

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Jekyll Island, Georgia
March 6, 2008**

The Allocation Committee met on March 6, 2008 in Jekyll Island, Georgia. The committee reviewed items from the February committee meeting:

1. The alternatives being considered are as follows:

Alternative 1. Landings Data from NMFS or ACCSP (Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program; www.accsp.org) Databases.

STAFF DIRECTED TO WORK WITH ACCSP TO GET DATA FOR POTENTIAL USE IN DETERMINING ALLOCATIONS

Alternative 2. Catch Data from Assessments (including discard mortality).

STAFF DIRECTED TO GET CATCH AND FISHING MORTALITY RATE TABLES FOR POTENTIAL USE.

Alternative 3. Council's Judgment Based on Fairness and Equity

THIS APPROACH WOULD USE LANDINGS DATA, SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC VALUES, DEMOGRAPHIC SHIFTS, ETC. COMBINED WITH THE COUNCIL'S VIEW OF WHAT FISHERIES SHOULD LOOK LIKE INTO THE FUTURE.

Alternative 4. Detailed Economic & Social Analyses

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS MOVING TO APPENDIX A (ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED BUT ELIMINATED FROM DETAILED CONSIDERATION). THERE ARE SOME DATA AVAILABLE; HOWEVER, DETAILED ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DATA/ANALYSES ARE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

The committee discussed these alternatives and requested that Alternative 4 be explored at the upcoming April 8-9, 2008 committee meeting rather than moved to Appendix A. The SEFSC will present a model and data available that could be used for the South Atlantic.

No motions were made but direction was provided to staff.

The committee provided the following guidance and/or made the following requests:

1. Develop a reference list of social projects/data collection completed or planned for the South Atlantic.
2. Develop an aggregate table with all species combined and show recreational and commercial catch percentages over time.
3. Develop a table or chart outlining previous council actions and how the reductions were applied to each sector; also try to determine how effective the reductions were.
4. There were a number of items staff were previously directed to prepare for the April committee meeting.