

# **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**Jekyll Island, Georgia**

**March 6-10, 2017**

## **SUMMARY OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS**

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

<http://safmc.net/briefing-books/03-2017-council-meeting/>.

### **SNAPPER GROUPE**

**Guidance on re-opening criteria when projected landings are close to the ACL**

**MOTION # 1:** IF LESS THAN 95% OF THE ACL IS TAKEN AND AT LEAST 2 CONSECUTIVE DAYS OF PROJECTED HARVEST REMAIN, THEN THE RA SHALL RE-OPEN THE FISHERY.

### **Amendment 43 (Red Snapper & Recreational Reporting)**

**MOTION #2:** REMOVE ACTION 6 FROM AMENDMENT 43 OPTIONS PAPER  
*Action 6. Establish Closed Areas to Reduce Red Snapper Bycatch and Mortality*

### **Amendment 44 (Yellowtail Snapper)**

**MOTION #3:** APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION A IN AMENDMENT 44 AS MODIFIED.

*Action A. Modify the jurisdictional allocation of the acceptable biological catch (ABC) for yellowtail snapper.*

**MOTION #4:** APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION B OF AMENDMENT 44.

*Action B. Specify a single annual catch limit (ACL) for yellowtail snapper in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico.*

**MOTION #5:** APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION C OF AMENDMENT 44 AS MODIFIED.

*Action C. Allow adaptive management of annual catch limits (ACLs) and revise or establish sector allocations for yellowtail snapper.*

**MOTION #6:** APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION D OF AMENDMENT 44.

*Action D. Revise the accountability measures for yellowtail snapper.*

**MOTION #7:** ADD COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMIT ACTION TO AMENDMENT 44

**NOTE:** The Council approved a motion to suspend work on Snapper Grouper Amendment 44 pending revisions to MRIP data.

**Amendment 45 (ABC Control Rule Revisions & Golden Tilefish)**

**MOTION #8:** REQUEST THE SSC TO CONSIDER ESTABLISHING AN INTERIM ABC FOR TILEFISH BASED ON THE PROJECTED YIELD AT 75%  $F_{MSY}$ , AND COMPARE AND CONTRAST THE RISKS AND UNCERTAINTY WITH ESTABLISHING THE ABC FOR TILEFISH AT THE 75%  $F_{MSY}$  YIELD VERSUS THAT PROVIDED BY THE P\* APPROACH. THE INTERIM ABC WOULD BE IN EFFECT UNTIL A NEW TILEFISH ASSESSMENT IS PREPARED TO ADDRESS:

- MULTIPLE SELECTIVITY PERIODS TO ACCOUNT FOR A SELECTIVITY SHIFT IN THE LONGLINE FISHERY, TOWARD LARGER (PRESUMABLY OLDER) FISH OVER TIME, AS SUPPORTED BY BOTH THE TESTIMONY OF TILEFISH FISHERMEN AND THE SELECTIVITY PATTERN USED IN THE 2016 UPDATE ASSESSMENT.
- THE LATEST BEST SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION MODEL FITTING ALGORITHMS AS APPLIED IN THE RED GROUPER STOCK ASSESSMENT UPDATE.
- AN ADVANCEMENT OF THE TILEFISH TERMINAL YEAR, GIVEN THAT:  
(1) THE MOST RECENT PROJECTIONS INCORPORATE A 5 YEAR LAG BETWEEN THE ASSESSMENT TERMINAL YEAR AND CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT,  
(2) THE SEFSC MEMO REGARDING RED SNAPPER PROJECTIONS INDICATED THAT PROJECTION UNCERTAINTY IS “GENERALLY HIGH AFTER 3-5 YEARS”, AND  
(3) THE UNCERTAINTY IN TILEFISH IS EXACERBATED BY THE 7 YEAR LAG OF ESTIMATED RECRUITMENT DEVIATIONS IN THE TILEFISH ASSESSMENT, DUE TO THE HIGH AGE OF SELECTIVITY FOR TILEFISH AND THE LACK OF ANY ABUNDANCE INFORMATION FOR AGES BELOW THE AGE OF FISHERY SELECTIVITY, THAT RESULTS IN 2006 BEING THE LAST YEAR CLASS INFORMED BY DATA IN THE ASSESSMENT.

THE COUNCIL INTENDS TO REQUEST A SEDAR STANDARD ASSESSMENT OF TILEFISH FOR LATE 2017, PROVIDED TO THE SSC FOR CONSIDERATION IN APRIL 2018, WITH A 2016 TERMINAL YEAR.

**Timing and Tasks:**

**MOTION #9:**

- REQUEST LANDINGS (COMMERCIAL & RECREATIONAL) OF SCAMP, GAG, AND RED GROUPER BY STATE BY MONTH (LAST 15 YEARS TO CAPTURE FISHERY PERFORMANCE PRIOR TO REGULATORY CHANGES)
- REVIEW ANALYSES FROM REGULATORY AMENDMENT 25 TO DETERMINE WHETHER THE MAJORITY OF BLACK SEA BASS DISCARDS COME FROM STATE OR FEDERAL WATERS.
- REQUEST THAT THE SEFSC AND SSC WORK TOGETHER TO EXPLORE APPROACHES FOR OBTAINING AN ABC FOR RED SNAPPER. REQUEST THAT THE SEFSC PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PRIOR TO THE

SSC'S CONSIDERATION OF RED SNAPPER FISHING LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A BSIA DETERMINATION FOR THE SEDAR 41 RED SNAPPER ASSESSMENT IN LIGHT OF RECENT INFORMATION AND DEVELOPMENTS CITED BY THE SEFSC THAT PREVENT DEVELOPMENT OF RELIABLE PROJECTION UPDATES AND RESULT IN AN INABILITY TO SET AN ABC THAT CAN BE EFFECTIVELY MONITORED. THE DETERMINATION SHOULD INDICATE WHETHER THE CURRENT SAFMC SSC FISHING LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS BASED ON THE SEDAR 41 ASSESSMENT AND PROJECTIONS, INCLUDING ABC, OFL, MFMT, MSST, AND TERMINAL F AND SSB ESTIMATES, REPRESENT BSIA.
- A BSIA DETERMINATION ON THE ASPIC STOCK ASSESSMENT MODEL PREPARED FOR SEDAR 41, AND AN EVALUATION OF WHETHER THE ASPIC APPROACH COULD BE USED AS A DATA LIMITED METHOD FOR SUPPORTING RED SNAPPER FISHING LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS.
- ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING THE "... EVALUATION OF THE EFFECT OF UPCOMING CHANGES ON MRIP ON THE RED SNAPPER ASSESSMENT..." THAT THE SEFSC INDICATES IS NECESSARY BEFORE THE ASSESSMENT CAN BE USEFUL FOR MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE TYPE OF ANALYSES TO BE CONDUCTED AND WHEN RESULTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW BY THE SSC.
- APPLICATION OF, AND RESULTS FROM, DATA LIMITED TECHNIQUES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED BY THE SSC TO DEVELOP FISHING LEVEL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RED SNAPPER INCLUDING ABC AND OFL. THIS SHOULD INCLUDE A BSIA DETERMINATION AND A COMPARISON OF THE SCIENTIFIC PROS AND CONS OF EACH METHOD CONSIDERED.
- TO INFORM FURTHER DISCUSSION ON FOR-HIRE LIMITED ENTRY, PROVIDE OVERLAY OF FOR-HIRE PERMITS BY ZIP CODE AND TOURISM STATISTICS FOR SOUTH ATLANTIC STATES.
- REQUEST A PRESENTATION ON HOW NON-REPORTING COULD RESULT IN SUSPENSION OF PERMIT AS PER 307 OF THE MAGNUSON ACT.

**MACKEREL COBIA**

**CMP Amendment 29 (Gulf king mackerel quota share)**

**MOTION #1.** POSTPONE AMENDMENT 29 INDEFINITELY.

**MOTION #2.** ADOPT THE TIMING AND TASK MOTION.

1) Council staff will draft a letter to the Gulf Council and SERO/SEFSC to explore options to have a common unit for tracking CMP species, and for NMFS guidance on the necessary Council actions to update the current system.

2) Council staff will work with SERO and NOAA GC on a discussion document with emergency rule criteria and how the recreational closure and stock boundary for Atlantic cobia may or may not qualify for emergency action, to be included on the agenda at the AP/Sub-Panel meeting.

3) Provide the Mackerel Cobia AP and Cobia Sub-Panel meeting report to the ASMFC for their May 2017 meeting.

## **DOLPHIN WAHOO**

### **Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10**

**MOTION #1:** ACCEPT IPTS EDITS TO ACTION 1 WITH CHANGE TO ALTERNATIVE 4.

**Action 1. *Revise the optimum yield (OY) definition for dolphin.***

**Alternative 4.** OY is the long-term average catch, which is not to exceed the total ACL, and will fall between the total ACL and the total ACT sum of the commercial and recreational ACTs.

**MOTION #2:** APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION 2.

**Action 2. *Modify the recreational annual catch target (ACT) for dolphin.***

**MOTION #3:** APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION 3.

**Action 3. *Establish a commercial annual catch target (ACT) for dolphin.***

**MOTION #4:** APPROVE REVISED WORDING IN ACTION 4 AS DISCUSSED.

**Action 4: *Allow adaptive management of sector annual catch limits (ACLs) for dolphin.***

**Alternative 4.** If the recreational 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 recreational sector ACL.

**Sub-alternative 4a:** The carried forward balance shall not exceed 5 1% of the total recreational sector ACL.

**Sub-alternative 4b:** The carried forward balance shall not exceed 10 2.5% of the total recreational sector ACL.

**Sub-alternative 4c:** The carried forward balance shall not exceed 20 5% of the total recreational sector ACL.

**MOTION #5:** ACCEPT WORDING FOR ACTION 5 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALTERNATIVE 2.

**Action 5. *Revise the accountability measures for dolphin.***

**Alternative 2.** Neither the commercial or recreational sector will face an in-season closure unless the total ACL is met or projected to be met. Both sectors will close when the total ACL is met or projected to be met. However, if the landings of one or both sectors are estimated by the SRD to have exceeded the sector ACL then:

**Sub-alternative 2a.** The AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register, at or near the beginning of the following fishing year, to reduce the length of the fishing season for the commercial sector that year by the amount estimated to prevent that sector's ACL from being exceeded.

**Sub-alternative 2b.** The AA will file a notification with the Office of the Federal Register, at or near the beginning of the following fishing year, to reduce the length of the fishing season for the recreational sector that year by the amount estimated to prevent that sector's ACL from being exceeded.

**Sub-alternative 2c.** Implement a trip limit for the commercial sector the following fishing year, if applicable, by the amount estimated to prevent that sector's ACL from being exceeded.

**Sub-alternative 2d.** Implement a bag limit reduction for the recreational sector the following fishing year, if applicable, by the amount estimated to prevent that sector's ACL from being exceeded.

**MOTION #6: APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION 6 AS REVISED.**

**Alternative 3.** Revise the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rule for dolphin and wahoo by adding a carry-over provision. If the Overfishing Limit (OFL) is unknown, then the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) for dolphin and wahoo can be increased by carrying over unused ABC from the previous year. The revised ABC will remain in place for no more than one year and may not exceed a certain percentage of the original ABC (Sub-alternatives 3a through 3c).

**Sub-alternative 3a:** Revised ABC may not exceed 101 X% of the original ABC.

**Sub-alternative 3b:** Revised ABC may not exceed 102.5 X% of the original ABC.

**Sub-alternative 3c:** Revised ABC may not exceed 105 X% of the original ABC.

**MOTION #7: APPROVE WORDING IN ACTION 8.**

**Action 8.** Remove the requirement of vessel operators or crew to hold an Operator Card in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery.

**Alternative 1 (No Action).** An Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Dolphin/Wahoo Permit or a Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit is not valid unless the vessel operator or a crewmember holds a valid Operator Card issued by either the Southeast Regional Office or by the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office.

**Alternative 2.** Neither a vessel operator nor any crewmember is required to have an Operator Card for an Atlantic Charter/Headboat for Dolphin/Wahoo Permit to be valid.

**Alternative 3.** Neither a vessel operator nor any crewmember is required to have an Operator Card for an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit to be valid.

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

- REQUEST THAT THE SSC EXAMINE THE MAXIMUM PSE ABOVE WHICH RECREATIONAL CATCH ESTIMATES WOULD BE UNRELIABLE FOR MANAGEMENT PURPOSES, PARTICULARLY FOR COMPARING CATCH TO ACLS AND TRIGGERING AMS.
- DRAFT MEMO TO THE SOUTHEAST FISHERIES SCIENCE CENTER TO EXAMINE A MECHANISM TO BETTER DETERMINE PELAGIC LONGLINE LANDINGS OF DOLPHIN THAT OCCUR ON VESSELS THAT

POSSESS PERMITS TO LAND HMS SPECIES WITH PELAGIC LONGLINE GEAR AND ON VESSELS WITHOUT SUCH PERMITS BUT HOLD A DOLPHIN/WAHOO PERMIT.

**NOTE:** The Council approved a motion to suspend work on Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 10 pending revisions to MRIP data.

### **SPINY LOBSTER**

#### **Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4**

**MOTION #1.** APPROVE THE PURPOSE AND NEED.

#### ***Purpose and Need***

The purpose of this amendment is to modify the maximum sustainable yield, status determination criteria, and catch levels for spiny lobster based on updated information and revised scientific recommendations, and to consider restrictions on the use of traps for recreational harvest.

The need for this amendment is to ensure that the maximum sustainable yield, status determination criteria, and catch levels for spiny lobster are based on the best scientific information available and to ensure overfishing does not occur, and to minimize negative effects of recreational traps in the South Atlantic. The proposed actions will contribute to increased social, economic, and biological benefits through sustainable and profitable harvest in accordance with provisions set forth in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

#### ***Action 1-1***

**MOTION #2.** UNDER ACTION 1-1, APPROVE THE LANGUAGE IN ALTERNATIVES 1 AND 2.

**MOTION #3.** UNDER ACTION 1-1, SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED.

#### ***Action 1-1: Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) and Overfishing Threshold (Maximum Fishing Mortality Threshold [MFMT])***

**Alternative 1:** No Action - The MSY proxy and MFMT are equal to the previous overfishing limit (OFL) as set by the Gulf and South Atlantic SSCs using the mean landings from the years 2001/2002-2009/2010 plus two standard deviations (7.9 mp).

**Gulf Preferred Alternative 2:** The MSY proxy and MFMT will be equal to the revised OFL as recommended by the Gulf and South Atlantic SSCs using the mean landings from the years 1991/1992- 2015/2016 plus two standard deviations (10.46 mp).

#### ***Action 1-2***

**MOTION #4:** UNDER ACTION 1-2, SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED.

#### ***Action 1-2: Modify the Annual Catch Limit (ACL) and Annual Catch Target (ACT) for Spiny Lobster***

**Alternative 1:** No Action – The current ACL is equal to the ABC recommended by the Gulf and South Atlantic SSCs using the mean landings from the years 2001/02-2009/10 plus 1.5 standard deviations (7.32 mp). The ACT is 90% of the ACL (6.59 mp).

**Gulf Preferred Alternative 2:** The ACL is equal to the ABC as recommended by the Gulf and South Atlantic SSCs using the mean landings from the years 1991/92-2015/16 plus 1.5 standard deviations (9.6 mp). The ACT is 90% of the new ACL (8.64 mp).

**\*Note: A review panel should be convened if there are two consecutive years of low landings, i.e., landings below 5.3 mp.** The South Atlantic Spiny Lobster Committee approved the language in Action 1-2, with the edit in the \*Note to clarify that it is not an accountability measure.

*Action 2*

**MOTION #5:** APPROVE THE WORDING IN ALTERNATIVES 1 AND 2.

**MOTION #6:** UNDER ACTION 2, SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED.

***Action 2: Prohibit the Use of Traps for Recreational Harvest of Spiny Lobster in the South Atlantic Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)***

**Alternative 1:** No Action – Traps are prohibited gear for recreational harvest of spiny lobster in the EEZ off Florida waters, but are not prohibited for recreational harvest of the species in other parts of the South Atlantic EEZ. Traps must comply with requirements for vessel and gear identification, trap construction, and harvest limits as specified by [50 CFR Part 622](#).

**Alternative 2:** Prohibit the use of traps for recreational harvest of spiny lobster in the South Atlantic EEZ.

**MOTION #7.** ADOPT THE TIMING AND TASK MOTION. Move to direct staff to:

- 1) Work with Gulf Council staff to prepare Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 for web-based public hearings and for the June meetings of the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils.
- 2) Hold a webinar public hearing for Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4.
- 3) Work with FWC staff on potential changes to federal regulations to align with Florida regulations, which will be presented to the Committee in June 2017.

**PROTECTED RESOURCES**

*No Motions were made by the committee.*

**AP SELECTION**

**MOTION #1: APPOINT RICHARD HARRIS TO THE DOLPHIN WAHOO ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #2: APPOINT RITA MERRITT TO THE NC RECREATIONAL SEAT ON THE HABITAT ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #3: REAPPOINT DR. PAT HALPIN TO THE AT-LARGE SEAT ON THE HABITAT ADVISORY PANEL (ADDITIONAL TERM).**

**MOTION #4: REAPPOINT KATIE LATANICH TO THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #5: REAPPOINT SHELLEY KRUGER TO THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #6: APPOINT DOUG KELLY TO THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #7: READVERTISE THE COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #8: APPOINT GARY ROBINSON TO THE MACKEREL COBIA ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #9: APPOINT CAPTAIN TOM ROLLER TO THE MACKEREL COBIA ADVISORY PANEL.**

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**MOTION #10: READVERTISE THE FLORIDA SUB-PANEL SEAT ON THE MACKEREL COBIA ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #11: READVERTISE THE NGO SEAT ON THE MACKEREL COBIA ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #12: APPOINT BRETT FITZGERALD, ALLAN FLUHARTY, DANIEL ZIER, JACK COX, OTTO GRUHN, MICHAEL J. ROLAND, AND TIM SARTWELL TO THE SEDAR POOL.**

**MOTION #13: REAPPOINT DAVE SNYDER TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #14: REAPPOINT DAVID MOSS, JIM FREEMAN, AND JIMMY HULL TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #15: APPOINT ROBERT FREEMAN TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.**



**MOTION #16: REAPPOINT JIM ATACK TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE  
ADVISORY PANEL.**

**MOTION #17: APPOINT GREG MECURIO TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE  
ADVISORY PANEL.**

**SEDAR**

**TIMING AND TASKS MOTION #1: Move to:**

- 1) Request that the SEFSC provide an evaluation of ageing resources for the South Atlantic to consider:
  - a) the resources required to clear the current backlog of age evaluations.
  - b) the resources required to provide up to date age structure evaluations for SAFMC primary data collection species.
  - c) a comparison of current age structure evaluation resources with the resources required to keep age evaluations up to date.
  
- 2) Request that the SEFSC provide an evaluation of whether the challenges to age determinations for Blueline Tilefish also apply to golden Tilefish, for consideration by the SEDAR Steering Committee, at its May 5, 2017 meeting.
  
- 3) Direct staff to work with the GMFMC, SEFSC, SERO, and MRIP to convene a joint Gulf-SA SSC meeting to:
  - a) address regional MRIP issues such as excessive catch estimate uncertainty and the challenges of developing estimates for rare occurrence species, and
  - b) consider unit stock definitions as applied in management and stock assessment, with the goal of identifying stocks that require further stock ID evaluations and stocks that have adequate and acceptable definitions to address management and assessment needs.

**HABITAT & ECOSYSTEM**

**MOTION #1: Move to approve timing and tasks.**

- Council staff will work with writing teams to ensure FEP II Sections on Food Webs and Connectivity and Climate Variability and Fisheries track approved Executive Summaries and associated Policy Statements. In addition, recommended revisions to other FEPII Sections provided during and subsequent to the meeting will be addressed by the Section review teams.
- Council staff will advance partner funded South Atlantic Ecosystem model development and schedule an expanded modeling team meeting in May 2017.
- Council staff will develop comments on the Draft South Atlantic Regional Action Plan for Climate Science for the Chairs consideration and submission by March 25. Members and advisors input should be provided staff by March 20.
- The Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, during their May 2017 meeting is requested to include an agenda item on international Sargassum conservation efforts and new potential threats. The Panel will also review and complete a new draft EFH Policy Statement on Artificial Reefs for Council consideration for approval in June.

- Council staff will draw on expertise on the Habitat Protection and Ecosystem Based Management Advisory Panel, writing and technical teams and regional partners to initiate development of a concise implementation strategy for FEP II building on approved policies developed for FEP II.

### **CITIZEN SCIENCE**

*No Motions were made by the committee.*

### **EXECUTIVE FINANCE**

**MOTION #1:** SUSPEND WORK ON DW AMENDMENT 10 AND SG 44; WE WILL RESUME WORK WHEN THE REVISED MRIP DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

**MOTION #2:** DIRECT STAFF TO WORK ON THE FOLLOWING 4 AMENDMENTS FOR THE JUNE 2017 MEETING:

1. **VISIONING AMENDMENT – COMMERCIAL**
2. **VISIONING AMENDMENT – RECREATIONAL**
3. **RED SNAPPER AMENDMENT (FOCUSING ON BEST PRACTICES ITEMS)**
4. **SPINY LOBSTER**

**NOTE:** GOLDEN TILEFISH – BEGIN WORK ON AFTER THE JUNE MEETING AFTER SPINY LOBSTER IS COMPLETED

**MOTION #3:** DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- A. FOLLOW-UP ON ITEMS FROM THE CCC AND ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S MEETINGS, INCLUDING HELPING COUNCIL MEMBERS ESTABLISH A SEPARATE EMAIL ACCOUNT FOR COUNCIL-RELATED EMAILS.
- B. REVISE THE CY 2017 BUDGET BASED ON FUNDING LEVEL FOR THE JUNE MEETING.
- C. IMPLEMENT THE REVISED SCHEDULE AND PRIORITIES AS IDENTIFIED DURING THE FULL COUNCIL SESSION.
- D. REVISE THE DRAFT MRIP LANDINGS LETTER, PROVIDE COUNCIL MEMBERS 1 WEEK TO REVIEW, AND SEND PRIOR TO THE JUNE MEETING.
- E. MODIFY COUNCIL MEETING MATERIALS AS DIRECTED.
- F. NOTIFY THE TAKE REDUCTION TEAM THAT CHRIS CONKLIN IS THE SAFMC REPRESENTATIVE.

### **COUNCIL MOTIONS**

**MOTION #1:** Accept the Gulf preferred alternatives and options in Actions 1-4. Approve the Coastal Migratory Pelagics portion of the Gulf Generic For-Hire Reporting Amendment for Secretarial review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. Give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document/codified text and give the Council Chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

#### Action 1, Preferred Alternative 4

**Action 1: Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for charter vessels**

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Require that the owner or operator of a charter vessel for which a Gulf charter/headboat permit for reef fish or CMP has been issued submit fishing records to NMFS for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to offloading fish.

Action 2, Preferred Alternative 4

**Action 2: Modify frequency and mechanism of data reporting for headboats**

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Require that the owner or operator of a federally permitted headboat for which a Gulf charter/headboat permit for reef fish or CMP has been issued submit fishing records to NMFS for each trip via electronic reporting (via NMFS approved hardware/software) prior to offloading fish.

Action 3, Preferred Alternative 2, Preferred Options A and B

**Action 3: Trip notification and reporting requirements**

**Preferred Alternative 2:** Prior to departing for any trip, the owner or operator of a vessel issued a charter vessel/headboat permit for Gulf reef fish or Gulf CMP is required to declare (hail out) the type of trip (e.g., for-hire or other trip). When departing on a for-hire trip they must include the expected return time and landing location

**Preferred Option a:** Charter vessels

**Preferred Option b:** Headboats

Action 4, Preferred Alternative 2, Preferred Options A and B

**Action 4: Hardware/software requirements for reporting**

**Preferred Alternative 2:** Require vessel operators to submit fishing records via NMFS approved hardware/software with GPS capabilities that, at a minimum, archive vessel position data to NMFS. The GPS portion of the hardware is permanently affixed to the vessel.

**Preferred Option a:** Charter vessels

**Preferred Option b:** Headboats

**MOTION #2:** Move to request that the Gulf Council consider an exemption to the Gulf for hire trip level reporting requirements for vessels with Gulf and South Atlantic permits when taking a trip solely in South Atlantic waters, and to allow these vessels taking such trips to report according to the South Atlantic requirements

**DIRECTION TO STAFF:** DEVELOP CRITERIA THE COUNCIL CAN CONSIDER REGARDING EFPs AND AT WHAT POINT DURING THE PROCESS FOR EACH TYPE DOES THE COUNCIL WANT TO REVIEW THEM.

**MOTION #3:** RECOMMEND TO THE RA THAT THE EFP REQUEST REGARDING LIONFISH BE PERMITTED.

**MOTION #4:** SEND LETTER TO HMS DIVISION CHIEF NOTING CONCERNS REGARDING INTERACTION WITH THE ROYAL RED SHRIMP, GOLDEN TILEFISH FISHERIES, CAP ON DOLPHIN HARVEST, USER CONFLICTS, DISCARDS, CONCERN THAT ONLY ONE COMPANY IS INVOLVED, AND

INSURING THAT THE MINIMALLY NECESSARY SETS AND TIME NEEDED TO BE SCIENTIFICALLY VALID. INCLUDE THE FACT THAT A VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE COUNCIL WAS EVENLY DIVIDED ON APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL.