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MR. BOWEN: My name is Keith Bowen; I'm a commercial king fisherman. I just wanted to let you know that there has been a lot of small fish, a lot of recruitment that we've seen. I do think with the better water that we're probably going to have – if it stays that way, we'll have a real good summer this year I think. We've seen a lot of small fish.

MR. HARTIG: Do you think maintaining the East Coast Subzone is a good idea?

MR. BOWEN: I don't know; I'm drawing a blank. Let somebody else go.

MR. HARTIG: I appreciate you coming up and telling me about the small fish. That is important.

MR. BOWEN: Well, I think if the better water continues, we're going to see fishing just like it was before this cycle of terrible water. But, anyway, I guess that is to be seen, I guess.

MR. PELOSI: Bob Pelosi. I agree with the Atlantic king mackerel catch limits based on the stock assessments. I sort of prefer the median ABC. On the king mackerel stock boundary, I also agree with the proposal to establish the management mixing zone in the area south of the Florida Keys to the Dry Tortugas. On the bycatch of king mackerel in the gillnet fishery; I would agree that they could be allowed to keep their bag limit.

I think in all the releases that you put out, you should put bag limit, because I thought it was something for unrestricted keeping; and that is something that the shark fishermen had requested for year after year after year. But basically fishing for these coastal sharks, they are using the old kingfish driftnets as far as I can see, the nets I've seen on the boats. The management for the Florida East Coast subzone; I think that a sub-quota would be in order for the Florida East Coast. I am not in favor of the endorsement to fish kind mackerel in the Florida East Coast Subzone.

The reason for that is the Gulf could take retaliatory action and prevent the Atlantic fishermen, which is us in this room, from fishing in the Gulf. There is a lot of support for that; because they have come before the advisory council and asked to separate the permits and keep those darned Atlantic fishermen out of our Gulf of Mexico. That is pretty much what I had to say, Ben.

MR. BOWEN: I am Mason Bowen; commercial king mackerel fisherman. I would strongly urge the South Atlantic Council to either reduce the northern zone percentage or do away with it altogether until such time as we can figure out that assessment and all this is completed and you have a real number to kick around. I'm definitely in favor of moving this mixing zone down to the Keys. The Gulf fishery, I would be in favor of seeing them getting more recreational ACL.

On Number 4, I would like to see the gillnet fishermen allowed their bag catch recreational be sold. I would also like it to be added that the charterboats be able to sell their bag limit. I would like to see that though – I would like to see that come from the recreational; maybe take 2

percent of the recreational quota and apply it to the commercial quota to cover it. That way you don't have a problem. Right now they go charterboat fishing, they are catching recreational fish, they come in, and they sell their fish on the commercial quota. The fish are counted twice. Just make it commercial and be done with it.

The endorsement I have considered, Ben; I have considered that; but I am going to tell you for me personally, I need to be able to travel up and down this coast. What this gentleman said before me, I worry about that road. I also think with what might take place in the Gulf; we can go about doing things the right way on this coast. I guess you understand what I'm saying. Now, we've seen a lot of recruitment in this fishery. I would strongly urge the council to consider the highest ABC for recruitment in this data assessment. That is about it; thank you.

MR. KANE: Dan Kane is my name. On the king mackerel I will write a few letters and express my point of view. Basically I feel king mackerel ought to be made a commercial fish only, and then there would be enough fish for all the big giant fleets you've got. If they are 17 or 18 fish, that is sport fish only. If there is zero fish, it is commercial only. That is like 17 or 18 cases of prejudice; there are federal laws against prejudice.

All right, I want to talk about the golden tilefish. I don't do much golden tile fishing, but there are a lot of guys down South Florida, they king mackerel fish in November and December. I believe the golden tilefish hook-and-line fishery ought to open up November 1st and close January 1st when the longliners open up. This way these guys in South Florida, they can make more money and be home for the holidays. I think when the longline endorsement tilefish opens up, you ought to shut down the hook and line and wait ten days to two weeks after the longliners are done and open up the hook and line again.

Doing this, you could make your hook-and-line golden tilefish worth twice as much money. Doing this, in November/December it would be 30 guys; they wouldn't be king mackerel fishing. They would be down South Florida catching golden tilefish. For me that would mean less king mackerel on the market, more money for my fish. This would benefit all of us. Like I said, there is too much stuff you're piling on the king mackerel. I'm going to have to sit down and write a few love letters, and you will receive my letter shortly. Thank you.

MR. BUSSEN: My name is Scott Bussen; and I am a charterboat captain and commercial fisherman fulltime. It is kind of different, because I ride both sides of the fence. We've been through this before. I spend 50 percent of my year commercial fishing, maybe more, maybe 50 percent charter fishing. I came mainly to address the thing that you guys have with the shark fishermen and their recreational kings; because as you know as a charterboat captain last year I got cut out of being able to sell what was recreationally caught on my charters.

We have a lot of people that come in from out of town. They want to catch fish; they want to hang them up. The kingfish are there, we are going to catch them, and we're going to bring them in and hang them up. What do you want me to do with 10 kingfish after I take a picture of them; dump them in the water? Honestly, that is where you leave me at when you tell me I can't sell those fish that were legally caught fish that I have a permit to sell, which if I was in the Gulf of Mexico I could sell.

But because somehow on the Atlantic side we got cut out of it, now I can't sell those fish, which is going to take a portion of my income. I've got a permit to sell them; I should be able to sell them. I think the guys that are shark fishing; if they are going to catch four or six fish, because they've got a three-man crew, they shouldn't have to throw them over either. You guys are fisheries managers. You should be managing the fish and not throwing them back in the water after they're dead. If you've ever caught a kingfish on a treble hook, you know you don't want to take the hook out while he is still alive in the water. Anyway, that is my big thing.

The second thing, which I had no idea until I got here today, was this thing with North Carolina getting 33 percent. I would like to say that I am vehemently opposed to them getting any percentage of the quota at the very least until you get the numbers straight. If you are doing it by the Atlantic stock, then in my estimation you have to take what we've been catching in the mixing zone for, I don't know, 10 years now, 12 years, 15, and add that into the Atlantic stock before you start dividing up anything.

Personally I get frustrated a lot of times, because I feel like the council has a divide-and-conquer attitude. We've seen it in the course of many things; I see it in my e-mails. I'm still getting e-mails regarding catch shares, which we've all been opposed to or I should say most of us have been opposed to. I don't understand why the council is spending money on something like that when they can't even do a stock assessment on red snapper. It has been five years. There are more red snapper than I've seen in 30 years of fishing out of here; yet I can fish for them for eight days recreationally. I can't make a living doing that.

When you guys took that away from me, I lost about 90 percent of my local clientele that like to bottom fish. Let's stop spending money on catch shares and spend it on doing something that allows the people in the industry to stay in the industry, so we don't all have to find jobs slinging bricks or something else. In regards to the mixing zone, I kind of stand with Mason and a lot of the East Coast guys here. If we are going to move that mixing zone and take it all the way down to the Keys – obviously, I don't stand for the endorsements, because I don't travel a whole lot, but a lot of my friends do. A lot of guys I know travel from North Carolina around to the Gulf.

As soon as you start putting on endorsements on stuff, it is the same divide-and-conquer attitude. I can't deal with it, because it seems like that is what happens to us a lot in this business. One other thing I would just like to touch on is the recruitment of fish we've seen this year. I know the last couple years were a little slow. Some of us managed to catch some fish on the hook and line, bigger fish. The fish that we've seen this year, it is pretty astonishing. The last I could tell, at one point there was fish from Ponce Inlet all the way down to Jupiter. They weren't big fish, but there are an awful lot of them. It seems to me that is about 150 or 60 miles of fish, anyway, just something for you to keep in mind. Other than that, that is all I've got.

MR. HARTIG: Greg Rapp; and I think your reputation precedes you. I believe I got several letters from you. You started a very long e-mail thread – no, I mean it has been great because the comments that you got on that e-mail thread has convinced me that the council may want to readdress what you were talking about.

MR. RAPP: Right, I appreciate that. I appreciate your looking into it. My name is Greg Rapp. I am owner of Sea Leveler Sportfishing Charters here in Port Canaveral. I have had my charter business for about 15 years now. For the last 15 years I have legally sold recreational-caught

king mackerel. The money that we make by selling these recreational-caught fish has been heavily factored into the charter fishing business in order for me and many others like Scott to run a successful charter-fishing business. Like I said, when we bought our permits, this was a legal practice. The most important factor into this business case is the ability for my captains to support their families and being able to only have one job.

There is no reason for these guys to have to work all this time; and then in the wintertime when things are slow, to go find another job. Family values are very important to us, so keeping them with one job allows them to have more time with their family. I don't know who thought about eliminating the legal sales of recreational king mackerel was a good idea. I don't know if they think this is a game or a joke or what. I can't understand it, but let me assure you that this is not a game to us, this is not a joke.

When you start affecting a man's ability to support his family, it is no real laughing matter. How would anybody like it if you took their job and said, okay, you are going to do the same amount of work and yet you are going to get 20 percent less money for doing that same amount of work? That is ridiculous. There is nobody in this room that would be okay with that. Maybe people don't realize how personal it is.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself and the people that it has affected. I personally make sure that my captains are taken care of, but most important to me I make sure my family is taken care of. With the money I make from this, I support my wife, Amber; my two boys, Logan who is eight years old, and Liam that is three years old. In addition, I support my Mom, who takes care of my niece who is six years old.

I have Captain Stan, who works for me. His Dad suffered a stroke four years ago. With this money, he takes care of his Dad, Stan, Sr; and his Mom, Lori Mickle, who no longer works. I have Captain Steve who works for me, who dropped everything he's doing to come to be a charter fisherman; and these kingfish are part of his income that he makes. He supports his wife and his young daughter, Samantha. I also have two other captains that are starting families of their own, so they depend on these fish and this income to also support their families.

Let me repeat myself when I say when you mess with peoples livelihoods and jerk them around, it is not taken lightly. This is not a joke to us. I've tried to look at this; I am very open-minded. I've tried to look at this from every angle to see why this rule was placed into effect that we can no longer sell what was once legally allowed to be our recreational catch of king mackerel. If it is from an environmental push, what better way to reduce the carbon footprint than making the most from a resource, because king mackerel is a resource?

Fish that are going to be caught anyways for tourism and additionally can be sold for commercial fishing is a way to double the resource. Then it also reduces our environmental impact by one, by fuel. You are going out there anyways for tourism; why not take the fish and also be able to sell them recreational? The fuel is already being spent; the pollution is already being put in there. If it is an environmental reason, there is no ground to stand on. If it comes to a fairness issue from strictly commercial fishermen feeling that the legal sale of recreational-caught fish is hurting them; let me explain to you guys that nothing can be further from the truth.

Here in Canaveral the recreational charter fishery and strictly commercial fishery work very well together. If you think you take the sale of these recreational-caught fish away it will reduce the numbers of fish being brought in; that is completely false. It doesn't make sense for us to have the king mackerel permit and to sell 10 or 14 fish on a charter day compared to 50 fish. Why would you want me to take that permit? I mean, I'm a killer; my guys are killers. They can go catch 50 fish every day. Why would you want to take where we're taking a fish that is already being caught; now we're catching 50 instead of 10 per day. Why would any commercial man want that to happen is beyond me? If this goes away, all I would do is transfer my permits.

I would go buy a $10,000 boat, train kids to go catch 50 head a day; and now with five permits I will be putting 250 fish on the table a day compared to 50. It is a resource; let's make the best of our resource. In addition the charter fishery can afford – we work together. We can scout the fish for the commercial industry because our fuel is already being paid for, and we can help the commercial fleet find the fish. We work very well with each other here in Canaveral. I don't see where there is a problem with that. The charter fleet also helps keep at least a small amount of fish on the market all year long.

Even when the commercial fishing in our area is slow, at least we're going out and keeping some fish on the market. In my opinion, this keeps the price up because it keeps buyers from searching out other alternatives for fish. As long as they can get a supply, they are going to continue to buy king mackerel; and it also keeps them from worrying about frozen fish; but mainly it keeps them from looking for other alternatives. If the concern is a quality of product, let me assure you that my 14 fish that I keep on a charter, with my charter standing over my shoulder, is a very good product. It is well iced and it is a premium product when it is brought back to the dock.

If it is a concern that nobody knows how to count the fish; honestly, all I can do is shake my head at that and ask, really, we can't figure out how to count these fish? That has got to be a joke. In my opinion they should be counted commercially. That is just my opinion. We can split it; we can do whatever we want. But not knowing where to count the fish just makes no sense to me. A few things to think about, if you keep this law in effect what will happen. First of all, you are going to make honest, hard-working people into criminals.

Let's be honest, those fish are going to get sold one way or another. If you don't let us sell them this way, there is going to be a loophole. It is not going to stop it. The fish are still going to end up on the market. It is actually a joke. The charter fishing industry – and in addition if you do take it off, we will have to raise our prices to combat the income that was wrongfully ripped away from us in order to make sure the captains can make enough money. This can have an impact on revenue brought into the state. Families pick vacation destinations by choosing areas that have different activities for everyone. Charter fishing is typically catered to the dads and the older boys in the family.

If we raise rates where the average, middle-class family cannot afford to vacation where everybody can enjoy it; then they are going to go somewhere else. Hands down, they are going to go somewhere else other than the state of Florida. One charterboat can do $100,000 in revenue per year. That is not profit; that is revenue. If you take that and you take what the average family is spending on that $100,000 and easily multiply it by four – this is one charterboat – you are looking at $400,000 per boat coming into the state.

In Canaveral alone – and I am speaking for a handful of these guys – I counted up real quick before I got here; I've got 15 guys that are charter/commercial. Let's go ahead and let's do the math on that. Let's do 15 times $400,000. We're quickly looking at $6 million brought into the state from this business. You know what; let's not jeopardize any fraction of that money brought into our state with this ridiculous law. I don't know how many people are concerned about it, but I am sure the powers that be, the government and this and that; I am sure they appreciate the $6 million dollars; and that is 15 boats in Canaveral alone once you take the big pictures and you really realize how much money they are bringing into the state.

Finally, this three-person rule while commercial fishing in my opinion is absolutely ridiculous. I don't even know how it is legal, let alone American, to dictate how many people I want to pay while I am commercial fishing. It doesn't change the limits of the amount of fish we can take. If I want to put 10 people and pay them on my boat, what does it matter? It doesn't matter. It doesn't change – I am still only allowed to keep 50 fish. With that same line of thought of three people; basically this makes me a criminal because fishing has always been a family business, with something quite like farming where you pass it down to your kids and whatnot.

Like I mentioned before, I want to go commercial fishing, I want to take my wife and my son, Liam and Logan, to go teach them about it; now I've got four people out there and all of a sudden I'm a criminal. That is absolutely absurd. Let the law officer give me a ticket, and then I take it to a judge and say, yes, I had my family and my eight year old and three year old out there and I just got a ticket for commercial fishing. He is going to look at that and he's going to laugh. That is going to be a joke. He is going to throw that right out the door.

A few things that were brought up about the North Carolina share; I am opposed to that until we can kind of get better numbers. I am definitely opposed to endorsements and catch shares. That is my opinion. Again I am Greg Rapp and I'm the owner of Sea Leveler Fishing Charters. I have good, hard-working guys for me. We work hard to support our families. I plead with you that this ridiculous law of playing games with our livelihood goes away. I can't see any positive effect from it. I am sorry to take up so much time guys, I had a lot to say, and I appreciate you guys listening to me. Thank you.

MR. HARTIG: Captain Rapp, I appreciate that and I know this was an important issue to you. You've spent a lot of time identifying it through the internet thread that I've read. The one thing I will say; the council doesn't take this as a joke. This is very serious business we do managing fisheries and people. We manage people actually more than the fish to some degree. But this was done; it was the first step the council did to separate the fisheries to try and professionalize the commercial fishery.

We separated snapper grouper back in 2009, I think, when we disallowed sales of recreational sales of snapper grouper. Then it went to dolphin wahoo. That was followed up and now king mackerel. There hasn't been that much uproar about it until we got to king mackerel, particularly. I know charterboats operate in a gray area. It is commercial because you guys make your money off the water; but it is recreational fishing. Frankly, this is kind of a holdover. If there are people on the council who want to support your position, I am not going to not support changing this back to four king mackerel specifically – now, some of the other fisheries maybe not. Snapper grouper is one that we probably don't want to do that with. But for king mackerel in particular, I think the council probably should readdress it based on what you've

started with your e-mail thread and the number of comments that I've seen, the number of support from fishermen, commercial fishermen in this room, as well as dealers.

MR. RAPP: It is a hybrid fishery; it is a commercial fishery. I own more permits as a charter fishing vessel. I have to buy more permits per year than any commercial fishing that I know of. I could be misspoken on that.

MR. BUSSEY: Okay, my name is Jim Bussey. I am owner of Seafood Atlantic in Port Canaveral, Florida. I am here in support of what few shark gillnetters we have and the growing charter headboat fishery here in Port Canaveral and all up and down the east coast, which most of that has developed over the years. It is a matter of survival. From what I see in Port Canaveral, which is a growing tourist destination, these guys are doing pretty good in order to enhance their income.

Because it is all about money, it is all about their careers, it is all about doing this for the rest of their lives, because that is all they want to do; and the gillnetters who are in a state of survival, the barracuda that they bring in, the bonitos that they bring in, and up until a year or two ago the king mackerel they brought in helped add to what meager incomes they have known to exist in the last five or eight years due through, what, maybe management, maybe restrictions in tactics with their gear. But whatever the reason, these guys are hanging on by a shoestring.

To take their two king mackerel per person away from them to me is just bad management and an oversight in the state of affairs that that fishery is in. I think it is a goodwill gesture; it is not hurting anything, no consequence to the stocks. It is well watched. If anyone thinks there is any illegal activities going on, I don't believe you are going to see that anymore, because the fishery is so watched, limited, and no one wants a black eye any more. Please give these guys back their two fish per person.

Most shark boats only have three guys, four maybe at the most, so you are looking at eight fish a day, which makes a big difference to these guys that are surviving. That being said, the charter/ headboat guys, I've watched them take a two fish per person recreational-caught king mackerel and not allowed to sell it anymore, which is hurting them. It is causing, I assume, hate and discontent amongst the guys that are on the boats. It is just another part of income that needs to be enhanced and embraced rather than, like Greg said, everyone turns into a criminal.

The fish come to the dock because they are caught, so what do you do with them? Please revisit the recreational-caught bag limits for both the shark gillnetters and the charter headboat fishery. Adding one item to that may be a little difficult to achieve, which is take all of the landings that are of a recreational manner and apply them to the recreational quota; so any fish that is landing under the recreational bag limit should be applied to the recreational king mackerel quota and not the commercial. I think that is very important, because the recreational king quota has never been met nor has come close, if I am not mistaken.

Therefore, just apply it to the recreational; or as Mason said, 2 percent – I believe he said 2 percent of the recreational, give it to the commercial, monitor it and record it. If it goes over 2 percent, then revisit it. The sooner the better with this, because these guys need that. These guys are becoming very busy, very popular and just the notion of more fish and being able to catch a kingfish when they can't catch a snapper and can't catch a grouper, can't catch a vermillion,

can't catch an amberjack, can't catch a shark, can't catch this; at least they can grab that little bit of recreational bycatch or recreational two fish per person and apply it to their income.

With that being said, what I expressed earlier today was a 33 percent allotment or 33 percent separation, or 33 percent; what would you call it, what is it called, as a quota allotment, allocation to North Carolina at this point I think is premature. I think the numbers are wrong. The numbers need to be revisited. We need to see what their historical landings actually are. I think those numbers need to be tweaked and examined as deep as they possibly can before this thing gets rubber-stamped and ends up being a current management plan. Everything needs to go backwards and get revisited.

I would say keep – I believe it is Alternative 3 – keep it at status quo for the time being until these issues are revisited. Also, do not do any reallocation until the mixing zone numbers are established and the mixing zone separation is done and we know what we are going to end up with on the Atlantic stocks before any restructuring of the Atlantic quota is done.

One other thing, the longline endorsements, there are 22 of them, there are 22 fishing vessels that hold a longline endorsement and also hold a snapper grouper permit. When the longline fishery reaches its 75 percent, then those guys must stop fishing. I do believe that they should be entitled to also participate in a hook-and-line fishery for tilefish as long as they hold a snapper grouper permit. If it is a case of enforcement, those longline spools, the hydraulics could be disabled and inspected by any FWC. They could be signed off on. They could be disabled and inspected by any National Marine Fisheries Service enforcement agent, which are fortunately right up the street from us all. But to disable their equipment would disable them from using longlines if that is the issue, and they should be able to participate in the snapper grouper fishery. With that being said, I thank you very much. Have a good evening.

MR. McCOY: My name is Joshua McCoy. I am here at Port Canaveral Wild Ocean Seafood Market. I own the commercial fishing vessel Top Tuna. I'll speak on a couple issues here. I don't agree with North Carolina getting their own separate quota in the king mackerel fishery. I was just reading Amendment 6 on the HMS Website on sharks, how North Carolina somehow got their own separate shark quota. We want to talk about fair and fair this, fair that; what is fair about one state having their own separate quotas on certain species of fish?

If you are going to allow it for them for those fisheries, why not just have every state manage their own quotas, then we wouldn't need the South Atlantic council. Each state can manage their own fisheries, if you want to go down that road. Anyhow, I don't agree with that. They are part of the South Atlantic, so they need to abide by all the same rules and regulations that everybody else has to abide by. Just to single them out on some select fisheries, because a handful of guys up there in North Carolina want it that way; well, too bad, they have a federal permit just like all the rest of us. I don't agree with that.

My other issue at hand is with the golden tile fishery. I heard earlier that derby fishing in the commercial longline fishery is why our season ends so quick and we don't want to come up with a way to extend our season. Well, I've been trying to get the council to put something in place, because we can't do it amongst ourselves; because if you've got one guy that is not going to want to abide by what the majority comes up with, it won't work because he will go out fishing and then everybody else will go out fishing.

I've been trying for the last four years, trying to get the council to put something in place. We had a majority of the endorsement holders that agreed with the two weeks on or 10 days on, 10 days off. It seems like the only thing the council wants to hear is catch shares. I am not for catch shares. I am not for endorsements even though I have a longline endorsement. If tomorrow the council was to do away with endorsements; that would suit me just fine. I heard some talk about fair is fair and the longliners, it is not fair for them to go catch their quota and then go hook-and-line fish. Well, in my eyes what is fair, this is the American way. If you built a business, if you put the time, effort, and money and bought a permit, built a boat; if you put that time, money, effort, and hard work into it, you should be able to do it.

That is why I'm opposed to catch shares; I'm opposed to endorsements. You can rip up endorsements, and I don't want to hear another thing talked about catch shares. The council has heard it from the majority of us in the South Atlantic that we don't want them. It just seems like every other day we keep hearing about it. That is my definition of fair when I heard, well, the longliners get 75 percent. Yes, well, 400,000 pounds, when the season is caught in two months, that is not a realistic quota being that the majority of us out of that two-month season, the actual fishing days were probably only a half.

If you work a three-day workweek out of seven days, is that considered derby working? No, I don't think so. Working seven days out of seven days is – you know, the northeast and the Gulf of Mexico, they have got a couple million pound quota. They get to fish ten months out of the year. It is not considered derby fishing even though they set just as much gear as we do. Actually, they set more gear, they have bigger vessels. They set twice as much gear as we do, but that is not considered derby fishing.

The problem in the South Atlantic is our low ACLs; that is what causes the seasons to end so quickly. With that being said, I went out and bought a second snapper grouper permit just to have fish coming into the fish house, some white fish in the rest of the year, and to give my guys something to fish on the rest of the year, something besides sharks, because there is really not any money in sharks anymore and our customers that we sell to don't like to eat sharks. I would have never even done that to be able to do the hook-and-line fishing if the council had listened to us four years ago when we came to them and asked them would you please help us extend our fishery when we came up with ideas, and actually had a real stock assessment and got our quota where it really should be.

The last assessment we got shorted on our ABC, because no recruitment, they weren't seeing the smaller fish. Well, the last few years there have been plenty of small fish. If we could get the quota up a little bit and the council would listen to us on trying to extend the season without – you know, if we went into that meeting and we had all come to the majority that said we wanted catch shares; it would have been stamped, signed, sealed, approved, and it would have been in effect the next month. But since it was something other than catch shares, it just went in one ear and out the other. Hopefully, we can have another meeting and the council will listen to us when we propose something else.

MR. MICKLE: My name is Stan Mickle. I work on the Sea Leveler charterboat with Greg Rapp. I would just like to address the issue of the recreationally caught king mackerels for sale. We all bought the permits so we could legally do it. I just think we need to get that back. Like Captain Scott Bussen said, the fish are already caught. They are already dead. What are we

going to do, throw them back in? As far as if the commercial guys are upset about that; half of them guys are down at the dock lined up behind my boat asking 2,000 questions about where to go, this that and the other. We're helping them in that way, so I don't think they should be made about me taking three or four or five kings to the fish house. Like I say, we pay for the permit; we keep just what we're allowed, two apiece. We bring them in, anyway, so I don't see where that is hurting to take them over there. Some part of what we make, as far as our income, it helps us out. Like I say, we have the permits so I don't think it is hurting anything. Figure out which quota it goes on or whatever, but I think we need to be able to get that back. That is what I have to say, thank you.

MR. MARTINEZ: My name is Adrian Martinez. I own Handler Fishing Supply, which is a tackle store. I also commercial fished in the Gulf for many years, and I also distribute fish with Southeastern Fish Company, which is a subsidiary of Junior's Bait Company. I want to speak on the recreational kingfish situation. I am in favor of you guys putting that back so that they can sell those recreational fish. I think that something that could help that situation is if maybe a separate small portion of the quota was dedicated to analyze that data.

You could also use this as a good basis to understand how many recreational fish are actually being harvested. You guys don't have any real way of knowing how many fish are killed recreationally, and this would give you a lot of insight into it. You could say here is a boat with – you know, make a separate trip ticket for it. How many people were fishing on the boat; how many fish did you catch that day, and use that to extrapolate data so you understand how many fish are actually being harvested recreationally. I sort of agree with maybe pulling a small portion of it away from the recreational sector and putting it in that special category for that.

Being a commercial king fisherman or a commercial grouper snapper fisherman or anything is not an easy life. It is hard; it takes a lot of work. It takes a lot of dedication, and there are a lot of black eyes associated with it. You need to be able to take any positive gains that you have to put towards that effort. That is why all of these guys are doing it jointly. They are recreational fishing sometimes with the charters, sometimes they are commercial fishing, sometimes they are commercial diving or grouper and snapper fishing.

There are a lot of different angles, and they need all of them to amount to an income; otherwise, it is just going to go away. As far as the endorsement, I am against that. I am against anything that limits the fishery. I am against separating a quota with North Carolina. I think giving them 33 percent is ridiculous until you do have data that suggests that they need that; Number one. I agree in the mixing zone being all the way down to the Keys. I think that it is safe to say that the fish in the Keys do probably travel back and forth from the Keys to the Gulf, but I find it hard to believe that fish in Tampa Bay area swam all the way around and went up to North Carolina. I am no marine biologist, so I can't really speak on that.

As far as the tilefish, to touch on what Josh was talking about, I do agree that there needs to be something else done to help lengthen the season of tilefish. I know that is not on the agenda for now. I just wanted to reiterate what he was saying; some sort of a system would be very, very good for that fishery. He did buy another permit specifically for that. I think in an instance like that, it should be allowed. I can also see the other side of the coin that bandit fishermen want to be able to have the ability to bandit fish for the entire year, and I can support that.

You have a very small snowy grouper limit; they are limited there. But the main thing that I wanted to touch on is I think that the recreational kingfish should be allowed to be sold. I think coming up with a separate part of the quota will be extremely beneficial to you guys having reliable accurate data on recreational harvest of kingfish. And maybe these numbers that you have here with the recreational ACL being 6.5 million pounds; truthfully, the only guys that are going out with six people in the boat and crushing a limit of kingfish are the guys that are recreational charter fishing with tourists and wanting to take the fish to the fish house, because most people that fish in Florida do not want 12 kingfish to have to eat, because most of them are either smoking it or eating a very sparing amount of it fresh. These guys are catching the fish anyways. Rather than throw them over, use it as a separate ability to have a good study and have a good understanding of the fishery. I appreciate your time; thank you.

MR. HILL: My name is Nicholas Hill. The stock assessment for the king mackerel was done at the low end of the curve, because they are on a 10-year cycle. I believe due to the fact that there are so many small fish; the recruitment is in great shape. We should set the ABC at the highest level. The charter fish are caught; the kingfish should be put on the recreational quota. I just want to know what they do with a kingfish that they catch when the quota is full, just wondering. There used to be a rule on the permits – I don't know if anybody ever read it when they bought it – that the qualifier had to be on the vessel. That would really change the whole picture of king fishing. Did you ever look at that, Ben?

It used to be on the back of the permit, but they changed it. I might have to dig an old one out. Nobody seems to remember that; but that would sure solve a lot of problems, because then they couldn't go back and say, well, I bought this for a business. But if it is in black and white, you can say you should have read it. That is what the lawyers told me when I got divorced. Anyway, on IFQ, ITQ, however you want to look at it; Iceland took it to the United Nations Human Rights Committee, and they agreed it was a violation of human rights, because a fish is a public trust. You can look it up. I think that is what we're going to be forced to do when all that goes down. They can take the IFQs away with no reimbursement.

Boy; that would be the most awesome thing, because I've fished in Louisiana. People that literally own the fish; they don't fish. Most of them never fished a day in their life commercially; and that is the problem. It is not all what it is cracked up to be, because it just ruins the whole fishery. The fishing community changes. If you drug tested the guys that are on those IFQ boats, they would have to get a new crew; about 50 percent minimum. I mean, you know, I've been there, done that. But it just gets a little dangerous when you've got all that running around out there.

I think you can manage the subzones and everything on the king mackerel through dates. That is how we do it now. I am against any kind of subzone, sector zone, and endorsement. I should have had a statement from 1976 when I was king fishing then. I've seen it change through the big boats, driftnets, and all that. It comes and goes. They say king fishing don't change, people just show up when the price goes up, and that is a fact. Do you know if 20B already passed? Can I ask did they have the 33 percent rule in there in public hearings; and if not, that is a violation. It was, with the 33 percent, before the math was even done; I mean, not good.

MR. HARTIG: It was based on the numbers we had at the time. We based it on the numbers that we had at the time. Now that the new assessment comes in, things are going to change; and we're going to have to reevaluate all of that.

MR. HILL: I guess it really kind of don't matter as long as you are not excluded from an area. I've been excluded from everything you can imagine. I had every permit; even marine life and got excluded from that. I also know a guy who got a tilefish longline endorsement and never fished. It just isn't the right place at the right time. That is what I would be looking into if I was a tilefish guy. It is just not right. But, anyway, that is all I had. I'll send you some e-mail, Ben.

MR. SAPPE: I am Michael Anthony Sappe; I am from Jupiter, Florida. I own two kingfish boats, the High Seas and the Georgia Combs. I only have kingfish and Spanish mackerel permits and the wahoo and dolphin and stuff. I don't have a snapper grouper. That was all taken away. I want the ABC to be in the high level here. I don't want any kind of zones, limited to go anywhere. I travel, as you well know, all over to catch king mackerel. Recreational fishing being sold on the commercial quota; they have a commercial permit, a federal permit to catch kind mackerel, and they do that every day that they don't have a charter.

If they need to sell those fish that they catch on a charter, it should come off of a recreational setup. They go every day that they don't have a charter and catch their 50 fish. North Carolina getting fish; like I say, I am not for any kind of separation of anything. I own two federal kingfish permits and I like to be able to go get them wherever I can. I wish I could be catching that 1250 over there right now instead of these little fish that we've caught all winter. I haven't caught a bunch of them, because I've been hunting and stuff. They've been real small limits this season.

Captain Turner caught one time this whole – since we got back from the Gulf, he has caught one catch of 490 pounds. Last year and the past couple years we were catching pretty much nothing but the big fish all winter. The fish show up in February, and they go from 50 fish weighing 7, 800 pounds down to the 350 weight. But we've been catching all those little fish all season long, really, that I know of on the east coast here. There are a lot of little fish. Definitely in the Gulf, last year the little fish were just out of control really. There are a lot of little fish, and now there is no – it is like the spring run everywhere, there are not big fish.

Like I said, last year in Daytona we caught really nice fish; and even at 8A, and they always are catching big ones at Chris Benson, I guess. That is what I'm for, keeping federal kingfish permits, no South Atlantic and Gulf permits; because like I told you, I am scared of that really bad; not being allowed to go over there. That would be kind of like I guess these charterboats not getting to sell their two fish. If I don't get to go to the Gulf, I am pretty much out of business. Like I said, I have two boats so I have a young man that fishes for me, Jimmy Turner's son. There are a lot of people I am taking care of, too. I like to catch kingfish ever since I've been little. You know I was never little.

MS. McCOY: Sherri McCoy with Cape Canaveral Shrimp Company. I was wondering what the legitimate reason was to have the endorsement, the longliners from fishing the hook and line once it was established. Now you know we didn't do that. We were waiting until this all got cleared out and Josh bought the other permit. When you said that the reason was for fairness; I mean, everything you hear in here, what's fair? You've got recreational king fishermen who

can't sell their catch. We were against the endorsements to begin with. We fought the endorsements even though we got on, because it wasn't fair. What happened to the people with catch shares over in the Gulf; what is fair about that? What is fair about North Carolina getting 33 percent?

If fairness is a legitimate reason to make amendments, we've got to redo a lot of amendments that have been done that aren't fair. We were told that it was the intent of the council to ensure that the fishermen who historically targeted golden tile with hook and line would be given the opportunity to continue doing so. As it has been pointed out tonight, most of the longline endorsement holders were original bandit fishermen. A lot of them were the ones who even started it. They started using longline to make trips that were more economically feasible, given the distance that some of these boats had to travel to fish.

You are talking about – we've heard that you were going to bump snowy grouper up to 200 pounds. That along with the 500 pound golden tilefish makes a trip economically feasible. We were also told that a vessel could actually longline for tile and report it as being caught hook and line. We've suggested that the vessels remove or disengage the longlines who are participating in it. We were told that it wouldn't be feasible to enforce this. As I pointed out before, if that's the case, what is keeping hook and line from longlining?

Where is the enforcement to make sure that is not going on? Who is out there enforcing nobody is catching red snapper right now? Why all of a sudden is lack of law enforcement a reason to put this into this amendment? One thing, Myra, you said that it was here a year ago that this was brought to your attention and that is why this amendment is up here. I think it was also brought to your attention that there were boats that were selling directly to restaurants; tilefish that are avoiding going through any reporting; it is all backdoor sales. Why wasn't that put into the amendment, something about that?

Why did this one particular thing about hook and line make it? I think we also had talked about the funny numbers. I don't see anything in the amendment protecting these funny numbers while the tilefish numbers kept changing between up and down and between longline and hook and line. We kept being told it was late dealer reporting. We caught everybody who had the tilefish endorsements and the numbers weren't adding up to what was showing there. I mean it just seems funny that the only thing that made it to something that you are moving on was the fact that you had to clarify the difference.

Ben, you did clarify that the king fishermen can't use the same boat that fish the different gears, because that was one of my question. Why does a fishery – or you are forced to have to go buy a different boat to fish a different type of gear for the same species. To me this just seems to be a discriminatory action against vessels with longline endorsements, seeing as they are the only snapper grouper permit holders that aren't allowed to fish the hook-and-line quota with hook and line gear.

MR. SURRENCY: My name is Ron Surrency; I own Atlantic Coast Charters. I have two fishing boats. I have the Miss Daisy, which is a charterboat that also has a grouper snapper permit on it. Then I have the fishing vessel Joyce Marie, which has a grouper snapper, dolphin wahoo, and recently I just purchased a longline endorsement for the golden tilefish. With the help of my dentist friend, being that came out, just to clarify the record that it ain't a dentist

buying it; it just so happens that the kid fished with me while he was going through college and decided to follow that then with his girlfriend, now his wife, through dental school and has a very well practice right up the road here in Rockledge. But he was fishing with me while he was doing that; living on the back deck of my boat. Now he has helped me and basically taught me to get into this fishery.

All I do is fish, whether I've got to run a charter or I'm running my mackerel fishing; diving was my main fishery. But with the six-month closure on grouper and no snapper, it has led me into this road here. Jason has basically gotten me in this fishery. That being said, as far as – not to get off topic here – as far as the king fishery, if it is a true recreational fishing boat where the guy doesn't have any kind of permit, any kind of federal permit with a charter/headboat permit or nothing; I feel like he shouldn't have the right to sell his fish. If it is a charter headboat, because it is charter fishing; I did that and I still do it.

I established my business in '99. It is a business; and if you have a grouper snapper permit, then it should be – in that fishery, if it is sold, it should go under the commercial quota. If he has a commercial kingfish and he is a charterboat – most of the charters want their fish; but if they don't want their fish, he should be able to go up the street and sell the fish, because they definitely need that income.

As far as North Carolina getting any kind of separate quota, I am totally against that. Basically it is a big pie and whether it is North Carolina or North Florida or North Palm Beach, we're all eating out of the same pie; so if they catch 33 percent, hey, good for them. They shouldn't get anything unless, like some other people say, we're going to divide this up. Back to the tile fishery thing, like I said, being you all made the game and I am just a player of the game; so it is either go out here and grind B-liners in that derby fishery where it is 1,000 pound trip limit, and being in the north Florida area and running up into Georgia; I mean, it is 70, 80 miles, 90 miles just to get to the fish for 1,000 pounds. It is three or four guys back on the boat.

I don't want to do that; it has never been my forte. I am riding past grouper to go do this, so I am trying to jump in this, something else that I think that I would enjoy doing. I have bought a man out who has done this. He had all the landings and everything to get the endorsement, and he chose for whatever reason to get out of it. With these $100,000.00 price tags on these endorsements, I feel like I should have the right to have everything that he had coming to him coming to me. He basically wanted out and I wanted in.

I am playing the game as you all make it. I have two boats with two permits. I am planning on, if I can ever get my – I mean, I have been living on my boat for two months trying to get this boat rigged up with a spool and it has been a major rebuild. I am still not there. I've got about a week and hopefully slash here the next couple – you know, by Monday of next week, Tuesday of next week. But then after that to keep the price, I understand what Josh says as far as calling it a derby fishery.

If you could come up with a way to say you've got the longline sector out there; if you could keep it where they had it and then it could help them spread it out and then keep the price up; then it wouldn't force people into fishing weather. Just because I have a big boat doesn't mean I want to go fishing big seas. I want to fish in 80 degree days and slick, flat calm, and I want to get ten dollars a pound. This time of the year none of that is happening. But then come in June,

when it is a big, high lull out there and slick flat calm, and the price of those fish are through the ceiling; and now with the 200 pound snowy grouper, it is feasible to run out there, especially in my area, to catch five boxes of tilefish, to catch your two boxes of snowy, plus whatever other grouper species gets in the way and your jacks and stuff like that and come in. Yes, if we could do it all under the same permit. I understand the whole game, but the way you have it set up now, I am putting the pieces of the puzzle to play the game as I need fit.

Like I said, all I do is fish. As far as mackerel fishing goes – I'm jumping around, back to the mackerel fishery – I am for the transition area being down in the Keys. I don't believe that those fish are coming all the way out of the Gulf and coming even all the way up to north Florida. I would like to see what those numbers do. I am not for any kind of more endorsement, because I don't ever know if I have to go to the Gulf to keep my lights on, to keep my pets fed and my family fed. You just never know where we have to go with this.

I do believe in the king mackerel fishery that something needs to be done, like we were discussing earlier as far as – I can understand not taking someone's permit away. It is hard to make everybody happy. That is not going to happen; but something needs to be done. I believe it worked very well in the grouper snapper when we went to the two-for-one. I believe if you raised – you know, with the price of mackerel in this day and time, when you are hitting $3.00 and $3.50; if you get even 50 fish and the fish are 10 pound average, that is five boxes, it is very easy; we'll have a $1,500 day.

If you catch them out there in my area, you catch 3,500 pounds; I mean, that is a $10,000 trip. I did that in a day a couple years ago when they had those hard cold snaps in the Carolinas and pushed those fish down. I think with a two-for-one and bumping up and enforcing the affidavit – for a qualifying affidavit, somewhere around $20,000 or $25,000, $50,000, whatever, something, more than $5,000 – I think those are steps in the right direction that would help this fishery out dramatically. Other than that, I think that is pretty much all I have to say.

MR. SINCLAIR: My name is Russell Sinclair. I own a commercial boat with a grouper snapper permit, also a king mackerel permit, black sea bass endorsement and the Spanish mackerel and charterboat. I'm going to go through this really quick. The Monroe/Dade County Line, I like that removal, I would go with that. I want to tell you I've seen a lot of the little fish. You need to know that for the quota allocation – or, no, the ABC of the king mackerel count. There is a ton of little fish showing. As far as the king mackerel permits go, I would love to keep the king mackerel fishery an open access with no zones divided for the permits.

I would also love to see them go for a two-for-one buy-in with a restricted number to decrease. I think you said 1,300 permits; you could set an allotted amount that it would always remain at least 1,000 permits. That is what we haven't done in the grouper snapper fishery, so we're buying ourselves out of our fishery. The charterboats, absolutely, if they own a federal king mackerel permit, they should be allowed to catch their recreational limits where you gain the quota from.

It is a no-brainer to gain the 2 percent of the quota from the recreational to be sold; and in our logbooks we could very easily keep track of more recreationally caught fish under the quota, although Greg Rapp won't like to fill out the logbook. The tile longline, the only way I can see – after seeing how it all went down; it would be really wise to have your longline season; and,

when the longline season ends, you can start your hook-and-line fishery. That way the price will be separated from the two different fisheries.

Also, I do believe that if you own a grouper snapper permit, whether you have the longline endorsement or not, take the longline spool off your boat, you should be allowed to catch the hook-and-line bandit fishing tilefish as long as a spool is taken off the boat. Only because when the person purchased their grouper snapper permit or they inherited it or they qualified it, or however they obtained it – I myself have bought mine. That is something that when I bought the permit, I want to be able to have that resource to do. That would be all that I have to say. And North Carolina, the 33 percent allocation; I am highly opposed. We need to get the data in to make the right assessment. That is going to be catastrophic if that shakes down and we have two closed seasons. Thank you.

MR. BURDETT: My name is Marc Burdett; I am with Never Settle Fishing. Me and my brother in-law just started this business. This is our first year. We have a kingfish permit. We are actually leasing a kingfish permit and a grouper snapper permit. Being said that this is our first year, I've actually felt like I've found my calling. I never had a career that I've woken up at three in the morning smiling to go to work. We've been on our boat for 24 hours at times, trying to figure out how to catch the red snapper during the summer when they were open.

Now that I know how much red snapper are out there – it was definitely hard in the beginning; but once we started finding them, they are everywhere. I know maybe this is not on the agenda, but I feel like maybe that the trip limits should be increased and maybe the quota should be increased for at least I guess the southeast area is what it would be? The kingfish, all I can tell you is what I've seen. Everyone has been telling me that this is like the best season so far in I guess a couple years.

There are a lot of fish being caught; like we've been catching our limit pretty much consistently every time on gear, on the handline. They are all in the little fish range, so I guess that is good for you guys, the way it sounds that we're seeing a lot of little fish show up, so definitely a lot of fish everywhere. That's about it. Thank you.

MR. HARTIG: Thank you, Marc, and I appreciate you coming. As a new businessman, this is a very important step and I hope to see you again.

MR. BURDETT: A lot of the guys said we're crazy to get in now with all the rules and regulations compared to back in the day.

MR. HARTIG: A good fisherman can still make it.

(Whereupon, the public hearing was adjourned.)

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SECTOR (Please check all that apply):
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BUSINESS OR ORGANIZATION YOU REPRESENT (IF APPLICABLE): Commercial Fishermen

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