

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council  
Mackerel Committee  
June 2016**

**CMP Amendment 29**

**Motion:** In Action 1, to have staff replace the original Alternative 2 with the revised Alternative 2 as presented by staff in full Council.

**Alternative 2:** Conditionally transfer a certain percentage (*Options 2a-2d*) of the stock ACL annually to the commercial sector. If this threshold is met (*Options 2e-2g*), in the following fishing year, the amount of the stock ACL transferred to the commercial sector will be reduced by 50%. If the threshold is met in the following fishing year, the recreational and commercial allocations will revert to 68% for the recreational sector and 32% for the commercial sector at the beginning of the following recreational fishing year. If the threshold is not met in the following fishing year, then the recreational and commercial allocations will revert to the conditional quota transfer option chosen (*Options 2a-2d*).

*Conditional Quota Transfer (MUST CHOOSE ONE):*

**Option 2a:** Transfer 5% of the stock ACL to the commercial sector.

**Option 2b:** Transfer 10% of the stock ACL to the commercial sector.

**Option 2c:** Transfer 15% of the stock ACL to the commercial sector.

**Option 2d:** Transfer 20% of the stock ACL to the commercial sector.

*Recreational ACL Threshold (MUST CHOOSE ONE):*

**Option 2e:** Revert to the status quo sector allocations if 80% of the adjusted recreational sector ACL is landed.

**Option 2f:** Revert to the status quo sector allocations if 90% of the adjusted recreational sector ACL is landed.

**Option 2g:** Revert to the status quo sector allocations if 100% of the adjusted recreational sector ACL is landed.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1, to approve the new language for Alternative 5 as presented by staff at full Council.

**Alternative 5:** Establish a sunset provision for any modifications in the sector quota sharing. After the predetermined time period, any modifications in sector quota sharing would revert back to the status-quo sector allocations (68% recreational and 32% commercial).

**Option 5a:** Sunset any change in sector allocations after a five year period (2017-2021).

**Option 5b:** Sunset any change in sector allocations after a ten year period (2017-2026).

**Option 5c:** Sunset any change in sector allocations after a fifteen year period (2017-2031).

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 1, to accept Alternatives 1, 3, and 4 as written.

**Alternative 1:** No Action – Do not establish a quota sharing system. Maintain the current recreational and commercial allocations for Gulf of Mexico migratory group king mackerel (68% recreational, 32% commercial).

**Alternative 3:** If the stock ACL is not met in a fishing year, establish a “carry-over credit” derived from the difference between the total pounds of king mackerel landed in both sectors and the stock ACL for that same fishing year. In the following fishing season, the credit would transfer to the ACL for the sector which met or exceeded its ACL from the ACL for the sector which did not. This carry-over credit would only apply if a minimum percentage of the stock ACL was not harvested in a given fishing year (*Options 3a-3c*), and only a certain percentage of the unharvested ACL from the previous fishing year would make up the carry-over credit (*Options 3d-3f*). The carry-over credit would only be valid for a single fishing year.

*Remaining Stock ACL Threshold (MUST CHOOSE ONE):*

**Option 3a:** At least 15% of the stock ACL remains unharvested.

**Option 3b:** At least 20% of the stock ACL remains unharvested.

**Option 3c:** At least 25% of the stock ACL remains unharvested.

*Percentage of Remaining ACL to Transfer (MUST CHOOSE ONE):*

**Option 3d:** The carry-over credit will be equal to 20% of the unharvested stock ACL.

**Option 3e:** The carry-over credit will be equal to 30% of the unharvested stock ACL.

**Option 3f:** The carry-over credit will be equal to 40% of the unharvested stock ACL.

**Alternative 4:** If the stock ACL is not met in a fishing year, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will be convened to consider increasing the acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the following fishing year only. If the SSC recommends increasing the ABC, the amount of the increase would be added to the ACL of the sector which met its ACL in the previous fishing year. Consideration of an ABC adjustment by the SSC would only be requested if a minimum percentage of the stock ACL was not harvested in a given fishing season (*Options 4a-4c*). If one of Options 4a-4c is not chosen as preferred, and the stock ACL has not been landed, then the SSC will consider raising the ABC by default:

*Remaining Stock ACL Threshold (CHOOSE ONE):*

**Option 4a:** At least 15% of the stock ACL remains unharvested.

**Option 4b:** At least 20% of the stock ACL remains unharvested.

**Option 4c:** At least 25% of the stock ACL remains unharvested.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 2, to modify Alternative 2, to replace the current in-season AM with a post-season AM. If the recreational ACL as adjusted in Action 1 is exceeded, the bag limit will be reduced to two fish per person per day. ~~for the following fishing year only. After the following fishing year, if the ACL was not exceeded again, the bag limit of three fish per person per day will be reinstated.~~

**Alternative 2:** Replace the current in-season AM with a post-season AM. If the recreational ACL as adjusted in Action 1 is exceeded, the bag limit will be reduced to two fish per person per day ~~for the following fishing year only.~~ After the following fishing year, if the ACL was not exceeded again, the bag limit of three fish per person per day will be reinstated.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** In Action 2, to remove the words “as adjusted” in Alternatives 1, 2, and 3.

**Alternative 1:** No Action – Retain the in-season recreational AM. If recreational landings reach or are projected to reach the recreational ACL (~~as adjusted in Action 1~~), the bag limit will be reduced to zero for the remainder of the fishing year.

**Alternative 2:** Replace the current in-season AM with a post-season AM. If the recreational ACL ~~as adjusted in Action 1~~ is exceeded, the bag limit will be reduced to two fish per person per day ~~for the following fishing year only.~~ After the following fishing year, if the ACL was not exceeded again, the bag limit of three fish per person per day will be reinstated.

**Alternative 3:** Replace the current in-season AM with a post-season AM. If the recreational ACL ~~as adjusted in Action 1~~ is exceeded, the length of the following fishing season will be reduced by the amount necessary to ensure the landings do not exceed the ACL.

Motion carried with no opposition

**Motion:** In Action 2, to accept the three alternatives as modified.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **CMP Framework Amendment 5**

**Motion:** In Action 1, to make Alternatives 2 and 3 the preferred Alternatives.

**Alternative 2:** Remove the restriction on retaining the recreational bag limit of king mackerel on a vessel with a federal pelagic commercial permit for king mackerel that is fishing recreationally when the commercial zone in which the vessel is fishing is closed.

**Alternative 3:** Remove the restriction on retaining the recreational bag limit of Spanish mackerel on a vessel with a federal pelagic commercial permit for Spanish mackerel when the commercial Spanish mackerel fishing season is closed.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Other Business**

**Motion:** To request the SEFSC provide the SSC with updated OFL and ABC yield streams for Gulf migratory group king mackerel for the 2017/2018 to 2019/2020 fishing seasons.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council  
Mackerel Committee  
August 2016**

**Mackerel**

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*Action 1*

**Motion:** In Action 1, to accept the IPT-Proposed changes to remove Alternatives 2, 3, and 5 and add Alternative X.

***IPT-Proposed Alternative X:*** Conditionally transfer a certain percentage (*Options Xa-Xd*) of the allocation to the commercial sector in the next fishing year, if the minimum recreational landings threshold is not met (*Options Xe-Xg*). If the commercial sector does not land at least 90% of its ACL, this transfer will not occur. Landings data from two years prior will be used to determine allocation transfers.

Conditional Quota Transfer (MUST CHOOSE ONE):

**Option Xa:** Conditionally transfer 5% from the stock allocation to the commercial allocation.

**Option Xb:** Conditionally transfer 10% from the stock allocation to the commercial allocation.

**Option Xc:** Conditionally transfer 15% from the stock allocation to the commercial allocation.

**Option Xd:** Conditionally transfer 20% from the stock allocation to the commercial allocation.

Recreational ACL Minimum Threshold (MUST CHOOSE ONE), if the recreational sector landings are:

**Option Xe:** less than 50% of its ACL.

**Option Xf:** less than 65% of its ACL.

**Option Xg:** less than 75% of its ACL.

Motion carried with no opposition.

*Action 2*

**Motion:** In Action 2, to accept the IPT-Proposed changes to add Alternative 4 and remove Alternative 2.

***IPT-Proposed Alternative 4:*** Replace the current in-season AM with a post-season AM. If both the recreational ACL *and* the stock ACL are exceeded in a fishing year, the length of the following recreational fishing season will be reduced by the amount necessary to ensure the landings do not exceed the recreational ACL.

Motion carried with no opposition.

**Motion:** to take CMP Amendment 29 out to Public Hearings after the October 2016 Council meeting to the following locations:

Brownsville, TX

Galveston, TX

Port Aransas or Corpus Christi, TX

Houma, LA

Pascagoula, MS

Mobile, AL

Tampa area, FL

Panama City, FL

Key West, FL

Motion carried with no opposition.