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## Allocation Committee Report

The Allocation Committee met on June 10, 2008 in Orlando, Florida.

### Presentations

The Committee received a presentation from Julie Defilippi, ACCSP Data Coordinator, on the ACCSP program and quota tracking capabilities.

**Motions 1, 4, and 5 are from the Committee's April 8-9, 2008 meeting; Motion #2 was withdrawn and Motion #3 was disapproved. Motions made during this committee meeting are shown below each of the April motions.**

### Number of Sectors

**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)

**MOTION: DELETE ITEM (4)  
CONSERVATION FROM MOTION#1 AND  
CONSIDER ALLOCATING AMONG THREE  
SECTORS: (1) COMMERCIAL, (2)  
RECREATIONAL, AND (3) FOR-HIRE.  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

Comprehensive Allocation Amendment

**MOTION: DEVELOP GUIDING PRINCIPLES  
FOR ALLOCATING OUR FMP SPECIES IN  
LIEU OF THE EXISTING FMP PROCESS  
(COMPREHENSIVE ALLOCATION  
AMENDMENT)  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

During the April meeting, 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](http://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.

**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

**MOTION: RECONSIDER MOTION 4 AS  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE AT APRIL  
MEETING  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION: RECIND THE MOTION 4  
FROM APRIL AS IT WAS PASSED  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**The resulting list of alternatives based on discussion by the Committee is:**

**Alternative 1.** No Action.

**Alterantive 2.** Landings Data from NMFS or ACCSP (Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program; [www.accsp.org](http://www.accsp.org)) Databases.

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

**Alternative 4.** Use the guidance in the Magnuson-Stevens Act.