

SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Cocoa Beach, Florida

June 13-17, 2016

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:

(<http://blog.safmc.net/meeting-documents/safmc-06-2016-meeting-briefing-book/>).

SNAPPER GROUPER

Amendment 37 (hogfish)

MOTION #1: APPROVE SUGGESTED EDIT TO PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2 UNDER ACTION 6

Action 6. Establish Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) for the Florida Keys/East Florida (FLK/EFL) stock of hogfish

Preferred Alternative 2. Establish ACLs for the FLK/EFL stock of hogfish. Specify commercial and recreational ACLs for 2017-2027. ~~ACLs will not increase automatically in a subsequent year if present year projected catch has exceeded the total ACL.~~ Specify commercial and recreational ACLs using re-calculated sector allocations based on proposed modifications to the management unit (9.63% commercial and 90.37% recreational).

Sub-alternative 2a. ACL = OY = ABC

Preferred Sub-alternative 2b. ACL = OY = 95% ABC

Sub-alternative 2c. ACL = OY = 90% ABC

MOTION #2: SELECT SUB-ALTERNATIVE 2A AS AN ADDITIONAL PREFERRED UNDER ACTION 11

Action 11. Establish a recreational fishing season for the Florida Keys/East Florida (FLK/EFL) stock of hogfish

Preferred Alternative 2. Establish a recreational fishing season for the FLK/EFL stock of hogfish in the South Atlantic region.

Sub-alternative 2a. May-June

Sub-alternative 2b. July-August

Sub-alternative 2c. July-September

Preferred Sub-alternative 2d. July-October

MOTION # 3: APPROVE SUGGESTED EDIT TO PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2 UNDER ACTION 12

Action 12. Establish commercial and recreational accountability measures (AMs) for the Georgia through North Carolina (GA-NC) and the Florida Keys/East Florida (FLK/EFL) stocks of hogfish

Preferred Alternative 2. If commercial landings reach or are projected to reach the commercial annual catch limit (ACL), NMFS would close the commercial sector for the remainder of the fishing year. On and after the effective date of such a notification, all

sale or purchase is prohibited and harvest or possession of hogfish in or from the EEZ would be limited to the recreational bag and possession limit. This bag and possession limit applies in the South Atlantic on board a vessel for which a valid Federal commercial or charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic snapper grouper has been issued, without regard to where such species were harvested, i.e., in state or Federal waters. Additionally, if the commercial ACL is exceeded, NMFS would reduce the commercial ACL in the following fishing year by the amount of the commercial overage, only if hogfish is overfished and the total ACL (commercial ACL and recreational ACL) of the respective stock is exceeded.

Preferred Sub-alternative 2a. For the GA-NC stock of hogfish.

Preferred Sub-alternative 2b. For the FLK/EFL stock of hogfish.

Amendment 41 (mutton snapper)

MOTION # 3: APPROVE SUGGESTED EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE TITLES OF ACTIONS 1-7 IN AMENDMENT 41.

MOTION # 4: SELECT SUB-ALTERNATIVE 2A UNDER ACTION 5 AS PREFERRED

Action 5. Designate spawning season during which commercial and recreational management measures for mutton snapper should apply in the South Atlantic Region
Alternative 2. For regulatory purposes, designate the following as “spawning months”. The remainder of the year would be the “regular season.”

Sub-alternative 2a. April-June

MOTION # 5: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 4, SUB-ALTERNATIVE 4B, UNDER ACTION 6 AS PREFERRED

Action 6. *Modify mutton snapper recreational bag limit in the South Atlantic Region*
Alternative 4. Retain mutton snapper within the recreational 10 snapper aggregate bag limit in the South Atlantic, but specify bag limits for mutton snapper within the aggregate bag limit year round.

Sub-alternative 4b. 3 fish/person/day.

MOTION #6: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 3, SUB-ALTERNATIVE 3B AS PREFERRED UNDER ACTION 7

Action 7. *Modify mutton snapper commercial trip limit in the South Atlantic Region*
Alternative 3. Specify a commercial trip limit for mutton snapper during the “spawning months” in the South Atlantic.

Sub-alternative 3b. 3 fish/person/day

MOTION #7: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2, SUB-ALTERNATIVE 2A UNDER ACTION 7 AS PREFERRED

Action 7. *Modify mutton snapper commercial trip limit in the South Atlantic Region*
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

MOTION #8: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 3 AS PREFERRED UNDER ACTION 8
Action 8. Modify mutton snapper minimum size limit in the South Atlantic Region
Alternative 3. Increase the minimum size limit for mutton snapper in the South Atlantic region to 18 inches TL.

MOTION #9: MOVE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT ACTION TO BEFORE CURRENT ACTION 5 (SPAWNING SEASON ACTION)

MOTION #10: APPROVE AMENDMENT 41 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS

Amendment 43 (red snapper)

MOTION #11: REQUEST THE SSC REVIEW ADDITIONAL RUNS AT F_{MAX} AND $F_{20\% SPR}$ AT OCTOBER 2016 MEETING. PROVIDE ADVICE REGARDING RISK OF THESE AS REFERENCE POINTS FOR OVERFISHING.

MOTION #12: REQUEST THE SSC EVALUATE THE CURRENT RED SNAPPER MRIP ESTIMATES TO DETERMINE IF THEY ARE RELIABLE AND ADEQUATE FOR MANAGEMENT INCLUDING QUOTA MONITORING AND DISCARD INFORMATION.

***DIRECTION TO STAFF: TAKE SUITE OF OPTIONS AND STRUCTURE INTO SCOPING DOCUMENT TO INCLUDE BAG LIMITS, SIZE LIMITS, TRIP LIMITS, GEAR RELATED ACTIONS, SEASONAL AREA CLOSURES, SURGICAL AREA CLOSURES (HOT SPOTS), STAMP, ELECTRONIC REPORTING AND DATA COLLECTION ITEMS

Vision Blueprint Amendment(s) - Fisheries Seasonality and Retention

The Council provided the following guidance:

Develop two amendments to the Snapper Grouper FMP, one to address commercial management measures and one to address recreational management measures. Include the following items in each, respectively:

Amendment to address issues in the commercial fishery:

- Deepwater (400 feet and deeper) split seasons for blueline tilefish, snowy grouper, wreckfish, yellowedge grouper, golden tilefish (?)
- Split seasons for red porgy and other small-mouthed species (gray trigger and vermilion snapper)
- Examine trip limits and step-downs (especially as they pertain to traditional bandit boats, vermilion trip limit step-down in second season)
- Examine limiting commercial trips to a certain number per time-period, as appropriate (month, week)
- Re-evaluate shallow water grouper closure
- Fishing year changes (golden tile hook-and-line)

Amendment to address issues in the recreational fishery:

- Recreational stamp

- Reconsideration of the aggregate bag limits
- Re-evaluation of shallow water grouper closure
- Recreational season
- Seasonal area depth closure

Staff will advise the Committee on which items can be addressed via the existing framework procedure (possibly in regulatory amendments 23 and/or 24) and which ones would necessitate a plan amendment.

Staff requested guidance on how to differentiate “regular” amendments versus those related to the Vision Blueprint. Committee members suggested either “SG Regulatory Amendment XX – Vision Blueprint” or “Vision Blueprint Regulatory Amendment XX”.

Limited entry for the for-hire sector

MOTION #13: ESTABLISH A JUNE 15, 2016 CONTROL DATE FOR THE THREE OPEN ACCESS CHARTER VESSEL/HEADBOAT PERMITS.

MOTION #14: DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF A LIMITED ENTRY AMENDMENT FOR THE THREE FOR-HIRE PERMITS

MOTION #15: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TASKS AND TIMING:

- PREPARE AMENDMENT 41 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS IN AUGUST 2016
- REQUEST THAT THE SEFSC PROVIDE FURTHER EXPLANATION FOR THE DIFFERENCES IN THE OUTCOMES OF SEDAR 24 AND SEDAR 41 FOR RED SNAPPER
- INVESTIGATE WHAT METHODS HAVE BEEN/ARE BEING USED IN THE MID-ATLANTIC TO ASSESS THE STATUS OF GOLDEN TILEFISH
- COUNCIL REQUEST THAT THE SSC FURTHER REVIEW THE GOLDEN TILEFISH UPDATE ASSESSMENT, AND ADDRESS THE FOLLOWING:
 1. REVIEW PRODUCTIVITY ESTIMATES OF PREVIOUS TILEFISH ASSESSMENTS, IDENTIFY UNCERTAINTIES THAT IMPACT PRODUCTIVITY ESTIMATES, AND COMMENT ON HOW WELL OVERALL STOCK PRODUCTIVITY IS DETERMINED AT THIS POINT IN TIME. IDENTIFY RESEARCH OR DATA NEEDS THAT COULD IMPROVE ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTIVITY FOR FUTURE ASSESSMENTS.
 2. REVIEW APPLICATION OF THE P* TECHNIQUE TO THE TILEFISH UPDATE. PROVIDE AN EXPLANATION FOR THE APPARENT UNUSUALLY LARGE DIFFERENCE IN YIELD BETWEEN THE OFL (P* = 0.5) AND THE ABC (P* = 0.3). COMPARE THE BUFFER ESTIMATED FOR TILEFISH WITH THOSE FOR OTHER ASSESSMENTS WITH SIMILAR P* VALUES. IDENTIFY WHICH ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTIES ARE “DRIVING” THE P* ANALYSIS AND THE HIGH BUFFER. CONSIDER WHETHER THE P* APPROACH

IS APPROPRIATE FOR THIS ASSESSMENT, AND WHETHER BASING ABC ON YIELD AT 75% FMSY AND OFL ON YIELD AT FMSY IS A VIABLE ALTERNATIVE.

3. REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE, ACCURACY, AND RELIABILITY OF TILEFISH ASSESSMENT PROJECTIONS FROM PAST ASSESSMENTS. THE COUNCIL IS CONCERNED WITH THE IMPACT OF THE HIGH AGE OF FISHERY SELECTIVITY COMBINED WITH THE LACK OF FISHERY INDEPENDENT INFORMATION FOR YOUNGER FISH ON STOCK PROJECTIONS. IDENTIFY RESEARCH OR DATA NEEDS THAT COULD IMPROVE FUTURE PROJECTIONS.
4. COMMENT ON THE BIOLOGICAL RISK AND THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF A PHASED-IN APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTING THE REDUCED CATCH LEVELS FOR TILEFISH, SUCH THAT THE ABC IS SET EQUAL TO OFL IN YEAR 1 AND THEN ABC IS SPECIFIED THROUGH THE STANDARD APPLICATION OF THE CONTROL RULE IN LATER YEARS. ALSO CONSIDER PROVIDING A CONSTANT ABC FOR LATER YEARS, SPECIFIED IN 3-YEAR BLOCKS.
 - REQUEST THAT THE SSC CONSIDER REVISING THE ABC CONTROL RULE BY REMOVING STOCK STATUS FROM THE FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO THE UNCERTAINTY ADJUSTMENT. THIS IS REQUESTED BECAUSE THE AGENCY HAS FINAL AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE STOCK STATUS, AND BECAUSE THE ABC CONTROL RULE IS INTENDED TO ADDRESS ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTY, WHEREAS STOCK STATUS IS AN ASSESSMENT OUTCOME RATHER THAN A SOURCE OF UNCERTAINTY. THEREFORE, STATUS IS MORE APPROPRIATELY CONSIDERED BY THE COUNCIL IN ESTABLISHING ITS RISK TOLERANCE.
 - REQUEST THAT THE SSC DISCUSS AND EVALUATE THE NEW APPROACH USED TO ESTIMATE NATURAL MORTALITY IN SEDAR 41

MACKEREL/COBIA

MOTION 1. Approve the Purpose and Need as written.

The purpose of this amendment is to revise the management measures for Atlantic migratory group cobia to ensure consistent, stable and equitable fishing opportunities for all participants in the Atlantic cobia fishery.

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

MOTION 2. Add Action 1-1 to public hearing document.

Action 1-1: Modify the recreational harvest limits for Atlantic cobia

Alternative 1 (No Action). Do not modify the possession limit of 2 fish per person per day for Atlantic cobia that are not sold.

Alternative 2. Establish a recreational bag limit for Atlantic cobia.

Option 2a. 1 fish per person per day

Option 2b. 2 fish per person per day

Alternative 3. Establish a recreational vessel limit for Atlantic cobia.

Option 3a. 1 fish per vessel per day

Option 3b. 2 fish per vessel per day

Option 3c. 3 fish per vessel per day

Option 3d. 4 fish per vessel per day

Option 3e. 5 fish per vessel per day

Option 3f. 6 fish per vessel per day

MOTION 3. Add Action 1-2 to public hearing document.

Action 1-2: Modify the minimum size limit for recreational harvest of Atlantic cobia

Alternative 1 (No Action). Do not modify the minimum size limit of 33 inches fork length (FL) for recreational and commercial harvest of Atlantic cobia.

Alternative 2. Modify the minimum size limit for Atlantic cobia for recreational and commercial harvest of Atlantic cobia.

Option 2a. 34 inches FL

Option 2b. 35 inches FL

Option 2c. 36 inches FL

Option 2d. 37 inches FL

Option 2e. 38 inches FL

Option 2f. 39 inches FL

Option 2g. 45 inches FL

Option 2h. 50 inches FL

MOTION 4. Under Action 1-1, select Option 2a as Preferred.

Alternative 2. Establish a recreational bag limit for Atlantic cobia.

Option 2a. 1 fish per person per day

MOTION 5. In Action 1-1, select Option 3c as Preferred.

Alternative 3. Establish a recreational vessel limit for Atlantic cobia.

Option 3c. 3 fish per vessel per day

MOTION 6. In Action 1-2, select Option 2c as Preferred.

Alternative 2. Modify the minimum size limit for Atlantic cobia for recreational and commercial harvest of Atlantic cobia.

Option 2c. 36 inches FL

MOTION 7. Add alternative in Action 2 for Apr 1- Mar 31.

Alternative 4. Modify the fishing year for Atlantic cobia to be April 1 through March 31.

MOTION 8. Add Action 2 with **recreational** fishing year.

Action 2: Modify the recreational fishing year for Atlantic cobia

Alternative 1 (No Action). Do not modify the current fishing year of January 1 through December 31.

Alternative 2. Modify the fishing year for Atlantic cobia to be May 1 through April 30.

Alternative 3. Modify the fishing year for Atlantic cobia to be June 1 through May 31.

Alternative 4. Modify the fishing year for Atlantic cobia to be April 1 through March 31.

MOTION 9. In Action 2, select Alternative 2 as the preferred.

Alternative 2. Modify the fishing year for Atlantic cobia to be May 1 through April 30.

MOTION 10. Add Action 3 to the public hearing document.

Action 3: Modify the recreational accountability measures for Atlantic cobia

MOTION 11. In Action 3, select Alternative 2/ Sub-alternative 2b as preferred.

Alternative 2. If recreational landings, as estimated by the Science and Research Director, exceed the recreational ACL, then during the following fishing year, recreational landings will be monitored for a persistence in increased landings. If necessary, the Regional Administrator shall publish a notice to reduce the length of the following fishing season to ensure that recreational landings meet the recreational ACT but do not exceed the recreational ACL, based on the recreational landings in the previous year. The length of the recreational season will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best scientific information available, that a reduction is unnecessary. The ACT for 2016 and subsequent fishing years is 500,000 lbs, as established in CMP Amendment 20B.

Sub-alternative 2b. The Regional Administrator will reduce the length of the following fishing year only if the total ACL (commercial ACL and recreational ACL) is exceeded.

MOTION 12. Add an alternative to Action 3 that reflects the recreational AM for Atlantic king mackerel:

If the recreational ACL and total ACL are exceeded, the RA publishes a notice to reduce the vessel limit for the subsequent fishing year.

MOTION 13. Add Action 4 with Alternatives 1-4.

Action 4: Establish a commercial trip limit for Atlantic cobia

Alternative 1 (No Action). Do not modify the possession limit of 2 fish per person per day.

Alternative 2. Establish a commercial trip limit for Atlantic cobia of 2 fish per person per day. The trip limit will decrease to 1 fish per person per day when 75% of the commercial ACL has been met.

Alternative 3. Establish a commercial trip limit for Atlantic cobia of 6 fish per vessel per day. The trip limit will decrease to 3 fish per vessel per day when 75% of the commercial ACL has been met.

Alternative 4. Establish a commercial trip limit for Atlantic cobia of 2 fish per person per day, with no more than 6 fish per vessel per day. The trip limit will decrease to 1 fish per person per day, with no more than 3 per vessel per day when 75% of the commercial ACL has been met.

MOTION 14. Approve Framework Amendment 4 for public hearings.

Framework Amendment 5 (revise permit restrictions)

MOTION 15. Add South Atlantic to Framework Amendment 5.

MOTION 16. Accept the Purpose and Need.

The purpose of this action is to eliminate permit restrictions unique to commercial king and Spanish mackerel permit holders in the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Mid-Atlantic regions.

The need for this proposed action is to standardize vessel permit restrictions applicable after a commercial quota closure, remove restrictions on recreational fishing, and reduce the potential for regulatory discards in the Gulf migratory group king mackerel component of THE king and Spanish mackerel component of the CMP fishery.

MOTION 17. Add Action 1 and alternatives.

Action 1: Modify Permit Restrictions for Commercial King and Spanish Mackerel Permit Holders

Alternative 1: No Action – Do not modify permit restrictions for commercial king or Spanish mackerel permit holders. The recreational bag limit may not be retained aboard a vessel with an applicable federal commercial permit when the commercial season is closed and, for king mackerel, in the zone in which that commercial vessel is fishing.

Alternative 2: Allow retention of the recreational bag limit of king mackerel on a vessel with a federal commercial king mackerel permit that is fishing recreationally when the Gulf of Mexico commercial king mackerel zone in which the vessel is fishing is closed.

Alternative 3: Allow retention of the recreational bag limit of Spanish mackerel on a vessel with a federal commercial Spanish mackerel permit that is fishing recreationally in the South Atlantic or Mid-Atlantic when the Gulf of Mexico commercial Spanish mackerel zone in which the vessel is fishing is

MOTION 18. ADOPT TIMING AND TASK MOTION.

- 1) Explore adding an alternative that would designate a certain number of fishing days per state for recreational harvest of Atlantic cobia.
- 2) Prepare Framework Amendment 4 for public hearings.
- 3) Prepare Framework Amendment 5 for the Gulf Council meeting.
- 4) Include language in the Framework 4 public hearing document that the Council is exploring latitudinal season openings for cobia management.
- 5) Send public hearing document to ASMFC for their August meeting.

SPINY LOBSTER

MOTION 1. Direct staff to start work on an amendment to revise the ACL, including an option based on the Review Panel recommendation (1991-92 through 2015-16).

Spiny Lobster Review Panel Recommendation: Calculate the ACL based on the landings from 1991 through the most recent landings (2015-2016).

MOTION 2. Include the AP recommendation for the low-landing monitoring measure in the amendment.

Spiny Lobster AP recommendation: There be a lower landing trigger based on the average of the three low landings years (2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004) that would initiate a review panel, if below this average for two consecutive years (5.3 mp total catch).

MOTION 3. Include an action to prohibit recreational traps in South Atlantic EEZ.

Direction to staff:

- Have the SSC review the motions made by the committee
- Include range of alternatives with prohibition and restrictions
- Include recreational traps on AP agenda.
- Follow up with NC fisherman using traps

MOTION 4. ADOPT THE TIMING AND TASK MOTION.

- 1) Have the SSC review the motions made by the committee at their October meeting
- 2) Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare an options paper for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13
- 3) Coordinate with FWC for a presentation on spiny lobster regulations in Florida at the next committee meeting.

JOINT DOLPHIN/WAHOO & SNAPPER GROUPE

MOTION #1: Take out for scoping:

- Common pool allocation
- Reserve category as discussed today
- Temporary allocation shift (Bosarge suggestion for King Mackerel)
- Temporary allocation shift (similar to bluefish)
- Combined ACL

MOTION #2: Take out for scoping a permanent allocation shift for dolphin
Approved by committee

MOTION #3: Take out for scoping a permanent allocation shift for yellowtail snapper
Approved by committee

MOTION #4: Take out for scoping allocation by gear type for the commercial sector in the dolphin fishery.

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

Keep the potential actions for scoping in a more general format, not necessarily the specific actions and alternatives voted on in March 2016.

The Committee compiled a master list of items to be considered in a future dolphin wahoo amendment:

- For-hire bag limit sales of dolphin by dually permitted vessels
- Modification of the Purpose and Need for the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP to allow for a directed commercial fishery for dolphin
- Make the commercial Atlantic Dolphin Wahoo Permit limited entry
- Make the for-hire Dolphin Wahoo Permit limited entry
- Institute a circle hook requirement for the dolphin fishery (clarify if just for longline or all commercial)
- Change fishing year start date to better accommodate the growth the NE fishery
- Consider using an ACT to monitor the recreational fishery (as opposed modifying the ACL or OY)
- Remove operator card requirement for DW charter vessels
- Consider complementing HMS requirements in the directed dolphin longline fishery

MOTION #5: TIMING & TASK

Direct staff to develop a scoping document, send Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10/Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 out for scoping in August of 2016 via webinar, and bring scoping comments back to the Council for consideration at the September 2016 Council meeting.

Note that the SAFMC in their Full Council session while reviewing Snapper Grouper Committee motions, passed a motion to establish a control date of June 15, 2016 for all three for-hire permits, including the Atlantic For-Hire Dolphin Wahoo Permit, The South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerels & Cobia) For-Hire Permit, and the South Atlantic Snapper Grouper For-Hire Permit.

ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION

MOTION #1: Add two new seats to the Information and Education Advisory Panel and to the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel for fishing representatives from each sector.

MOTION #2: Require access to a working email address and internet access for advisory panel applicants.

MOTION #3: Add two new seats on the Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel for a member within the Mid-Atlantic and New England jurisdictions.

DIRECTION TO STAFF:

- Work with the Mid-Atlantic and New England Council staff to publicize open seats and solicit applicants for the Council’s advisory panels as appropriate.
- Clarify when publicizing open seat on the advisory panels that applicants must have access to a “working” email account for correspondence and that it may be a shared account with another family member, etc.

SCIENTIFIC & STATISTICAL SELECTION

MOTION #1. Move to reappoint Luiz Barbieri, Jeff Buckel, Churchill Grimes and George Sedberry to the SSC for 3-year terms.

MOTION #2. Move to appoint Dr. Robert Ahrens and Dr. Genevieve Nesslage to the SSC for 3-year terms.

MOTION #3. Move to designate Scott Crosson, Sherry Larkin and Tracy Yandle to the SSC Social Sciences and Economics seats.

MOTION #4. Move to postpone filling the 19th SSC seat until the next council meeting.

MOTION #5. Move to appoint Jennifer Tookes to the SEP.

MOTION #6. Move to accept the timing and tasks as written:

- 1) Prepare letters of thanks to those SSC members who were not reappointed.
- 2) Prepare appointment letters for the newly appointed SSC and SEP members.
- 3) Invite AP representatives to attend the portion of the October 2016 SSC meeting where assessment prioritization scoring will be discussed.
- 4) Develop a proposal, for consideration in September 2016, for conducting SSC peer review of complex analyses such as management alternative decision tools.
- 5) Schedule a meeting of the SSC Selection Committee for September 2016 including a closed session to fill the remaining vacancy.
- 6) Develop guidelines for what constitutes a conflict of interest for SSC members.

SEDAR

MOTION #1. Move to appoint those shown in the table of SEDAR 50 participants and observers to SEDAR 50.

SEDAR 50 Appointment Table referenced in **Motion 1**. “P” denotes appointment to the SEDAR panel for the workshop or process listed, “O” denotes appointment as an observer.

Name	Affiliation	DW	AW	RW
Technical Appointees				
Joey Ballenger	MARMAP	P	P	
Wally Bublely	MARMAP	P		
Tracey Smart	MARMAP	P		
Kevin Kolmos/Dave Wyanski	MARMAP	P		
Steve Brown	FL FWCC	P		
Beverly Sauls	FL FWCC	P		
Kathy Knowlton	GA DNR	P		
Julie Califf	GA DNR	P		
Amy Dukes	SC DNR	P		
Eric Hiltz	SC DNR	P		
Chris Wilson	NC DMF	P		
Stephanie McInerny/Alan Bianchi	NC DMF	P		
Julie DeFilippi	ACCSP	P		
Pat Harris*	ECU	P		
Mike Schmidtke*	ODU	P		
Joe Cimino (MAFMC)	VMRC	P	P	
SSC				
Marcel Reichert	SSC	P		
Anne Lange	SSC	P		
Cynthia Jones (MAFMC)	SSC	P	P	
Brian Irwin	SSC		P	
Alexi Sharov	SSC		P	
Fred Serchuk	SSC		P	
Scott Crosson	SSC			Chair
Laura Lee	SSC			P
Churchill Grimes	SSC			P
Paul Rago (MAFMC)	SSC			P
AP				
Andy Piland	AP; NC, FH	P	O	O
Rusty Hudson	AP; FL	P	O	O
Skip Fuller (MAFMC)	AP	P	O	O
Jeff Gutman (MAFMC)	AP	P	O	O
OTHER CONSTITUENT REPRESENTATION				
Wiley Coppersmith*	NC Com	P		
Steve Shelley*	SC Com	P		

FL – Fishermen rep TBD	FL Com	P		
Council Observers				
Dewey Hemilwright, MAFMC	Council	O	O	O
Tony DiLernia, MAFMC	Council	O	O	O
Anna Beckwith, SAFMC	Council	O		O
Mark Brown, SAFMC	Council			
Ben Hartig, SAFMC	Council			
STAFF Representation				
Jason Didden, MAFMC	Staff	O	O	O
Mike Errigo, SAFMC	Staff	O	O	O
Myra Brouwer, SAFMC	Staff	O	O	O
John Carmichael, SAFMC	Staff	O	O	O

MOTION #2. Move to appoint the suggested participants to SEDAR 53.

Suggested Participants appointed by **Motion 2** to SEDAR 53:

- Wally Bublely & Joey Ballenger, SCDNR
- John Boreman, Fred Serchuk, & Eric Johnson, SAFMC SSC.
- Kenny Fex, Manny Herrera Snapper Grouper AP

MOTION #3. Move to approve the schedule for SEDAR 50.

MOTION #4. Move to approve the SEDAR 50 TORs, including staff recommendation option C for DW TOR 7 and AW TOR 8.

DW TOR 7. Consider ecosystem and climate issues that could affect population dynamics. Identify and describe available data sources to investigate the effects of abiotic and biotic factors, for example climate change, predator/prey interactions, etc., on recruitment, growth, geographic distribution, and natural mortality.

DW TOR 8. Consider incorporating applicable abiotic and biotic factors, for example climate change, predator/prey interactions, etc., in the assessment model and discuss impacts on recruitment, growth, geographic distribution, and natural mortality.

MOTION #5. Move to approve the schedule for SEDAR 53.

MOTION #6. Move to approve the TORs for SEDAR 53.

MOTION #7. Move to request a benchmark of Cobia in 2018, and include Cobia in the SEDAR stock ID workshop in 2017.

MOTION #8. Move to approve table 6 in attachment 6 as SAFMC assessment priorities, with red snapper, hogfish, red grouper, black grouper and blueline tilefish as priorities for MRIP revision assessments.

Year	Quarter	1	2	3	4	FL FWCC	Extra
2016	1	RSGT	RSGT				SA tile
	2	RSGT				1	SA tile
	3	BL	BL		<i>RG</i>	GG	
	4	BL	BL		<i>RG</i>	GG	
2017	1	BL	BL	<i>BSB-S</i>	<i>RG</i>		
	2	BL	BL	<i>BSB-S</i>			
	3	BL	BL		VS	BLG	
	4			MRIP	VS	BLG	
2018	1	S/RT	COBIA	MRIP	<i>RP-S</i>	BLG	KM
	2	S/RT	COBIA	<i>GAJ-S</i>	<i>RP-S</i>	BLG	KM
	3	S/RT	COBIA	<i>GAJ-S</i>		YTS	KM
	4	S/RT	COBIA			YTS	KM
2019	1	S/RT	COBIA			YTS	KM
	2	S/RT		<i>GAG-S</i>	<i>SpMack-S</i>	YTS	
	3			<i>GAG-S</i>	<i>SpMack-S</i>		
	4			<i>SNG-S</i>	<i>Tile-S</i>	<i>Hog, N-U</i>	
2020	1	GT-B	WhG-B	<i>SNG-S</i>	<i>Tile-S</i>	<i>MS-S</i>	
	2	GT-B	WhG-B			<i>MS-S</i>	
	3	GT-B	WhG-B	<i>RS-U</i>	<i>RG-U</i>		
	4	GT-B	WhG-B	<i>RS-U</i>	<i>RG-U</i>		

Species and Stocks Codes

gT	golden Tilefish	BL	Blueline Tilefish	RS	Red Snapper
S/RT	Scamp, Research Track Pilot	RG	Red Grouper	GAG	Gag Grouper
DS	HMS Dusky Shark	VS	Vermilion Snapper	SBS	Sandbar shark
GBt	Gulf Blacktip Shark	GAJ	Greater Amberjack	YTS	Yellowtail Snapper
RSGT	Red Snapper, Gray Triggerfish	ABt	Atlantic Blacktip Shark	GDL	Gulf Data Limited
BLG	Black Grouper (review only)	ABP	Best Practices, Assessments	GS	Gray Snapper, start time TBD
MRIP	Revision Updates for MRIP Data	GG	Goliath Grouper (review only)	SID	Stock ID and Meristics
CDL	Caribbean Data Limited	KM	King Mackerel		

MOTION #9: Move to appoint the following Council representatives to SEDAR 50: Anna Beckwith for the Data and Review Workshop; Michelle Duval for the Assessment workshop.

MOTION #10: Move to appoint CHARLIE PHILLIPS as observer to SEDAR 53.

MOTION #11: Timing & Tasks - Move to direct staff to :

- 1) Request at the October 2016 meeting that the SSC provide recommendations for stocks to consider for data limited assessment methods.

DATA COLLECTION

MOTION #1. Move to recommend that the SEFSC conduct a cost analysis, considering agency and fishermen costs, on the set level electronic reporting program developed through the pilot project.

MOTION #2. Move to include in the charter amendment the core variables as listed; to add economic variables of charter fee (price per trip), fuel used, and price per gallon; and to modify area reporting to be consistent with the existing headboat reporting.

MOTION #3. Move to add a description in the amendment that it is the intention of the council to use compliance with logbook reporting as an eligibility criterion for any possible future for hire limited entry program.

MOTION #4. Move to postpone until the next meeting – September 2016.

MOTION #5: Move to direct staff to:

- 1) Provide an update on the SAMFC-ACCSP electronic logbook pilot project at the September meeting.
- 2) Modify the Charter Reporting Amendment to include core variables as approved here for review at the September meeting.
- 3) Propose an alternative name for CE-BA 3, that reflects the bycatch reporting actions that remain.
- 4) Add language to the charter reporting amendment acknowledging the Council is considering limited entry in the for-hire industry and may consider compliance with reporting requirements among the eligibility criteria.

HABITAT PROTECTION & ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT

MOTION #1: Direct staff to provide executive summaries of the new climate variability and food web and connectivity chapters and draft policy statements in advance of the September Council meeting for discussion at that meeting.

MOTION #2: TIMING AND TASK MOTION:

- FEP II Food Web and Connectivity and Fisheries and Climate Variability Sections and associated team policy discussions be completed for review at September Council Meeting.
- Staff coordinate participation in a technology test bed engaging Ocean Area and Submaran AUV, Teledyne Marine and SCDNR/SEAMAP/MARMAP for a potential late July test bed off Charleston, SC.

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE

MOTION #1: APPROVE THE CY 2016 BUDGET

Direction to Staff:

1. Prepare a SAFE Report for Red Grouper for review at the September 2016 meeting.
2. Revise the 2016 Priorities for review at the September 2016 meeting.
3. Use Option B (Council Meeting Comment Form) and timing for Comments prior to and during Council meetings; revise the Public Comment Guidelines for review at the September meeting.
4. Support a 50%/50% split of any increase in the Council/Commission budget line item.
5. Provide Legislative Updates to all Council members.
6. Continue to work with the SEFSC and ACCSP to have the data available through ACCSP and compliance with PARR.

MOTION #2: RE-NAME THE MACKEREL COMMITTEE AND CMP AP TO MACKEREL/COBIA COMMITTEE AND AP

MOTION #3: REQUEST THE LEAD ANALYST PRESENT STOCK ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO THE COUNCIL VIA WEBINAR

MOTION #4: STAFF PREPARE THE RED GROUPEE SAFE REPORT, THE REVISED 2016 PRIORITIES, PUBLIC COMMENT & WEBINAR GUIDELINES FOR REVIEW AT THE SEPTEMBER 2016 MEETING. PREPARE COMMENT LETTERS AND OBTAIN COUNCIL INPUT.