

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Stuart, FL
June 10, 2019

The Committee met in Closed Session on Monday morning. The Committee approved minutes from the March 2019 meeting, the committee agenda, and addressed the following items:

Open Seats - System Management Plan (SMP) Workgroup and Habitat AP

The Committee discussed the continued solicitation for applicants for commercial representatives on the SMP Workgroup and Habitat and Ecosystem-Based Management Advisory Panel and approved the following motions as recommendations to the Council:

MOTION 1: MODIFY THE SECTOR SPECIFIC SEATS ON THE HABITAT AP TO NO LONGER REQUIRE THE SEATS BE SECTOR SPECIFIC.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: MODIFY THE STRUCTURE OF THE HABITAT AP TO CREATE AN AGENCY SEAT FOR THE CURRENT AT-LARGE GEOLOGIST/RESEARCH SEAT.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

Review of the Structure of the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel and Cobia Subpanel

The Committee reviewed the responsibilities of the Cobia Sub-panel. Since the creation of the subpanel in 2016, management of Atlantic cobia (GA northward to NY) has been designated to the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. As a result, the Committee approved the following motion as a recommendation to the Council:

MOTION 3: DISSOLVE THE COBIA SUB-PANEL ON THE MACKEREL COBIA ADVISORY PANEL.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

The Committee acknowledged the valuable contributions of the members of the Cobia Subpanel and directed staff to ensure their appreciation is reflected in follow up communications.

Timing and Task(s)

MOTION 4: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):

1) Staff will send thank you letters to members of the Cobia Sub-panel on the Mackerel Cobia AP to advise them of the Council's decision and acknowledge their contributions.

2) Staff will advertise open seats on the Council's advisory panels as appropriate for consideration by the AP Selection Committee at the December 2019 Meeting.