2b. Report only South Atlantic federally-managed fish harvested~~and~~ discarded on all trips regardless of where ~~harvested~~ the fish were caught. (snapper grouper, dolphin/wahoo, and CMP species)

Sub-Alternative 2c. Report all federally-managed fish harvested~~and~~ discarded on all trips regardless of where ~~harvested~~ the fish were caught.

Alternative 3. Require that federally permitted charter vessels, while operating as a charter vessel, submit fishing records to the SRD daily ~~via electronic reporting~~ via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware~~and~~ software). Daily = by noon of the following day.

Sub-alternative 3a. Report all fish harvested~~and~~ discarded on all trips regardless of where ~~harvested~~ the fish were caught. (~~current headboat requirement~~)

Sub-alternative 3b. Report only South Atlantic federally-managed fish harvested~~and~~ discarded on all trips regardless of where ~~harvested~~ the fish were caught. (snapper grouper, dolphin/wahoo, & CMP species)

Motion #2: Move to incorporate the suggested wording change for Action 2 alternatives 2 and 3, to replace slashes “/” with “and”.

Action 2: Modify Frequency and Mechanism of Data Reporting for Headboats

Preferred Alternative 2. Require that headboats, while operating as a headboat, submit fishing records to the SRD weekly, or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD, via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware~~and~~ software). Weekly = Tuesday following each fishing week. [Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel preferred.](#)

Alternative 3. Require that headboats, while operating as a headboat, submit fishing records to the SRD daily via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware~~and~~ software). Daily = by noon of the following day.

Motion #3: Move to incorporate the suggested wording changes for Action 3, alternative 2 to: replace slashes “/” with “and”, clarify reporting is for fishing location, and clarify how location is entered.

Action 3: Modify Electronic Reporting Requirements to Require Vessel or Catch Location Reporting

Preferred Alternative 2. Require federally permitted charters vessels to report location **fished** electronically by **manually entering** latitude ~~and~~ longitude in degrees and minutes or by clicking on an **electronic headboat** chart. [Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel preferred.](#)

Motion #4: Move to approve the for-hire electronic reporting amendment for formal secretarial review and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. Give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document and codified text, and give the council chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

Motion #5: Approve the following timing and tasks:

- Modify the FHER Amendment as directed and prepare it for formal review.
- Provide the FHER Amendment to the Gulf Council for final approval in January 2017.
- Solicit comments from Council members on the proposed SRHS Annual Report by January 9, 2017.

HABITAT & ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT

MOTION # 1: Approve EFH Policy Statement for South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries giving staff and Council Chairman editorial license to finalize for inclusion into FEP II

MOTION #2: Approve EFH Policy Statement for South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity giving staff and Council Chairman editorial license to finalize for inclusion into FEP II

MOTION #3: TIMING AND TASK MOTION:

- Council staff will finalize the EFH Policy Statements for South Atlantic Food Web and Connectivity and South Atlantic Climate Variability and Fisheries for integration into FEP II and posting to the Council website.
- Council staff will support FEP II writing team members development and the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel completion of the draft EFH Policy Statement for Artificial Reefs during their Spring 2017 meeting.
- Council staff will, building on FEP II Managed Species Team input, advance development of the South Atlantic Mapping Strategy by facilitating a meeting of SEAMAP Habitat Characterization and Species Assessment Workgroup.
- Council staff will continue collaboration between SAFMC, SCDNR (SEAMAP/MARMAP) and Ocean Area in planning for a potential in water test of the Submarine AUV in conjunction with a 2017 research cruise.

AP SELECTION

MOTION # 1: APPOINT YURI VAKSELIS AND LEE LAVERY TO THE SEDAR POOL (CONTINGENT UPON A NOAA OLE BACKGROUND CHECK).

CITIZEN SCIENCE

MOTION #1: RECOMMEND OPTION 3 AS PRESENTED BY STAFF FOR A CITIZEN SCIENCE PROGRAM. IN THE EVENT THAT SUFFICIENT FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, THEN RECOMMEND OPTION 2.

Option 3: Kickstarter project is initiated with full time staff support.

- Activity - Mobile app is built and project has full-time staff support
- Benefits – Project and program has support to get off the ground
- Risks - High success rate; Highest cost option

HIGHLY MIGRATORY PELAGICS

Presentation on Draft Amendment 5b to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP (dusky sharks)

MOTION #1: SEND LETTER TO HMS STATING COMMENTS FOR 5B.

MOTION #2: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- SEND LETTER TO HMS OUTLINING THE COMMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE COUNCIL IN REGARDS TO THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES IN AMENDMENT 5B TO THE 2006 CONSOLIDATED ATLANTIC HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN PRIOR TO THE CLOSE OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON DECEMBER 22, 2016.
- PREPARE A REPORT ON THE NUMBER OF VESSELS WITH A HMS COMMERCIAL GENERAL CATEGORY PERMIT BUT NOT CERTIFIED AS COMPLIANT BY THE US COAST GUARD FOR THE SAFETY REQUIREMENTS OF A COMMERCIAL FISHING VESSEL FOR REVIEW BY THE COUNCIL AT THE MARCH 2017 MEETING.
- SEND LETTER REGARDING THE CHINA-BAHAMAS AGRICULTURAL AND FISHERIES INITIATIVE TO THE BAHAMAS AS APPROPRIATE.

PROTECTED RESOURCEDS

MOTION #1: Nominate Charlie Philips to the Large Whale Take Reduction Team.

SEDAR

MOTION #1: Move to appoint Lee Lavery to the SEDAR 50 data panel.

MOTION #2: Move to appoint Luiz Barbieri and Rob Ahrens to the SEDAR 50 assessment panel.

MOTION #3: Move to appoint Anne Lange, George Sedberry, Jeff Buckel, Jimmy Hull, Beverly Sauls, and Joey Ballenger to the SEDAR 56 panel.

MOTION #4: Move to appoint Yuri Vakselis, Daniel Zier (pending appointment to the SEDAR pool), Carolyn Belcher and Robert Ahrens to the SEDAR 48 data panel.

MOTION #5: Move to appoint Robert Ahrens, Marcel Reichert, Eric Johnson and Alexi Sharov to the SEDAR 48 assessment panel.

MOTION #6: Move to appoint Fred Serchuk and Amy Schueller to the SEDAR 48 review panel

MOTION #7: Move to approve the schedule for SEDAR 48.

MOTION #8: Move to approve the SEDAR 48, Black Grouper, terms of reference as modified by the Gulf Council.

MOTION #9: Move to approve the SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass, project schedule.

MOTION #10: Modify the second bullet of SEDAR 56 TOR 2 to read: incorporate the latest BAM model configurations, and detail the changes made, and impacts of those changes, between the SEDAR 25 model and the proposed SEDAR 56 model.

MOTION #11: Move to approve the SEDAR 56, Black Sea Bass terms of reference as modified.

MOTION #12: Move to modify SEDAR 50 data workshop TOR 1 to state: define the unit stock for the SEDAR 50 stock assessment to include the entire US Atlantic seaboard, using the boundary between the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Councils as the southwestern boundary for the stock unit to assess.

And

Add an additional bullet item to SEDAR 50 assessment workshop TOR 6 to: consider exploratory models based on the Stock ID Workgroup and SSC Stock ID Review Panel recommendations to (1) characterize and describe the impact of the stock unit definition on risk and uncertainty, and (2) illustrate approaches for assigning productivity by existing council management units.

And

Include an addendum to the TORs for SEDAR 50 stating the original DW TOR #1 and summarizing the recommendations of the stock id workgroup, SSC stock id review panel, and leadership group.

SPINY LOBSTER

MOTION #1. ADD AN ACTION TO PROHIBIT RECREATIONAL TRAPS FOR SPINY LOBSTER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC EEZ.

MOTION 2. ADOPT THE TIMING AND TASK MOTION.

- Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare an options paper for Spiny Lobster Framework Amendment 1 to be presented to the Gulf Council at their January/February 2017 meeting.

SSC SELECTION

Motion #1: Move to modify the existing SSC eligibility wording as follows: *Members appointed by the councils to the scientific and statistical committees shall be federal employees, state employees, academicians, or independent experts **who are not employed by nor receive any compensation from advocacy or interest groups**, and shall have strong scientific or technical credentials and experience.*”

Motion #2: Move to recommend adoption of the SSC workgroup process as an addition to the SSC guidelines.

EXECUTIVE FINANCE

MOTION #1: ACCEPT THE TIMING AND TASK AS SHOWN
DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. PROVIDE THE PRELIMINARY DRAFT 2017 BUDGET TO NMFS AS AN INDICATION OF OUR FUNDING NEEDS FOR 2017.
- B. PREPARE A REVISED DRAFT 2017 BUDGET FOR THE MARCH 2017 MEETING.
- C. PREPARE A REVISED 2017-2018 PRIORITIES LIST.
- D. PREPARE THE WEBINAR MEETING GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW AT THE MARCH 2017 MEETING.

MOTION #2: APPROVE THE MODIFIED 2017-18 PRIORITIES

FULL COUNCIL SESSION

MOTION #1: RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THE SC AQUARIUM’S EFP REQUEST TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR