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OVERVIEW

Allocation Committee Meeting

June 10, 2008
 Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel
 5445 Forbes Place
 Orlando, Florida

The Allocation Committee needs to: (A) receive a presentation from Julie Defilippi, Data Coordinator, on the ACCSP; (B) review the April 2008 committee meeting report and discuss/take action as necessary; (C) review status of staff requests for data/analyses and discuss/take action as necessary; and (D) review items to be discussed at the July 2008 committee meeting.

A. Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) (Attachment 1)

Julie Defilippi, Data Coordinator, will give an overview of the ACCSP program with specific emphasis on the southeast and will also update the committee on the ability of ACCSP to provide data for analyses to be included in the Comprehensive Allocation Amendment.

B. April 2008 Committee Report (Attachment 2)

The committee report is included as **Attachment 2**. Scoping meetings were held:

<p><u>Monday, February 4, 2008</u> The Mutiny Hotel 2951 South Bayshore Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</u> Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2008</u> Quality Inn 125 Venure Drive Brunswick, Georgia 31525</p>	<p><u>Thursday, February 7, 2008</u> Sheraton New Bern 100 Middle Street New Bern, North Carolina 28560</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 29418</p>	

The written comment period ended on February 22, 2008. The scoping meeting minutes and all comments received were discussed by the committee during their April 2008 meeting.

Major recommendations from the committee are shown below.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss the Committee's April 2008 recommendations modify if necessary prior to presentation to the Council in June 2008.

1. Alternatives. The committee combined old Alternatives 3 (Council's Judgment) and 4 (Detailed Economic and Social Models – when available) and moved immediate consideration of old Alternative 4 (Detailed Economic and Social Models) to Appendix A (Alternatives considered but eliminated from detailed study.). The revised list of alternatives is as follows:

Alternative 1. No Action.

Alterantive 2. Landings Data from NMFS or ACCSP (Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program; www.accsp.org) Databases.

Alternative 3. Catch Data from Assessments (including discard mortality).

Alternative 4 (Preferred). Council's judgment based on fairness and equity – this approach would consider any number of factors including but not limited to social and economic values (including demographic shifts) and models, when available; landings data; and the Council's view of what fisheries should look like into the future.

The Committee will discuss these alternatives and present the following motions to the Council for approval to provide staff guidance on the alternatives to be developed in the Comprehensive Allocation Amendment:

MOTION #4: AMEND ALTERNATIVE 3 TO READ: COUNCIL'S JUDGMENT BASED ON FAIRNESS AND EQUITY – THIS APPROACH WOULD CONSIDER ANY NUMBER OF FACTORS INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES (INCLUDING DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS) AND MODELS, WHEN AVAILABLE; LANDINGS DATA; AND THE COUNCIL'S VIEW OF WHAT FISHERIES SHOULD LOOK LIKE INTO THE FUTURE. ALSO, MOVE ALTERNATIVE 4 TO APPENDIX A.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #5: RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL THAT ALTERNATIVE 3 (COUNCIL'S JUDGMENT BASED ON FAIRNESS AND EQUITY) BE OUR PREFERRED.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

2. Status of Detailed Economic Model for South Atlantic. The committee discussed the list of data needs for net benefit analyses and is recommending that these data be collected. They also reached the following conclusion: “Net Benefit Analyses – The theoretical model used for red grouper in the Gulf of Mexico has application for use in the South Atlantic, however, data are not available to complete the necessary analyses for the 10 species in Snapper Grouper Amendment 17. This type of approach could be utilized in the future as the data become available and the net benefit analyses are completed. These analyses should be completed as soon as practicable after the data are collected.”

- Option 1. Recommend the data be collected for use in future analyses (for documents after the Comprehensive Allocation Amendment).**
- Option 2. Modify (need to specify changes) and recommend approval of data collection.**
- Option 3. Others??**

3. Allocate by Four Sectors (For-Hire, Private, Commercial & Conservation). The Committee will discuss these allocations and present the following motion to the Council for approval to provide staff guidance on the alternatives to be developed in the Comprehensive Allocation Amendment: (Note: For-hire, private & commercial catch percentages are shown on the next page.)

MOTION #1: RECOMMEND THAT THE COUNCIL, IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS, ALLOCATE AMONG FOUR SECTORS: (1) COMMERCIAL, (2) RECREATIONAL, (3) FOR-HIRE, AND (4) CONSERVATION.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

(4 in favor, 3 opposed with concern about adding item 4. conservation)

C. Review Status of Data Requests (Attachments 2 & 3)

Council staff will review the status of requests made by the committee.

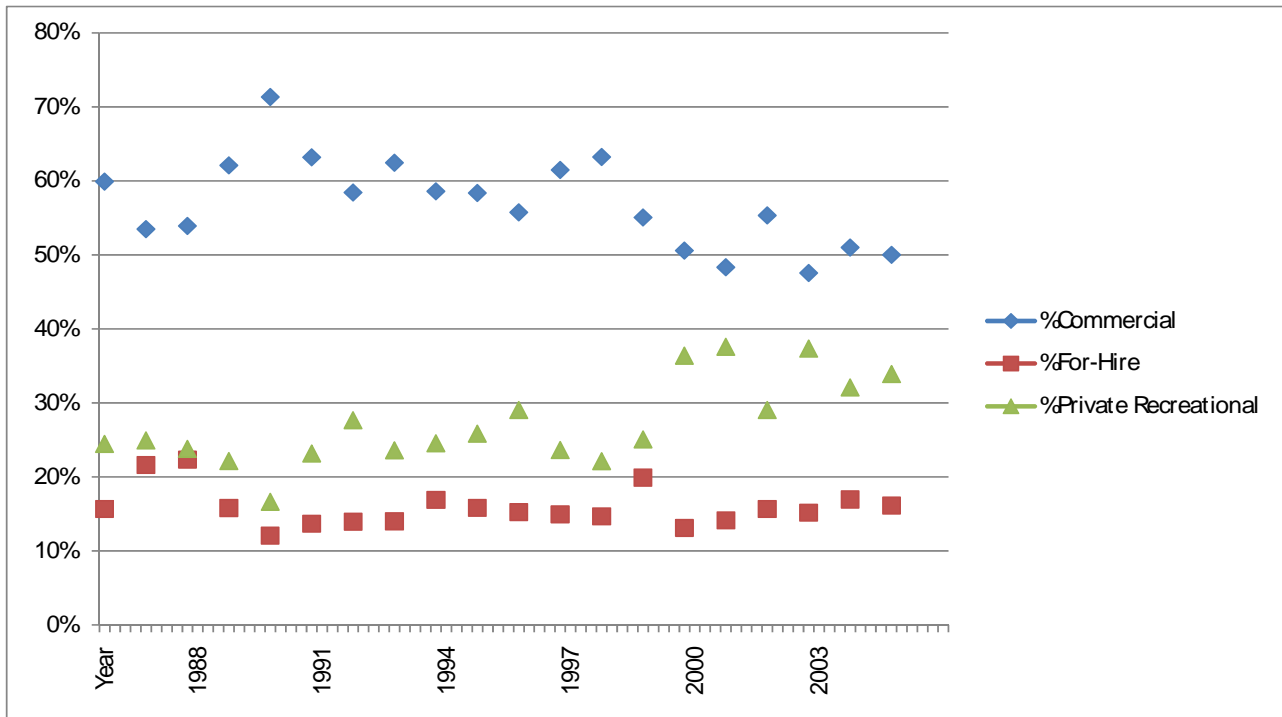
REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

D. Items to be discussed at the July 2008 committee meeting.

The next committee meeting will take place in North Charleston, SC beginning at 8:30 a.m. on July 8, 2008 and ending at noon on July 9, 2008. The committee will be reviewing allocation methods used in other fisheries and developing sub-alternatives for the alternatives in the amendment document.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

Historical catches (percentages; 1986-2005) for the three fishery sectors (for all snapper grouper species combined) is shown below:



Current timing is as follows (Note: The Comprehensive Allocation Amendment will provide the allocations for use in Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 that carries a congressionally-mandated deadline of 1/1/2010):

1. Committee/Council review scoping comments and options paper at March and June 2008 meetings.
2. Approve document for public hearings – September 2008.
3. Public Hearings – November 2008.
4. Review Public Hearing Input & Approve – December 2008.
5. Final Approval (if necessary) – March 2009.
6. Send for Secretarial Review – March 2009.