

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL MEETING  
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA  
DECEMBER 4, 2008  
SUMMARY COUNCIL MOTIONS**

**ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO REAPPOINT CLARK ALEXANDER, SANDRA BROOKE, HENRY FEDDERN, DAVID GILLIAM AND KEN NEDIMYER TO THE CORAL ADVISORY PANEL (AP); AND TO ADVERTISE AN OPEN SEAT ON THE CORAL AP FOR A SCIENTIST WITH LIVE BOTTOM/HARD BOTTOM EXPERIENCE.

**MOTION #2:** THE COUNCIL APPOINTED MICHAEL MERRIFIELD TO THE DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP.

**MOTION # 3:** THE COUNCIL APPOINTED ZACH BOWEN TO THE KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL AP.

**MOTION #4:** THE COUNCIL REAPPOINTED SCOTT BAKER, FRED DENNIS, MICAH LAROCHE AND BOB JONES AND APPOINTED HENRY SKIPPER, MARILYN SOLORZANO, AND JANIE THOMAS TO THE SHRIMP AP. THE COUNCIL INSTRUCTED STAFF TO READVERTISE THE TWO REMAINING SEATS SPECIFIC TO NC AND SC.

**MOTION #5:** THE COUNCIL REAPPOINTED TOM BURGESS TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

**MOTION #6:** THE COUNCIL APPOINTED TERRY GIBSON TO THE HABITAT AP.

**MOTION #7:** THE COUNCIL APPOINTED KENNY FEX, PAUL FORSBERG, CHRIS DECKER, BLAIN DICKENSON, ALAN LEARY, AND RODNEY SMITH TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

**MOTION #8:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO REMOVE ROBERT PRESTON FROM THE GOLDEN TILEFISH LAPP WORKGROUP.

**MOTION#9:** THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO READVERTISE AN OPENING ON THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP FOR THE FOR-HIRE OPEN SEAT.

**ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

**MOTION #2:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO HAVE ALTERNATIVE 2 AND ALL SUBALTERNATIVES AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN THE COMPREHENSIVE ECOSYSTEM-BASED AMENDMENT (CE-BA) (WHICH WOULD ESTABLISH FIVE DEEPWATER CORAL HAPCs).

**MOTION #3:** THE COUNCIL AMENDED THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR ACTION 3 (TO CREATE ALLOWABLE GOLDEN CRAB FISHING AREAS IN SUB-ALTERNATIVES 2A-2C).

**MOTION #4:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADOPT THE NO ACTION ALTERNATIVE FOR ACTION 4 (THAT WOULD HAVE REQUIRED VMS) BUT CLEARLY INDICATED THE COUNCIL'S INTENT TO REVISIT TECHNOLOGY FOR TRACKING PLACEMENT OF THE GEAR.

**MOTION #5:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE CE-BA FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

**MOTION #6:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO GIVE THE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE ON THE CE-BA, IN TERMS OF PREPARING THE DOCUMENT FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS AND DEIS FILING.

**MOTION #7:** TAKE THE ITEMS IDENTIFIED BY THE CORAL AND HABITAT ADVISORY PANELS OUT TO SCOPING (see Tab 10, Attachment 3, III in the Briefing Book).

**LAPP S**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SET A CONTROL DATE OF DECEMBER 4, 2008 FOR THE GOLDEN TILEFISH FISHERY.

**MOTION #2:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO USE THE AVERAGE OF 1986-2007 AS AN ADDITIONAL OPTION FOR THE COMMERCIAL GOLDEN TILEFISH ALLOCATION IN SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 17.

**MOTION #3:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED SCOPING FOR CHANGES TO THE WRECKFISH IFQ PROGRAM.

**MACKEREL**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADDRESS KING MACKEREL CHANGES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT (ACL) AMENDMENT.

**MOTION #2:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADDRESS SPANISH MACKEREL CHANGES IN THE COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT.

**MOTION #3:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE LIST OF ITEMS AND TIMELINE FOR SCOPING (AS SPECIFIED IN THE OVERVIEW FOR THE MACKEREL COMMITTEE IN THE BRIEFING BOOK WITH THE ADDITION OF ONE ITEM, "FISHING YEAR").

**SEDAR**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE SEDAR 19 (addressing black and red grouper) PARTICIPANTS AS MODIFIED (see Tab 12, Attachment 7 and Motions #6 and #7 below).

**MOTION #2:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE SEDAR 19 TERMS OF REFERENCE PROVIDED IN THE BRIEFING BOOK UNDER TAB 12, ATTACHMENT 3.

**MOTION #3:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO APPROVE THE SEDAR 19 SCHEDULES PROVIDED IN THE BRIEFING BOOK UNDER TAB 12, ATTACHMENT 4.

**MOTION #4:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADDRESS BENCHMARK ASSESSMENTS FOR BLACK SEA BASS AND COBIA IN SEDAR 24.

**MOTION #5:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE SEDAR PLANNING SCHEDULE WITH THE IDENTIFIED CHANGES PROVIDED IN THE BRIEFING BOOK UNDER TAB 12 ATTACHMENT 5 (changes include Motion #4 above and replacing the yellowtail snapper update with a benchmark assessment in the future).

**MOTION #6:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADD RICHARD STIGLITZ AND JOHN ADAIR TO THE SEDAR POOL.

**MOTION #7:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO APPOINT MARK MARHEFKA, DON DEMARIA AND BILL KELLY FOR ALL 3 SEDAR 19 WORKSHOPS AND APPOINT RICHARD STIGLITZ AND JOHN ADAIR FOR THE SEDAR 19 DATA WORKSHOPS.

**SNAPPER GROUPE**

**Motion #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ESTABLISH A BLACK SEA BASS COMMERCIAL POT FISHERY CONTROL DATE OF DECEMBER 4, 2008.

**Motion #2:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS TO SCOPING TO BE INCLUDED IN SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT 18.

- (1) Limit participation and effort in the golden tilefish fishery (possibly endorsements or a limited access program)
- (2) Limit participation and effort in the black sea bass fishery
- (3) Extend Fishery Management Unit range and designate EFH in the extended areas
- (4) Separate snowy grouper quota into regions/states
- (5) Change golden tilefish fishing year
- (6) Improvements to data reporting

**MOTION #3** THE COUNCIL ADDED A MEASURE SEPARATING THE GAG RECREATIONAL ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT INTO REGION OR STATE ANNUAL CATCH TARGETS TO THE LIST OF ITEMS FOR SCOPING (AMENDMENT 18).  
APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**MOTION #4:** THE COUNCIL VOTED NOT TO FORWARD AN INTERIM RULE REQUEST FOR RED SNAPPER TO NMFS AT THIS TIME.

### **SPINY LOBSTER**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO PROCEED WITH SCOPING FOR SPINY LOBSTER (WITH THE ITEMS AND TIMING SPECIFIED IN THE OVERVIEW FOR THE SPINY LOBSTER COMMITTEE IN THE BRIEFING BOOK WITH THE ADDITION OF "DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO MANAGE SPINY LOBSTER TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA" AND "FISHING YEAR").

### **OTHER**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO OBJECT (TO NMFS HMS) TO EXTENDING THE EXEMPTED FISHERIES PERMIT FOR THE EXPERIMENTAL PELAGIC LONGLINE PROJECT FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR.

**MOTION #2:** THE COUNCIL REQUESTED THAT IF THE EXEMPTED FISHERIES PERMIT IS EXTENDED FOR AN ADDITIONAL YEAR, THEN RESTRICT FISHING ACTIVITIES TO THE 10 MILE EXTENSION TO THE WEST OF THE SOUTHERN PORTION OF THE AUTHORIZED RESEARCH AREA (NO FURTHER NORTH THAN 29 DEGREES N. LATITUDE).

**MOTION #3:** THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT IF CONTINUED, THAT THE EXEMPTED FISHERIES PERMIT RESEARCH PROJECT BE REQUIRED TO RETAIN THE

FISH OR PARTS THAT ARE NECESSARY FOR ONGOING OR ANTICIPATED RESEARCH NEEDS.

**MOTION #4:** THE COUNCIL DIRECTED STAFF TO PREPARE A LETTER COMMENTING ON NATIONAL STANDARD 2 AND GAVE EDITORIAL LICENSE TO STAFF TO REPRESENT PAST COUNCIL POSITIONS ON NATIONAL STANDARD 2. THE CHAIRMAN WILL REVIEW AND APPROVE THE LETTER.