

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA**

AUGUST 9, 2011

SUMMARY OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS

SNAPPER GROUPE

The Council approved the following motions relative to Snapper Grouper:

COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT

MOTION #1: CHANGE THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES FOR ACTION 1 TO ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 5.

Alternative 2. Remove species from the Snapper Grouper FMU with 95% (or greater) of landings in state waters, which include: French grunt, Spanish grunt, Yellow jack, Grass porgy, Porkfish, Puddingwife, Bluestriped grunt, Sheepshead, Crevalle jack and Black margate.

Alternative 5. Remove all the species under the Florida Marine Life Species Rule from the Snapper Grouper FMU, which include: Queen triggerfish, Porkfish and Puddingwife.

MOTION #2: ADD A NEW ALTERNATIVE TO REMOVE TIGER GROUPE AND SMALLMOUTH GRUNT FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPE FISHERY MANAGEMENT UNIT BASED ON ZERO LANDINGS.

MOTION #3: MAKE THE NEW ALTERNATIVE (IN MOTION 2 ABOVE) A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

MOTION #4: BRING ACTION 2 (DESIGNATE ECOSYSTEM COMPONENT SPECIES) BACK FROM THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX AND SELECT ALTERNATIVE 6 AS THE PREFERRED.

Action 2. Designate snapper grouper species as Ecosystem Components.

Alternative 6. Designate snapper grouper species that meet three out of four NS 1 criteria, as Ecosystem Component species.

- *Be a non-target species or non-target stock;*
- *Not be determined to be subject to overfishing, approaching overfished or overfished;*
- *Not be likely to become subject to overfishing or overfished; and*
- *Not generally be retained for sale or personal use.*

(Note: this would designate bank sea bass, cottonwick, longspine porgy, ocean triggerfish, rock sea bass, and schoolmaster as ecosystem component species)

MOTION #5: ADOPT THE MODIFIED LANGUAGE BELOW FOR PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 4 UNDER ACTION 2.

Modified Alternative 4 language: "Establish single species ACLs and grouped species complexes for the establishment of ACLs. Single species ACLs would be established for assessed and targeted species, species where $ACL=0$, and species that cannot be placed in a complex based on the criteria below. Complexes for groups of species would be established for other species using associations based on one or more of the following: life history, catch statistics from commercial logbook and observer data, recreational headboat logbook and private/charter survey, and fishery-independent MARMAP data. When a complex ACL is exceeded, all species in that complex will be subject to AMs. When an individual ACL is exceeded, the individual stock will be subject to AMs."

MOTION #6: APPROVE THE COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT, AS MODIFIED, FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITS TO THE DOCUMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

MOTION #7: DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT IN THE PROPOSED RULE AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITS AS NECESSARY.

SNAPPER GROUPEL REGULATORY AMENDMENT 11

MOTION #8: APPROVE REGULATORY AMENDMENT 11 FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITS TO THE DOCUMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

MOTION #9: DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT IN THE PROPOSED RULE AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITS AS NECESSARY.

MACKEREL (COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS)

The Council approved the following motions relative to Coastal Migratory Pelagics:

MOTION #1: APPROVE MACKEREL AMENDMENT 18/EA, AS MODIFIED, FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND IMPLEMENTATION AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITS TO THE DOCUMENT AS APPROPRIATE.

MOTION #2: DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT IN THE PROPOSED RULE AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE AND GIVE THE CHAIRMAN AND STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE EDITS AS NECESSARY.