

August 2016 Council Motions
Virginia Beach, VA

Unmanaged Forage

Move to remove false albacore and sharp-tail shortfin squid from the list**.
Nowalsky/Anderson

Move to amend to add bullet and frigate mackerel to the species that would be removed from the list**.
Kaelin/Nolan (7/13/0) motion fails

Move to substitute to include all the taxa listed in the table below** with the exception of false albacore and sharp-tail shortfin squid.
Elliott/Linhard (18/1/1)
Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion.
(18/1/1)
Motion carries

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- Anchovies (engraulidae)
- Argentines (argentinidae)
- Greeneyes (chlorophthalmidae)
- Halfbeaks (hemiramphidae)
- Herrings, sardines (clupeidae)
- Lanternfish (myctophidae)
- Pearlsides (sternoptychidae)
- Sand lances (ammodytidae)
- Silversides (atherinopsidae)
- Cusk eels (order Ophidiiformes)
- Chub mackerel (*Scomber colias*)
- Bullet mackerel/bullet tuna (*Auxis rochei*)
- Frigate mackerel/frigate tuna (*Auxis thaxard*)
- False albacore/little tunny (*Euthynnus alletteratus*)
- Atlantic saury (*Scomberesox saurus*)
- Pelagic mollusks (squids, octopods)
- Copepods, Krill, Amphipods & other species < 1 inch as adults

Move that the Council consider development of a new management action for false albacore when setting priorities for 2017.

Luisi/King (19/0/1)

Motion carries

Move to approve alternative 2Bii, which would designate the approved list of species, except chub mackerel, as ECs and implement an incidental possession limit of 1700 pounds for all of those EC species combined.

McMurray/Michels (19/0/0)

Motion carries unanimously

Move for alternative 3Cii (manage chub mackerel using neither EC nor stock in the fishery; implement an annual landings limit and allow incidental possession after the annual landings limit is met) as a preferred alternative, with the incidental limit coming into effect after 90% of the annual landings limit is met.

McMurray/O'Reilly

Move to divide the question.

Luisi/deFur - Kaelin recused

Motion carries with one recusal

Move for alternative 3Cii (manage chub mackerel using neither EC nor stock in the fishery; implement an annual landings limit and allow incidental possession after the annual landings limit is met) as a preferred alternative as a temporary measure while the Council works towards a stock in the fishery designation

McMurray/O'Reilly (19/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused

Motion carries

Move that the annual landings limit for chub mackerel be 5.25 million pounds, the 2013 reported landings in the fishery, until the Council works to complete a stock in the fishery designation.

Kaelin/Nolan

Move to substitute a 2.86 million pound landings limit, equivalent to average landings for 2013-2015, until the Council works to complete a stock in the fishery designation.

McMurray/Anderson (12/7/0/1) - Kaelin recused

Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion.

(15/4/0/1) - Kaelin recused

Motion carries

Move that the incidental limit come into effect after 90% of the annual landings limit is met.

McMurray/O'Reilly (7/11/0/1) - Kaelin recused

Motion fails

Move to substitute a 10,000-pound limit for the incidental possession limit.
McMurray/Anderson (4/13/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion fails

Move for a 40,000-pound trip limit for the incidental possession limit.
Nolan/Kaelin (15/3/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move alternative 4Cii and the amended language in 4D (“consider a stock in the fishery designation and/or use of interim discretionary management measures prior to allowing any new fisheries or expansion of existing fisheries”) as preferred alternatives on behalf of the committee.
Elliott/Anderson (18/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Recommend administrative alternative 5B (require GARFO permit) as a preferred alternative; applying to EC species and to chub mackerel.
Elliott/Anderson (18/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move to recommend 5Cii as a preferred alternative.
Elliott/Anderson (18/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move 5Dii on behalf of the committee (Cape Hatteras as southern boundary of management unit).
Elliott/Anderson (18/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move 5Ei and 5Eii as preferred alternatives
Luisi/DiLernia (15/2/1/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move that there be a transiting provision for those vessels traveling through the Mid-Atlantic region with fish on board caught outside of the Mid-Atlantic.
DiLernia/Nolan (17/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move that we implement a 3-year sunset provision for chub mackerel (from effective date of measures).
Anderson/King (17/0/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Move that we implement a 3-year time limit for full consideration of chub mackerel as a stock in the fishery from effective date of the measures
McMurray– withdrawn.

Move to substitute a 5-year time limit.
McMurray/deFur (5/13/0/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion fails

Move to submit amendment to Secretary of Commerce
Elliott/Luisi (16/0/1/1) - Kaelin recused
Motion carries

Summer Flounder Management Measures with Board

Move for 2017, the recreational ACL = ACT = 4.72 mil lb and commercial ACL = ACT = 6.57 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 3.77 mil lb and commercial quota of 5.66 mil lb.

For 2018, the recreational ACL = ACT = 5.53 mil lb and commercial ACL = ACT = 7.70 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 4.42 mil lb and commercial quota of 6.63 mil lb.

Council: O'Reilly/Batsavage (18/2/0)
Motion carries
Board: O'Reilly/Batsavage (8/2/2/0)
Motion carries

Move to amend to remove 2018 specifications.
Board: Fote/Hasbrouck
Council: Nowalsky/DiLernia (3/17/0)
Motion fails

EAFM Motions

Move on behalf of the Committee, to adopt the following goal statement and revised definition of sustainable utilization.

EAFM Goal

To manage for ecologically sustainable¹ utilization of living marine resources while maintaining ecosystem productivity, structure, and function.

¹Ecologically sustainable utilization is defined as utilization that accommodates the needs of present and future generations, while maintaining the integrity, health, and diversity of the marine ecosystem.

Elliott for Committee (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Reach of the EAFM Guidance Document

Move on behalf of the Committee, that the EAFM Guidance Document shall apply throughout the geographic range of the FMP management units.
Elliott for Committee (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Forage

Move on behalf of the Committee, to adopt the following policy statements:

1. It shall be the policy of the Council to maintain an adequate forage base in the Mid-Atlantic to ensure ecosystem productivity, structure and function.
2. The Council, in conjunction with its' SSC and the NEFSC, shall promote the timely collection of data and development of analyses to support the biological, economic and social evaluation of ecosystem level tradeoffs including those required to establish an optimal forage fish harvest policy. A Management Strategy Evaluation type of analysis may be most useful here.

Elliott for Committee

Move to substitute #1 above:

1. It shall be the policy of the Council to support the maintenance of an adequate forage base in the Mid-Atlantic to ensure ecosystem productivity, structure and function and to support sustainable fishing communities.

Kaelin/Nolan (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Substitute motion is main motion (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Habitat

I move on behalf of the Committee, to adopt the ecosystem level guidance with respect to EFH in section 7.2 and, in addition, adopt the following EFH Policy Statements:

1. Strengthen EFH designations and consider essential from a multispecies/ecosystem perspective emphasizing the connectivity between species, life history stages, etc. and inshore and offshore habitats.
2. Demonstrate and communicate the value of habitat to managed fisheries and quantitatively link habitat science and conservation to fishery outcomes.
3. Encourage NMFS to conduct additional focused sampling in habitats at finer scales than has been historical practice (especially in non-trawl-able habitats). Also, habitat sampling should be expanded temporally and other sampling methods should be examined.
4. ~~Examine ecological, economic, and social impacts of the deep-water coral closed areas [moved from climate section].~~

Elliott for Committee

Move to strike 4 above.

Elliott/deFur (20/0/0)

Climate

Move on behalf of the Committee, that in addition to the 12 climate recommendations for incorporation of climate change and variability into the current fishery assessment and management process (section 7.3.4), the Council adopt the following climate related policy statements:

1. Continue to work with NOAA on the implementation of the NMFS Climate Science Strategy in the Northeast region.
2. Develop and evaluate approaches for MAFMC fisheries and their management to become more adaptive to change.
3. Continue to advocate for, collaborate on, and support retrospective, field, and laboratory research to understand the effects of climate change on species managed by MAFMC and incorporate those results into assessment and management.

Move on behalf of the Committee, to recommend adoption of the EAFM Guidance Document (as amended).

Elliott/Anderson (20/0/0)

Executive Committee Report

Move to raise SSC compensation to the rate of the Council members.

Robins for the Committee

Approved by consent

Move that in response to the NEFMC letter concerning the demersal committee that the MAFMC add 2 additional seats for a NEFMC member and request that when the NEFMC meets to consider final action for frameworks, specifications, and amendments for sea scallops, that it meet as a committee of the whole of the scallop committee.

Robins for the Committee (19/0/0)

Motion carries

Fishing Policy Impacts

Move to approve Council policy on impacts of fishing activities on fish habitat, as amended today.

Michels/DiLernia (17/0/1)

Motion carries

eVTR Framework

Move to select alternative 2, require electronic submission of VTRs without change of submission timeframe, with the addition of SAFIS e-Trips for PC as an option.
Nowalsky/Linhard

Move to substitute alternative 1, require electronic submission of VTRs and change submission timeframe to 48 hours.
McMurray/DiLernia (18/1/0)
Motion carries

Substitute motion is now main motion
(17/1/1)
Motion carries

Move to submit eVTR Framework.
deFur/DiLernia (17/0/2)
Motion carries

Cobia

Move that the MAFMC request the SAFMC Coastal Migratory Pelagics Committee (mackerel) to meet as a Committee of the Whole when discussing cobia issues.
O'Reilly/deFur (16/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the MAFMC request the SAFMC initiate an amendment to its Coastal Pelagics Fishery Management Plan that would establish geographic specific, variable fishing seasons for cobia that would represent the recent distribution of landings. The MAFMC also requests the SAFMC establish framework priorities within the amendment to adjust fishing seasons for cobia in the Atlantic Migratory stock when geographic specific landings change.
DiLernia/deFur (17/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that Dr. Lee Anderson be appointed as a member of the SSC.
Elliott/deFur
Moved by consent