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MR. M. BOWEN: My name is Mason Bowen. I'm a commercial fisherman, a member of the east coast fishing section. First off, I would like to say and recommend that we leave this ACL to equal the ABC, and also to support Alternative 2 in Action 5, with Option 4a as well.

This is some personal comments. For too long, you have used the reauthorized Magnuson as a crutch. You don't even use your own data collected by your own people. You will not acknowledge or fix ineffective methods and procedures, and eventually your bad science is contradicted by the hard data you collect.

The perfect is example is this, and let me state the obvious. You don't know how to determine recruitment. If you did, you would see these young year classes of fish in quantity, like we see them. As fishermen, we see these juvenile fish, and, at some point in time, the data you collect supports that. Your data supports us every time.

My entire life, I've felt like I've been in a struggle with the National Marine Fisheries Service, and I think that someone needs to ask the question of why. In this area, at fifty and seventy-five head landing limits, respectively, we have the smallest landing limits there are. The same conservative nature of these landings limits victimizes me, when circumstances dictate that participation is few.

It victimizes me, because you look at overall landings and see that they are low and say, man, there's a problem. Meanwhile, I was only allowed to catch fifty head, or seventy-five head, and the other twenty guys with me were only allowed to catch that many as well.

The final thing is there's definitely environmental issues impacting this fishery. The biggest of these are the upwellings occurring in our spring and summer months. As long as this continues, we will never have the landings in those months that we have had in the past, but, every winter, I see the quantity of king mackerel that, should those conditions change, you would see those landings return, and so I am asking you not to make us victims again. Thank you.

MR. HARTIG: I appreciate it, Mason. For the recruitment stuff, do you have any ideas on how we can better document the recruitment that's occurring?

MR. M. BOWEN: I just feel like moving that -- What do you call it, the map?

MR. HARTIG: The line, moving the line?

MR. M. BOWEN: The shrimp trawl thing.

MR. HARTIG: The SEAMAP, move it into areas in the southern area?

MR. M. BOWEN: Yes, and the year where they recorded low recruitment, it's very interesting to me, because I fish the Daytona area a lot. That water can get very cold in there on that beach, and it stays cold in there, and so knowing -- I mean it doesn't matter if the pelagic is little, juvenile, or if it's large, adult. The water temperature is going to affect where those fish are going to be.

That year, Paul Nelson and the different bottom fishermen that were fishing on the B-liner bottom offshore of St. Augustine, they were seeing juvenile king mackerel in quantity, and he told me. He was like, you can't believe this and we're running from it, and so I suspect that the colder water has probably moved those juvenile fish from where these guys have seen them before, but that would be my suggestion, to have more flexibility in where you take that part of your recruitment study.

I wish that there was some way that the observations of fishermen could become part of your assessment. I don't know how to accomplish that, but certainly if we're seeing these small fish, then we've had good spawning and we've had recruitment, and I am not against the science. I am for it. Let's all figure it out. If we work together, we can figure this stuff out, but if we're butting heads all the time, then --

MR. HARTIG: Do you think there would be some utility in having a group of fishermen that were allowed to bring in some of these smaller fish on a regular basis, not counted towards your trip limit, as an experimental -- I mean you all would have to probably get experimental permits, and we could allow you to collect some of these animals, so we can collect data on these animals over time?

MR. M. BOWEN: That would be very good. I think that would be very good.

MR. COLBY: My name is Barrett Colby, and I'm a commercial king fisherman, and I would like to make comment about the Amendment 26. On Alternative 1, I would like the Preferred Alternative Number 3. That's the one I would like to see go forward. On Action 2-1, I would like to see the see the Action 2-2, which is the ACL to match the ACT. I am pretty sure that's what I've got right there.

MR. HARTIG: ACL equals ABC?

MR. COLBY: Yes, ACL equals the ABC. In Action 3, the South Atlantic Preferred Action 3. I'm sorry. That's Action 2. In Action 2, I would like to see Action 3. Then Action 4, South Atlantic Preferred Action, Action 2. What I'm saying is I would like to see that the allocations, even though right now they're going to be split 60/40, I would like to see it happen 70/30. I would like to see the opening dates to begin --

MR. HARTIG: March 1?

MR. COLBY: Yes, March 1.

MR. ROBINSON: Gary Robinson, and I want to fish in March all the time. I don't want to lose that.

MR. COLBY: You are interrupting my public time. Action 5, I would like to see Alternative 2. Action 4, I would like to see Option 4a. To review everything I've asked for there, it's just basically we really need to see the opening in March happen, and the seventy-five head to be started then, and I want to make sure that these subzone lines, the Flagler and Volusia lines, remain the same in the dates. You can change the movement of the dates by a month or two, but I would like to see them stay the same, as close as possible.

When you take that Brevard/Volusia line, you know I don't know that we don't want to make sure that the seventy-five head stays that way until November 1. That's pretty important. I think you could get our landings increased a lot if they keep that open to 3,500. We want that line moved. We probably should move it in October.

They are seeing more and more effort in October up there, but we didn't see it before, and so if you move that line from Volusia/Brevard back up to Flagler/Volusia, if we're going to have an October opening for the second season, because that's what I'm thinking we're pushing for. If we do that, that line needs to move whenever that opening is. We need to make sure that you move that Volusia/Brevard to Flagler/Volusia when you have your second season. That's important.

MR. HARTIG: What we have now, and what the AP recommended, was not to do anything with the Volusia/Brevard. It's to leave it all Flagler/Volusia.

MR. COLBY: I think that could jeopardize the fishery in having a closure, which we were all working for not to have happen. If you don't take and move that line, you're going to possibly see a large amount of fish being caught in October off of New Smyrna, which that would be the Volusia/Brevard line.

If you don't move that Volusia/Brevard line to Flagler/Volusia in that October opening, you have a potential to have a serious amount of fish being caught, because the effort is moving fast to boats going out of New Smyrna in that period of time, in October. Now, obviously the weather -- We haven't had a lot of hurricanes and all that, but this year was a good year for it, for the boats to be up there in October.

They didn't get that many days, but the days they were there, there were substantial fish, and you could see boats with the unlimited 3,500 do quite well. I mean it's not that I want to jeopardize anybody from doing well, but it's that it potentially will cause that whole thing of closures, and the majority of the fishermen want to fish year-round and they don't want a closure, if you talk to them. That's their biggest thing, they don't want closures.

Unless you're going to give them an unlimited amount of fish, you've got to manage the fishery so that we don't have closures, and so other people have interests and other comments, and hopefully we'll have it all right and we'll have a good fishery.

I know this is not part of Amendment 26, but I don't know why the Gulf Council and the Atlantic Council are still making decisions on us, on the Atlantic side, why they're participating in the decision making. You don't probably have the answer to that, but we'll see what happens in the next few years, I guess. Thank you.

MR. SINCLAIR: Russell Sinclair, and I want the ACL to be made from the ABC, and I want a March opening, March 1 opening, on a seventy-five head fish limit, and I like the split seasons, and they both start with the seventy-five head. After 75 percent of the quota is met, they go to a fifty-head. I heard a rumor that we are not going to get bandit endorsement for tilefish and tell me that's a rumor.

MR. HARTIG: I don't know what's going to happen with that. We'll have to stay tuned. If you really think that's a good idea, you should tell the council.

MR. SINCLAIR: No.

MR. HARTIG: You don't think it's a good idea?

MR. SINCLAIR: No, I think it's a horrible idea.

MR. HARTIG: There isn't anything in the works to do that.

MR. SINCLAIR: Okay, and I heard a rumor that it was talked about, and I wanted to make sure that I --

MR. HARTIG: It had been talked about in the past, but we haven't heard anybody pushing that right now. Thanks, Russell. I appreciate it.

MR. KANE: Hurricane Dan, Dan Kane, and I've been king mackerel fishing a long time. First, I want to talk about the Gulf reallocation of the fish. We had a large percentage of people fishing on the Florida Panhandle. I think they're talking about giving them 18 percent. I think 60 percent of the allocation ought to go to the Panhandle, because there's a tremendous amount of people fishing there now. There's people from Tampa that said they would like to participate in the king mackerel fishery, but the fishery is always closed when the fish are in their backyard.

We've got a new fishery now. People are traveling, and not just two or three of us now, but it's like 30 percent of Atlantic fishermen are over there, and that's a really good place to fish. When the Northeast winds make the Atlantic coast unfishable and dangerous, those are offshore winds there, and we really need to fish there.

I want to see our Atlantic season open on March 1. Twenty-some years ago, we reduced our fish limits, catch limits, from a thousand-pounds to fifty-head a day, just so we could fish during the March. This is Lent, and the fish are coming back from the Keys. They're pulling inshore, and I used to make 20 or 25 percent of my income in March. Since the fleet grew four to five times, I need to fish during March and for three years in a row, it's horrible. I mean it's like just tearing my heart out. We need to fish during Lent.

As for starting the season, the first season at 60 percent and you go to 40 percent, that sounds pretty good to me. Like Barrett said, our biggest fear is not being able to go out there and catch fish.

Back to the Gulf, the recreational ain't catching their fish. The recreational don't eat the fish. I really believe that fish ought to go to the commercial. We got 30 percent of the Atlantic fleet

over in the Gulf now, and it's a whole different ballgame. The council has created this big fleet that created this monster, and now they've got to feed the monster. Give us more fish.

MR. HARTIG: So you would like to get some of the recreational allocation?

MR. KANE: I would like to get some of the recreational allocation. The past four years, I've been run out of Louisiana early, because the fleet has gotten way, way too big. This year, I didn't even get to fish in the Panhandle at all. You know, like I said, in the fall, that is the place to be. That Northeast wind is offshore and the fish are right up there and it's easy pickings. I mean I really think 60 percent of the Gulf quota ought to go to the Panhandle area. I would like to see the Panhandle down there open almost year-round. I wrote a letter telling the council how I would like to see it done, and that's the way it needs to be done. Any questions you would like to ask me?

Your mixing zone, I'm glad to see you're finally getting the mixing zone right. I spent a decade down there fishing in the Keys, and the mixing zone is a lot narrower than what you all think. The mixing zone is like no man's land, up there right around the Marquesas, around Pulaski Light. If you get up to the Rock Pile or Northeast Grounds, that's all Gulf stock king mackerel.

All the way down the reef, down to Riley's Hump, where nobody is allowed to fish anymore, is all Atlantic stock king mackerel. I caught a king mackerel on Riley's Hump that was tagged in Murrells Inlet, North Carolina, and it's good for us, because nobody is allowed to fish Riley's Hump anymore, and a lot of our winter fish go down there and winter. They winter on Riley's Hump, where they ain't allowed to be targeted. I wasn't really prepared for this, but there are a few points I would like to see.

MR. FISH: My name is Andy Fish. I am owner and operator of the Point Blank, based out of Cape Canaveral. I've held a grouper snapper and kingfish permit since 1993. I'm a full-time commercial fisherman. I am interested in the two season, or split season. I want to start fishing -- I like the March 1, and that's all I've got to say really. I didn't really get a chance to read a lot of the stuff, but everything I hear about that sounds real favorable, and I like the idea of if the fishing is real good in the first part of the season that it doesn't shut us down for the second half of our winter season, I guess.

MR. ROBINSON: Gary Robinson, and I just wanted to tell you what I thought on recruitment on the east coast the last three years. I thought it was good. I came from Sebastian, where we were having a lot of throwbacks, all the way down to the cable off of Jupiter, throwbacks, and Hobe Sound, throwbacks.

This past season in the Gulf, I didn't have any throwbacks. The season before that, over a hundred miles of throwbacks. The sharks and jacks were brutal. Ask any one of the guys in the fleet how bad it was. I don't know what happened this past season where they were at. Maybe they grew enough to where they weren't throwbacks no more, and I don't know, but we had pretty serious recruitment there.

Like Andy was saying, definitely more fish in the Panhandle. I didn't get to fish there this year. Thanksgiving, it was closed. The Friday after Thanksgiving, it closed and we didn't get to fish there. That's always been our trip home, you know? It's good fishing.

MR. HARTIG: What do you think about the March 1 start date?

MR. ROBINSON: Absolutely. I don't care if you start it -- I just want to be guaranteed to fish in March. That's what I want. I want to know that I'm going to be able to fish in March, because we're getting run out of the Gulf so early. That was 75 percent of my income, I would say, and we're losing a lot of that now, and so we need March. When we come home, we need it.

MR. HARTIG: So you think the split season is a good way to go?

MR. ROBINSON: I don't know exactly how it works.

MR. HARTIG: Pretty much similar to the way it worked when you were in the Gulf, except that we've changed the dates a little bit. I mean it's pretty much the same, except for the March 1 start date. The first month is shifted one month, but it's a way to try and guarantee that you'll have the -- The best that we can do to get the fishery to stay open the entire year is what the goal is.

MR. ROBINSON: I just don't want to sit at the dock. We don't make no money there. We spend money. Any word on what's going on with the Gulf Council as far as who is going to be fishing over there in the future and who is not? Are they ever going to stop the bleeding or just keep letting it --

MR. HARTIG: Well, yes. I mean they tried to bring Amendment 28 back, and then our AP said, two meetings ago, that they didn't think that was a good idea for us to consider at that time, and so it's -- There is different fishermen in different areas that have different ideas, and that's the problem.

You know we had a bunch of recommendations and went to the Gulf to try and do some of that, with an endorsement in the Gulf and things of that nature, but they didn't want to do it at the time, and so, at that time, our AP was in favor of it. Then, subsequent to that, the Gulf said, okay, we want to do it now, and pretty much came up with the same recommendations that we had, and then our AP said, well, be careful. If we're the first ones to do it, then the Gulf may want to try and keep people out of the Gulf.

I don't know how in the world they can keep people out of the Gulf that have landings in the Gulf. I don't think that would ever fly. Any other way we manage fisheries is always by landings, and so if you have landings in the Gulf -- It just made sense to me that you would probably take the Panhandle region and take the western Gulf and do the endorsement. If you have landings in both, you get to fish in both areas.

You know, some way, because every year, the people who have been there longer get less and less of the pie. It's not bad for the bad for the people who have to go over there to try and continue to make a living king fishing, but the Gulf has a lot of concerns, and their AP is adamant about trying to do something about it, but so far it's status quo.

MR. ROBINSON: Yes, there's a lot of concern over there. It would be nice to see all the seasons work out, to where when the fish are in everyone's backyard that everybody gets a shot at them. When they're in your backyard, you get to stay home and fish in your own backyard. It would be like if you made $1,000 a day doing these meetings, and that's all you did for a living.

If I went and bought a $3,000 permit to do these meetings, and I didn't really know jack about what I was doing, and this is the only way you had to make a living, every time the wind blew and you had to get up and go to the bathroom or something and I stole your seat, and now you've got to go home and tell Patty that we're going to eat bologna this week, because he took my seat to make a little beer money. You wouldn't like it, would you?

MR. HARTIG: No, I understand. That's a good analogy.

MR. ROBINSON: Especially if you had a month worth of meetings right in your backyard, in your hometown. You would hate it, if that's all you did for a living. That's what we're after. We're after getting rid of the part-timers, and we're after a lot of stuff. I appreciate it.

MR. GOMEZ: Richard Gomez, from Key West, Florida, Captain Conch Charters. Let's do a couple of the easy ones first. Speaking about the hogfish, recreational only, because we don't get them as a charter boat or commercially, I could live with fourteen-inches, or fifteen. I would rather live with fourteen, but it would be good to be able to catch two per person per day, and maybe limit it to five on the boat each day, rather than this one-per-person.

I go on the houseboat with Bill Wickers quite a bit, and we would like to have more than one hogfish a day, but we do realize that the size limit definitely needs to go up. Fourteen is better than fifteen for myself.

As far as the mutton snapper go, we don't want to lose any more ground. We've lost way too much ground already. The charter boat industry has no problem living with smaller limits. We could go down to two per day, no problem. We would like to see no closure during the migratory pattern whatsoever, and we would like to see no spawning areas closed. I think you would accomplish a great deal just by bringing that limit down.

Then, as far as kingfish go, I mean charter boats have felt screwed for many years, not being able to sell our bycatch of kingfish, but I don't think that's changing any time soon. I think that was a very unfair thing that happened to us, but it's water under the bridge now. The VMS, I think the preferred alternative, and correct me if I'm wrong, because in one part I read that all we need is a computer.

MR. HARTIG: There is no VMS in that charter boat amendment.

MR. GOMEZ: But what would we have to do in that preferred alternative?

MR. HARTIG: It would either be a tablet that's developed or an app for your phone, or the easiest way possible and what is convenient for you. If we have a tablet that you thought would work for you, you could use a tablet. If we have a phone app that you would like to use, that's how we would like you to report. I mean this -- We need to try and make this as easy as possible for the people who are reporting this information.

We understand it's a burden to you guys, to some degree. The commercial guys have been doing it for years, and it's going to take some time for you all to get involved in this program. I mean no VMS and, like I said, the most easy way we have for you to report. Now, there may even be some people who can't report electronically, and we may have to do paper for them, but however they would choose to do it, we're going to be flexible.

MR. GOMEZ: For instance, I own four charter boats in Key West, and so it's hard enough getting my boys to show up in the morning, much less tell you what they caught. In my opinion, you would get a whole lot of false information doing it that way. I always thought it was a good idea to have those young people that come to our dock to actually see the fish. I would be more apt to say bring them more often. You know, it used to be daily, but I don't see them as much anymore.

MR. HARTIG: Things happen with budgets and things of that nature. The for-hire and the headboat surveys, they have been pretty important, and it gives us something to groundtruth, to some degree, the information that you're going to be sending us in the future, so we'll have an idea.

MR. GOMEZ: I think you're suffering from a lot of false information. That's it for me, Ben.

MR. COX: My name is Tyler Cox, and I'm with the Fishing Vessel Never Settle, here in Canaveral. It's a commercial vessel. I hold a kingfish permit and a snapper grouper. What I would like to say is, first off, I am very new to the commercial fishing industry. I've only been fishing for two years commercially. Prior to that, I spent fourteen years as a lieutenant with a local fire department, and my last four years there, I was with administration.

One of the most important things I learned when I first started that position was that I had to listen to the guys in the field before I could implement any kind of change or any kind of policy or any kind of new way of doing things, as far as firefighting or EMS or running a station or running a department.

Having worked in that field and done that position, and I feel like you're open to that, I hope that you're able to listen to what the guys here are saying, because we, as commercial fisherman, are the ones out there doing this every day.

With that said, I definitely support the March 1 opening, which is the preferred in Amendment 2, and I hope that you guys consider this, and not only just take statistical data, but also listen to what the guys in the field are doing every day, because we are the ones out there. We are the ones working and trying to not only provide, but make a living for ourselves. I just hope that you listen and I appreciate you letting me speak today.

MR. HARTIG: I appreciate it, Tyler. I mean the council has heard that a lot, about fishermen's information, and during the visioning session, we are going to try and find a way to get with the fishermen more often and probably have a fisheries evaluation sheet that you can fill out every year, if you choose to. The more people that would do it, the better. It would probably be voluntary at first, but so you can tell us about the changes you see, so we can look at the different areas and see the changes that are occurring.

Then some of this could actually be incorporated into the assessment down the line, with recruitment and things of that nature, and so we are looking at using fishermen's information more closely in the future, and so I appreciate that recommendation.

MR. COX: Great, and then the other thing that -- I know it's not really on any of the amendments, but I would like to have the option to be able to report electronically as a commercial fisherman. I know that you guys are doing that with the charter boats, but it would be nice to be able to do it electronically.

MR. HARTIG: We are working on that.

MR. COX: That would be fantastic.

MR. SAPPE: I am Tony Sappe, a commercial king mackerel fisherman. You know, Ben, I went to that meeting in Salerno and you know we looked at those numbers. Just like she tried to go over it, there's a lot of -- That is really hard to even comprehend on this amendment here, but I know I'm a lot happier when I fish in March. Even sometimes it's bad weather. Last year, I didn't get to fish and I was working on a boat, but there was good weather.

Even when it's bad weather and you only get a few days in there, you still get to make some money, because it's a big price and it's good, because there is a lot of bad weather sometimes in the month, but I am for a March 1 opening.

I am for more fish for the Panhandle than what they're -- I want that quota to get as much as they can, because they deserve it, really, and I want to -- Like I tell you every meeting, I want to be able to travel and go catch these kingfish no matter where, and --

MR. HARTIG: Keep telling the Gulf that.

MR. SAPPE: Well, you know, that's why I don't believe any of the meeting people really --I mean but one thing good about it, from what she was saying, is when they don't agree with us and you don't agree with them, nothing is going to change, and so that is pretty good for me, because I've only got another ten or fifteen years and it won't matter if I can go anywhere or not, and so it isn't too much longer and I will be old.

MR. HARTIG: That's a double-edged sword, what you said about the Gulf, you know us getting involved in the Gulf's recommendations and them getting involved in ours. I mean right now, the Gulf has a different preferred than we do for one of the options, and so if we can't rectify that problem, the amendment is not going go anywhere. It's going to be critical that we're able to do that.

I mean, in the past, we have been able to negotiate some things with the Gulf and that's a good thing, but after the AP today came out with some recommendations different than what the Gulf has, it makes it problematic, but we'll see what happens with that.

MR. SAPPE: Yes, and just like the numbers though with these and how they're going down and stuff each year, I mean that really concerns me too, because I mean it might be good right now, but it needs to be good to where we can make a living from here on out. That's all.

MR. O'MALLEY: I am Tim O'Malley, and I've been doing this all my life, and I am from the Panhandle, but I've been fishing over here all of my life too, and so I definitely want to go on record for the March 1 opening. Like my friend, Tony Sappe, said, I ain't got much longer in this racket either. Time is ticking down, but I would like to finish it out, and we do need more fish over there in the Panhandle, for sure and for certain. There's not a whole lot more to say. I just want to be on the record for those two things.

MR. HARTIG: So you fish in both areas?

MR. O'MALLEY: I do. I have done it all my life. I've been in Louisiana since the 1970s, and I live in Fort Walton Beach, but I've been coming over here all my life, too. I was born in the Keys, and so I had both oceans to fish on. I would just like to finish up doing what I do. I mean it's real simple.

I talked with Kim out there, and I haven't been getting the information that I need, because I have a charter service over there, and I talked to her out there, and I guess we just got three more fish for the recreational fishing. It's good in that racket I've got going there, but that works for me. That's what I have to do to make a living anymore, but I want to support my friends over here. I've been fishing over here too all my life, and so I think that March 1 would be great, and, from what I'm understanding about the lines up there, the Volusia line, I think that needs to be changed. That's all I've got to say.

MR. SURIANO: Brian Suriano, and I'm a commercial king fisherman. I support a March opening, and I also am for more fish for the Panhandle as well. I fish there and I enjoy that fishery, and these guys talking about they only have ten or fifteen years left, well, I'm in the same boat, but I do have kids, and I think it's the council's responsibility to make sure that there is a fishery for if my children want to participate in it, and there are other people with children, too. As a government entity, it's the job of the government to make sure we have that pursuit of life, liberty, and happiness, and, for us, fishing is that. That's pretty much all I have to say.

MR. QUATRARO: Al Quatraro, Fishing Vessel Zora. Ben, what are we doing? A guy wants his kids to fish, right? When I was a kid -- We talked about this, and I'm going to say it again, but this was a slap in the face recently, when I heard the roller rigs in the Keys are getting 300,000 more pounds.

MR. HARTIG: I haven't looked at the numbers on what they got, based on the divisions. They got 3 or 4 percent.

MR. QUATRARO: I don't care if you gave them ten more pounds, because if you gave them ten more pounds, to capture ten pounds, they're going to put fish on the bottom to do it, right? Okay. So let's back up a little bit, because every meeting I have ever gone to, since I was probably about that big -- I was a teenager, or less. I said that was a big fight then, and let's get rid of them. What are they doing down there still?

MR. HARTIG: They are being phased out. They can transfer it through their family, but that's the only way, and it has to be immediate family. They can transfer the permit.

MR. QUATRARO: So they didn't get more fish?

MR. HARTIG: Well, yes. I mean they got -- They don't have any more fish yet, but the proposal is -- When we split the Gulf, re-split the Gulf up, and we took one zone of it it, there is one less zone over there, and so how they split the pie up will be different. There is a number of different ways that they have laid that out, and so the Gulf preferred option doesn't give them as much fish as what our AP suggested that they give them.

MR. QUATRARO: Suggested you give them?

MR. Z. BOWEN: They get 21 percent, and the Panhandle gets 18 percent.

DR. MacLAUCHLIN: That's the preferred.

UNIDENTIFIED: Ten people get 21 percent and a hundred people get 18 percent?

MR. QUATRARO: They shouldn't get anything. You know we've got a hundred guys here that are feeding a lot of families, and a few fish could go a long way on this coast. Meanwhile, you've got -- These roller rigs are getting a big chunk of the pie and there's how many guys are there, ten of them or eight of them, but keep this in your minds. It's been a forgotten word, and it's called "fallout".

For them -- A runaround gillnet is a piece of junk. Purse seining was against the law, but these guys figured out a way to purse seine with a gillnet, and so you can get the picture. There is a word called "fallout", and so to catch their 500,000 pounds, they're putting a couple hundred thousand pounds on the bottom. There was a study done in the 1970s or whatever. Divers were going down and photographing them, and so keep that mind.

Here we are, a group of guys here, and I mean we've got to get the March opening. It's very important. Without spinning everyone's wheels, I support Alternative 2 on Amendment 26, and look. There has been a few problems with king fishing, and I don't mean with the political side of king fishing. I mean with kingfish themselves.

The first major problem there ever was, it was the roller rigs, and we eliminated them here on this coast, and so to see them down there still doing it, it was like a slap in the face when I heard the 300,000, and I already said that.

The other problem we face now is the conditions in the ocean, the changing ocean. I mean that cold-water upwelling we had, the upwellings used to be short-lived and spotty. It got cold over here and the fish moved over there. Two weeks later, that went away and everything was beautiful. Where the fish came to the surface, you caught them off the surface.

Then we had the giant upwellings that went from one end of the coast right on up to the Carolinas, and that's when our landings went to nothing, and it showed up in your statistics. The first problem was the roller rigs and the second problem was the cold-water upwellings. The

third problem is pollution and algae blooms and stuff. The fish are running ragged. They don't know where they want to settle in and it's -- Now we've got cold water again in the middle of the winter. It might be the runoff from the state, or I don't know what's going on there, but it made the fish very flighty.

Also, and, Ben, you've got to hear this, but we would be tied up at the dock right now if we had the weather this winter, but the quota would be full, and we would be waiting until April 1, and then what do you get in April? If you're lucky, you might get eight days. Then the whole winter went by and what happened? Because we're sharing the quota with a lot more guys, the charter guys and everyone else.

All the years that we could have been filling the boats up, we were leaving them biting at fifty and seventy-five head, when there was thirty of us. Now we're sharing the fish, and so we've just got to make sure there's enough there to split this thing up, where we can get through. Can I say anything else? Did we make any sense?

MR. HARTIG: I think you did good. You brought up the net controversy. We haven't heard much about that in a long time.

MR. QUATRARO: It just ain't right. Am I allowed to say anything else? You know the mahi thing, that was a slap in the face, not being able to sell them. The Incentive out of Sebastian, Bruce Alcock, he's an ace charter fisherman. What is the bag limit on mahi?

MR. HARTIG: Ten.

MR. QUATRARO: Ten? He wants to see that number reduced.

MR. HARTIG: Most charter people do.

MR. QUATRARO: It makes his day easier, right, and they're happy with it.

MR. HARTIG: They don't have to clean as many little dolphins.

MR. QUATRARO: Right, and they don't need ten. If you're looking to conserve them, and meanwhile, we can't sell -- I catch one or two or three, because we're not on the mahi grounds. We're inside of them. We don't go out there looking for them, but as a bycatch, I would like to sell them. We're going to keep them anyways. We're allowed to keep them. Why shouldn't we be able to sell them? Recruitment, you've been hearing the stories. Any questions?

MR. Z. BOWEN: When you referred to you couldn't sell your dolphin, you're talking about on a charter trip?

MR. QUATRARO: No, I'm a commercial hand line king fisherman.

MR. Z. BOWEN: You're talking about for the closure?

MR. QUATRARO: Yes, and I think that they're working on that.

MR. HARTIG: We're working on it, but still, with dolphin, it seemed like it was just a really good year. When these years come up -- They only live to be four years old, and so we should be able to take advantage of those years when they're abundant.

UNIDENTIFIED: They only live to be four years old?

MR. HARTIG: That's all they live to be, is four years old.

MR. QUATRARO: I would like to say something. When you're trying to make a living here on this coast, and you're not a charter fisherman, you're strictly hand line king mackerel, that's the only permit I've got. I mean I can only catch that, mahi, and wahoo. Mahi and wahoo, that's incidental catch. You get a big wahoo, and we hand line anyway, and you're liable to lose them, but it's important to be able to fish year-round.

We really don't get the big -- There is times of the year that we're only making a few bucks, and you don't have a charter paying you $800 to bring you out there. You're going to go -- You know what I mean. Some days, you're looking to make a couple hundred dollars. That's all you're going to make, or a hundred, after expenses, but you've got to be there. You're got to keep an eye on things. You're going and looking.

A couple of incidental fish is going to help you cover your expenses, and you need guys like me out there to keep an eye on things, and so all this plays into it, to keep a full-time commercial boat going up and down the coast.

MR. HARTIG: To get a better handle on recruitment, do you think it's a good idea that maybe we take a select group of fishermen who are able to keep everything they catch, or a catch a -- I mean you would be able to keep your commercial trip limit, but then, if you saw some of these small fish, you would be able to keep them as well, so we could bring them back and sample them? Do you think that's an interesting idea?

MR. QUATRARO: That's up to you guys. I mean --

MR. HARTIG: I mean I'm asking you.

MR. QUATRARO: Sure it's a good idea. I mean has Keith Bowen spoke yet? I know years ago I told you, because it used to be remarkable to me, because I've seen it so many times when, like at Wabasso Rock or something, in the cold water -- I've told you that. This little-bitty fish that are -- He brought up a good point on the way up here, and why are they in there? He was like, they're hiding. Just picture it. If those little-bitty fish were out there where the feed is going on, they are liable to get eaten by the kingfish, and so it is a mystery why they can be in there in that cold water. The other day -- Keith has been seeing them inside of --

MR. HARTIG: I talked to him.

MR. QUATRARO: You talked to him? But do you all know what an umbrella rig is, with four hooks? Keith has got two of them on. He left piles of those fish marking inside the offshore bar. I didn't know this and he told me out there, but then he got into Thomas Shoal, where it comes up to sand humps, and he said they started marking again, solid marketable fish. He was

dropping his umbrella rigs in and getting four on on each side, four and four, four and four. He would drop the line and boom, four fish, and so the recruitment is there.

Now, when the people that research, when they go up off of Daytona, because they knew the little fish were there before, and they drag and drag and drag and look for them and they don't see them, that's because they're looking in the wrong place. It's a big ocean, a big ocean. Things move.

MR. BURDETT: My name is Mark Burdett. I'm a snapper fisherman, Fishing Vessel Never Settle. I just want to let you know that I support Alternative 2, Preferred Alternative 2, the opening season in March, with having the two seasons. That's pretty much it. I just know March is a good time and to be able to make sure that we have time to fish throughout the month.

MR. BUSSEN: Scott Bussen, and I run a commercial boat and charter operation out of Port Canaveral, and I am with most of the guys in here. Obviously we all want to see a March opening for the kingfish. I didn't look at it enough, but I am assuming everybody is saying two, and so I'm kind of with the crowd on that.

Obviously we need to make the most of the resource that we get, and March seems to be the predominant month to get the best price for them. We get a good price in June and a couple other months of the year, but there's not the numbers that we see in the migratory fish. Obviously we're seeing numbers of fish right now, but we get to February and they're all in big knots running around like maniacs. Some of them are small fish and some of them are a little better. Anyway, as far as that goes, I am behind all of that, opening up in March.

I do have a comment about the dolphin, and it's not exactly what you guys are talking about, but it kind of goes along with Albert's thing and what he said about Bruce Alcock. If you can get down to managing dolphin a little bit better, I would say cut it to about three per person, maybe two, and up the size limit, so they've got to be a gaffer, maybe thirty-inches. I think you will eliminate those people bailing sixty or eighty-head of those little fish, and you're going to see a marked increase in the fish.

I mean if you catch a twenty-inch mahi, and you're going to catch, I don't know, 80 percent of them that are going to be cows, they're all full of roe. There's no sense in keeping them. You get two sandwiches out of a twenty-inch fish. Just to throw that out there. That's one of those things that kind of peeves me, when I see somebody carrying ten fish up in a bucket. That next year, it's going to be a ten-pound fish, a quality, gaffer-sized dolphin.

One other thing is I just sat through this this charter boat reporting thing here, and I just -- It was hard for me to sit through, honestly. I was telling Gregg over there that whether it's charter or commercial, we're all fishing sunup to sundown. I get a charter, and I get to my boat at 6:00. If I'm lucky, I get away from it by 6:00.

The last thing I have time for is to do twenty-minutes of more BS. My wife is ready to kill me as it is for being in this business. That might just be the straw that breaks the camel's back, when I get home and return seventeen phone calls and emails, and then I have to sit down for another twenty minutes and do some reporting, and I can tell you if you do that that you're probably not going to get the best information.

From what I've seen over there, that little chart that he put up over there, it was pretty detailed. Once again, in a nine-hour charter day, I don't have time to sit down. I run without a deckhand. Most of the guys I know at the Port run without a deckhand, and there is very little time to make notes or do anything like that while you're fishing.

You have charter clients, and you've got to spend your time talking to them, and so you just -- To me, it's just astronomical the amount of paperwork we have to do as it is, and then you're going to tell me if I miss a day of reporting that I can't go fishing. How do you know whether I was fishing or not, honestly? How do you know when my boat leaves the dock? How do you know whether I'm charter fishing or commercial or what have you?

MR. HARTIG: You would have to fill out weekly no-fishing reports.

MR. BUSSEN: I understand that, but I could fish a hundred days in a row and just write up no-fishing reports. I am not being a smartass about it, but I'm just saying anybody that is in this business generally isn't in it for the money. They do it because it's what they like to do. They make enough to feed their families and to be out on the ocean every day, and the paperwork -- I don't know about some of these guys, but paperwork is my nemesis. The last thing I want to do is deal with paperwork or a computer at the end of the day.

MR. Z. BOWEN: How long does it take you to do your commercial reports when you commercial fish?

MR. BUSSEN: I don't know, ten minutes a page, or more, because I have to repeat everything I have to write. I have to repeat it seventeen times in a row, because I typically leave them until they're in a pile.

MR. Z. BOWEN: So, on an average, you go out for twelve hours and you commercial fish and you come back and it takes you how long to fill out that report, start to finish?

MR. BUSSEN: I don't know. I don't get a check for a week, or the check might be ten days out, and so I might have -- By the time I get that check, I might have two weeks' worth of reports to fill out. Then it's an hour. That's an hour out of my time on my one day off that I have, that I don't have to fix a hundred things on my boat. Just, to me, the paperwork is astronomical in this business.

MR. Z. BOWEN: The charter boat electronic reporting came about because we heard, up and down the coast, that we need better data and we need more data and we need accurate data, and we just -- I think that amendment derived from that, because that's a step, we think, in the right direction. We hope that would be a step in the right direction.

MR. BUSSEN: I am with you on that, and I am personally tired of data getting extrapolated out of thin air, and I am with you on that. I would more than happy to help, but it's just when you start telling me if I'm fishing a hundred days in a row in the summertime that I've got to do ten or fifteen-minutes of extra work a day, that's a lot. That's a lot out of my day. Do you know what I mean? That's fifteen more minutes I could spend with my wife when I get home.

I have a problem thinking along the lines that you're going to take the information off of my boat and use that and weight it however you want when you do data. Let's just say on a typical day of summertime king fishing -- If I have clients from out of town, I'm going to go catch king mackerel. I am going to go find big kings and catch them, because they're fun and people love it.

MR. Z. BOWEN: You carry six people?

MR. BUSSEN: Up to six, yes.

MR. Z. BOWEN: Without a deckhand?

MR. BUSSEN: Correct.

MR. Z. BOWEN: You fish right here off the east coast of Florida?

MR. BUSSEN: That's right.

MR. Z. BOWEN: So you're going to have fourteen kingfish, if you max out.

MR. BUSSEN: Hopefully, yes, but what I'm saying is -- I lost where I was going with it. It's just what I'm saying is if you take my data from every day and say, okay, this guy is catching fourteen kingfish a day, and if you factor that into the recreational sector, it's not going to work, because the people that live in the State of Florida go out and they fish for dolphin or wahoo, or they bottom fish for grouper or amberjack, and they don't even like amberjack, most of them. You know what I'm saying? They only want one certain thing. If you use my data on king mackerel, or the other fifteen boats that are in my marina, it's going to look like the recreational sector is killing all the king mackerels.

MR. Z. BOWEN: What we're trying to do, what we hope will end up eventually happening, and things take time in this process, as everybody in this room is fully aware, but what we would hope the end result in this process would be, it would be to get those charter guys that may have to report out of MRIP. That's the goal, so we don't have overinflated estimates. That's what we're trying to do.

MR. BUSSEN: If you take the charter boats in Port Canaveral that I know, and you take their summertime data catching king mackerel, and you're going to have overinflated estimates. If you go to the boat ramp, or watch the guys that come in with their private boats and fillet their fish at our cleaning table right there, you're not going to see too many kingfish in there, but you might see every charter boat come in with eight to ten. There has been a problem with data.

MR. Z. BOWEN: We all realize that, and it comes from MRIP. We all realize there's some questions about it and problems about it, and if we can get this to where the charter boat fleet is out of MRIP and we're working off of hard numbers, instead of inflated estimates, the chance of closed seasons for the charter boat fleet reduces greatly.

MR. BUSSEN: For that, I will do a little bit of data, but I'm just telling you that you're going to come up with some -- You're probably not going to get everything honestly.

MR. Z. BOWEN: Fourteen kingfish times six days in a row won't take you five minutes to fill out, and it's worth it.

MR. BUSSEN: I don't know. There's a hell of a lot more questions on that thing than that.

MR. RIGGS: Rick Riggs, and I run the Commercial Vessel Rock Bottom out of Port Canaveral, Florida. I am going to make this short and sweet. I just want to make a comment on Amendment 26. Action 4, Alternative 2, and open up March 1 and keep us fishing. Let us go out there and make some money. I think the rest of the guys are for that, too. You know you shut down before and everybody is sitting at the dock, not happy. They're not paying bills. That's it.

MR. LAMB: Don Lamb, commercial fisherman, full-time. The first thing is a March 1 opening would be great. As far as logbooks, you already have a form for the logbooks that we already fill out. I hate doing them, but it would be a lot easier if I've got an app on my iPhone or something to do them, because usually we're having to do them while we're unloading the fish and pulling the gloves off and you've got guts and everything else, and you try to dry your hands off and try to fill the paperwork out, and it's not fun.

We've got to do it every day now, because of VTR numbers, and so that's why the logbooks probably look a little messier than they used to, when we used to do it at home. Now we've got to do it in the boat, and trying to keep the logbook dry in the boat is kind of tough, too. Maybe if we had an app on the phone, we could do it, but no more information than -- I mean what you've got on the logbook is fine and let's not have to put latitude and longitude and where we caught our fish.

Our intellectual property has already been taken, and I know you've got to say all the information we put goes to a certain place, but anybody can get a hold of it. If you can get nuclear secrets off of the government, then all of our fishing spots obviously could be public knowledge like that. I don't believe that anything is sacred anymore, but what little bit we have left, we would like to maybe keep.

MR. Z. BOWEN: But you're okay with the grids?

MR. LAMB: The grid is fine. Just let's not add more any more information. I've got to do the discard report, and I've got to do the logbook report, and I've got to do the expense report. I mean I've got the IRS and I have them every year, and now I've got the IRS every day? I mean come on. They know what I'm spending on bait and what I'm making everything, and it's like, I thought that was the IRS's job. I don't know what that has to do with fishing, but if I don't do it, I don't get my permits.

MR. HARTIG: It's part of the economic analysis that our economists use.

MR. LAMB: They say 20 percent, but I've got all three.

MR. HARTIG: It's not 20 percent anymore. They have picked you based on a number of things. If you fish a lot, you get picked. If you catch a lot of fish, you get picked.

MR. LAMB: If you're a full-time fisherman and you've got paperwork like this, you know? The more you fish, the more paperwork you get. It just don't seem fair. I am all about you guys getting good data and everything to help us out fishing and keeping our fish stocks plentiful, but that was of the things with the logbooks, is let's not go ahead and go to a -- Now that we're on a computer, it's like, oh, look at all the room we've got now and now we can get even more information. Let's keep it to what we've got.

I will go for a March 1 opening, and I just want to fish year-round. I don't want to be shut down. If we're got to bring it down when we get a certain percentage, that's fine. Let's keep our stocks healthy and our paychecks coming in every week.

MR. Z. BOWEN: You almost said that dirty word, "IFQ", but maybe you didn't.

MR. HARTIG: No, he wasn't going to say that. You had better not mention that in this crowd.

MR. LAMB: That's another thing, too. Like the nets down south, you've got ten or twelve fishermen that have permits. I understand they've had them forever, but I mean they used to net off of here, too. They got rid of them, and I don't know how they were able to lobby and keep their permits down there, but whatever. They've got it, but how you're allocating more fish to ten people, rather than we have a whole bunch of fishermen here. You're feeding a lot more families here, and I know that isn't all they fish for, whereas this is all we fish for, or a lot of us it's all we fish for. It's all we can fish for, because we can't afford to buy IFQ.

I can't afford to pay $50.00 for a red snapper that takes me ten years to make my money back. That's just not feasible. I would love to have a couple thousand pounds of it, but I can't afford to do that. I can't afford to fish for free for the next ten years, and so, with that being said, like I said, to give it to ten, when you have a lot more families and fishermen that it would help out a lot more, I think it just doesn't make sense to me, and I would like to see the Panhandle have more of it. They need more fish and the guys there got, what, 8 percent or 10 percent? It's a very small amount, I mean the people that live there year-round.

I fish both coasts, and I have friends that come here and fish this coast and they fish that coast. We go where we've got to go to make a living, and so I just don't think it's fair to give it to ten when you have so many others that really could use it.

MR. HARTIG: Do you fish the Panhandle and the western Gulf?

MR. LAMB: Yes, if I'm able to. Thank you.

MR. TURNER: James Turner, commercial hook and line king mackerel fisherman. I am definitely for the March opening. I do this to make money, and if you take March away from us, that would be horrible. Anything that Mason said in here earlier?

MR. HARTIG: Well, he said a lot of things.

MR. TURNER: Good, because I am 100 percent behind him. As far as the net fishing goes, that's ridiculous. I've talked to them guys down there. They want to get them and go, and

they've got better things to do. I mean they're lobster fishing and trap fishing and it's nothing but a quick buck for them guys. I think it's pretty crazy that they're still in the business and that's all I've got to say. You know, also, as far as the -- I wasn't here earlier, but as far as, I guess, what we're going to get on the --

MR. HARTIG: As far as the amount of fish?

MR. TURNER: The number going down each year, I mean it's crazy.

MR. HARTIG: It's based on -- In some assessments, they look at recruitment and it goes up. In others, it goes down, because of the uncertainty and the concern.

MR. TURNER: I feel like if anybody has rebuilt this stock, it's this group of guys on the east coast. I mean we limited ourselves to fifty fish many years ago, to help rebuild this stock, and I feel like other people keep getting more and we keep getting less. I mean we just want to fish year-round.

We proved ourselves a long time ago. I mean let's make more money. I'm in it to make money. I am not in it to see how many fish I can catch. I want to get top dollar, and that's one reason why I don't want to see March get taken away. I mean that's Lent. Why would anybody want to not be able to fish during Lent?

MR. HARTIG: It's one time where you can take volume fish and get a good price. That's the critical part of it. I have seen Lents where the volume overwhelmed the prices, but in most Lents it doesn't, and so --

MR. TURNER: When it comes to king mackerel, the Gulf is closed down, and we're the only ones producing king mackerel. It's good during Lent. We're the only ones producing, and so if you take that away from us, there ain't going to be nobody producing king mackerel. I guess they can pull the net fish out of the freezer during Lent, and they can get some good money for their fish then. It's crazy.

I would like for you all to go down there one time and watch them fish come off that boat. Who eats them? They've got to go to the freezer, because you can't cut the fish. If I was to come to the dock and the Marine Patrol would stop me -- My stepfather got a ticket, because he had no ice on his fish, but they were in chill water. I mean the fish was cold, stiff, hard as a rock, but these net boats can come to the dock with 20,000 or 30,000 pounds of fish on the boat without a speck of ice. It's twenty-four or thirty-six hours later before they get these fish out of the net. I mean they look like noodles.

MR. HARTIG: They are bound by -- They have to carry ice. If the Marine Patrol is --

MR. TURNER: They put it on top of the net. It was sickening what the people were unloading. I don't know where the fish are going. Absolutely the Panhandle needs more fish. They deserve more fish. That is crazy what they get over there. I mean there's more and more -- I am one of the fellas that travel, and so I would like -- I mean this year, in Louisiana, due to the weather that lasted so long, when we got to the Panhandle, it had closed down. I would like to think that

maybe I would be able to fish over there. Anyhow, that's all I've got to say and please don't take March away from us. We need it bad. Help us out, fellas.

MR. K. BOWEN: My name is Keith Bowen, and I'm a commercial king fisherman. I think that Alternative 2, with the March 1 opening. As far as the recruitment, I feel like it's kind of crazy that we didn't get the highest -- Anyway, we're always seeing -- This last couple of weeks, it's unreal amounts of twelve to eighteen-inch fish, like massive quantities.

I think everyone else here fishing has seen them, too. There's been a lot of big fish this whole entire season, until this point and the small fish started pulling in, which last year we only had small fish, and everyone was asking where were the big fish. I'm saying the weather has a lot to do with it, because we weren't fishing at all hardly last year. It was so rough that they could have come through.

Anyway, what I'm saying is there's plenty of big fish that we've been catching, and there is a lot, a lot, of small twelve to eighteen-inch fish. I was going for like, it had to have been 200-yards, forty-foot thick, straight through this mark. I had two rigs on it, and I thought it was big fish. I was getting excited. Nothing came, nothing happened, and so when I got out of the mark, finally, I pulled up my stuff and I had eight twelve to eighteen-fish on every single rig, and that same day, I saw like two or three other real big clouds of fish, and the same thing happened. I pulled up my rigs and all these small fish. I'm just letting you guys know that there is a lot, a lot, of fish coming up. Anyway, that's all I have to say.

MR. HARTIG: Let me ask you a couple of questions. One question is, when you said you were catching big fish early in the season, what were the limits? What was the average limit?

MR. K. BOWEN: We've been catching 500-plus this whole time through. The small fish just started, really. Maybe a couple of weeks up in Daytona, but, for the most part, they've been nice fish, and they're still nice fish, big fish. It's just February, and so it's hard to -- We do need more fish in the Panhandle for sure, because that is a tiny, tiny quota. It's pretty ridiculous, but if you're going to spread it all out, it's a nice place to fish, and those guys, they need it. So do we. This time of the year, it works out really well for some of the people over here. Anyway, that's all I have to say.

MR. Z. BOWEN: This is your home port here?

MR. K. BOWEN: Yes, and I'm actually Mason Bowen's son. He was the one on the AP, but I just wanted to let you guys know what I've been seeing, what we've been seeing, just to let you guys know what's up this way.

MR. HARTIG: I appreciate that. That recruitment information, I hadn't heard that until I was driving up today, and I got a call from somebody else who said exactly what you were saying about those big marks of those little fish. Those are fish that were actually spawned this year. They were spawned this past summer, and they're already this big.

MR. K. BOWEN: I have never seen a mark of fish that big. It was pretty unbelievable, to drive for that long and seeing --

MR. HARTIG: That just adds to the recruitment we've had.

MR. K. BOWEN: Anyway, I just wanted to let you guys know. It's just eyes on the water and what we see. Thank you.

MR. DEVEIN: My name is Johnny Devein. I'm a fourth-generation. I fish a lot of different fisheries. I am for the March 1 opening. It would be a shame to get shut down and have the roller boat fish come on the market and ruin the price. I think that's about it.

MR. DALBESIO: My name is David Dalbesio. I fish out of Port Canaveral, the Surface Tension. I just want to get on the record that I am for the March 1 opening, and we need some more fish in the Panhandle.

MR. HILL: Nicholas Hill, king mackerel fisherman. I travel also. 60 percent for the Panhandle, and I agree with whatever Mason said. I have a couple of questions. On that North Carolina quota, if it doesn't get sold, will it be transferred? Did anybody work on that yet?

MR. HARTIG: It can be transferred, I mean if we make a request to have it transferred.

MR. HILL: I think we all want that. Probably nobody has brought it up, but we surely all want that.

UNIDENTIFIED: If they can't catch it, we can. We can try.

MR. HILL: Right. The charter fish data, which I don't charter fish or anything, but we all know what the charter fish data did to the snapper industry. It wiped it out. Between that, the fuzzy math, and the bad model, I think I would be real careful with the data that I get, because it's a proven fact that it just don't work. The model don't work and the data didn't work, and it's a disaster. It's just a total disaster. Anybody that fishes, anybody that puts a hook in the water, no matter what style of fishing they're doing, they're coming up with snapper. You've got to leave, but there is no snapper.

Then the same thing with the recruitment. The recruitment with the kingfish is great, the best it's been in a long time. The recruitment methods for the SEDAR stink. They're in the wrong area, and they don't take notice of the conditions. You know they're trying to find recruitment where there's no fish. They're not going to be there. The water is sixty-eight, but we'll go look anyway, and it don't work.

The logbooks, everything on the logbooks -- I don't know what the charter stuff is, but it's all redundant. If you're familiar with the trip sheets, which it's been for years, gosh, twenty-years now, it's like you just go in there and it takes like three minutes.

MR. Z. BOWEN: Tell that to the guy who said it took twenty minutes.

MR. HILL: No, I said for twenty years. It's been twenty years. If you had it like that, you could just go in there, because you don't have to put your name in or nothing. Just it's right there and you just hit just a few numbers, and I know what he's talking about with family life, because the guy -- I'm sure you could make an app for it or anything, but the logbooks for us, I've got to add

my phone number every time I go fishing. It's crazy. You've got to write your FL number and everything.

If you look at the trip sheets for the State of Florida commercial, the guy that designed them, probably twenty years ago, I mean it's great. I can't remember, but it's been so long since I filled one out. I used to have to do it commercially, fill out trip sheets and stuff like that, for the dealer. It was just like bam, you're done, because everything is there, your boat ID, your method of fishing. Unless you change your method of fishing, you will have to change it, but it's all there. You just put in the numbers and you're done.

The Gulf and Atlantic Councils combined is a good thing, I think. It keeps everybody in check. They can't do something crazy, and we can't do something crazy. I'm sure I know what they would do if they could.

March 1 is a good opening. Also, if they want to change the date in Louisiana -- I don't know who was there in October of this year, but it was a bad price and a fiasco. It will make it a derby fishery, and what comes after derby fishing? Quota. I'm sure we don't want that. That's what you have to be careful of.

The net boats get 500,000. If they go to 800,000 pounds for ten to twelve boats, their fish -- If you check their fish -- Somebody needs to go down and put a thermometer in the last 10,000 pounds that come off. They're probably eighty, or whatever the air is. They're probably ten-degrees higher than the air temperature, because of the heat of the engine. It's illegal. They're mush.

I mean I have fished on them boats. If you catch 800,000 pounds, it's going to be over probably about 1.2 million that you're going to -- Not counting what you throw back, not counting what falls out, not counting what gets mashed and destroyed. It's a bad product, and you need to find out who is eating it. Just do a little research before you give it all away. I guess if the dolphin only lives four years, we ought to be able to keep all the four-year-old dolphin that we could catch. Is there a trip limit on dolphin, commercial trip limit?

MR. Z. BOWEN: We're working on an amendment that will put one in place now. We have a preferred alternative that's 3,500 pounds.

MR. HILL: There is boats that are catching --

MR. Z. BOWEN: But that's from memory.

MR. HILL: Those boats are catching --

MR. HARTIG: There's a trigger.

UNIDENTIFIED: At 75 percent, it goes to whatever.

MR. HARTIG: 3,500 or 4,000. I can't remember.

MR. HILL: There's boats up in Jacksonville and stuff and they're still going in and I mean they're catching 30,000 or 40,000 or 50,000 a trip, a trip. That's a little over the top. It's good for them.

MR. Z. BOWEN: That's one reason that the commercial fishery closed this past year, and so that's the reason the council is taking action to look at some trip limits, so that that wouldn't happen in the future.

MR. HILL: Maybe they could do the same thing like they did, or I don't know what they're going to do with the tilefish, but have the longlines separate. You know cut them off and then we could still catch them. What do I catch, 200 or 300 pounds a year, 400? I don't even know.

MR. HARTIG: We couldn't do that in this short time. We took a short-term measure with what we could accomplish, so this season, hopefully, the other thing wouldn't happen. Down the road, we've got a number of options, just like you said, trip limits for each sector.

MR. HILL: I guess that's about it. Did I say 60 percent for the Panhandle?

MR. RILEY: My name is Sean Riley, commercial king fish fisherman, out of Sebastian, Florida. I just would like to say that I support the March 1 opening. That's it. Thank you.

MR. RICHMOND: Randall Richmond, commercial king fisherman. I support the March 1 opening, and I believe we ought to get more kingfish into the Panhandle. That's it.

MR. BUSSEY: My name is Jim Bussey, owner of Seafood Atlantic, for the record, and I would like to address the council on a couple of issues. First of all, I think the most significant breakthrough and realization in any kind of scientific development that I've seen in years is Peter Barile's breakthrough with his evidence for significant king mackerel recruitment into the Atlantic stocks.

Peter has done a magnificent job in bringing forth to the Science and Statistical Committee, the South Atlantic Council, the advisory panel -- They have all come together and realized that indeed there are significant recruitments out there in the king mackerel fishery, and the stocks are robust and the fishery is healthy.

That being said, I want you all to realize that ACL, which is the annual catch limit, should, in our fishery, equal ABC, which is the acceptable biological catch, and what that means is if Alternative 2, which we all prefer, ACL equals ABC, is not chosen, and the Science and Statistical Committee and the Gulf AP, through politics over recruitment, are preferring Alternative 3, you will lose over a million pounds of fish in your fishery if Alternative 3 is chosen and Alternative 2 is rejected.

Alternative 2 is based on Peter Barile's breakthrough in honest science and honest stock recruitment. Now, we have the SEDAR program that's done on landings. Landings on the east coast have changed erratically, but, also, again, Mr. Barile has proven, through the years of data that was provided to him by the National Marine Fisheries Service, that our landings go up and down cyclical over a seven or eight-year pattern. They go high and then they go low, and we are

just coming out of our low, and so it was so proven last year, when we were all freaking out, because we thought there were no fish left.

Now they are here, and we're trying to manage them properly, and so realize today that ACL must equal ABC. Do not let them do anything other than that. If you have to go to the mat and fight for it -- From what I understand, and I was not here today, but, from what I understand, in the advisory panel meeting before this one, the Barile paper, which was accepted before, is now being considered to be accepted again, but Bonnie Ponwith, who is the head of the Science and Statistical Committee, stated that we cannot give the east coast ACL equals ABC, but, yet, they gave the Gulf ACL equals ABC.

Why did they do that? Because, according to them, the Gulf catches all their fish every year, and so they get ACL equals ABC. We don't catch all of our fish every year, and so we have a recruitment problem, but do we have a recruitment problem because of lack of stocks? No, we don't have a recruitment problem, and it's been stated in Peter's paper that we do not have one, and I do believe that Ben Hartig and others agree the same way, and so here we are.

We're at a pivotal point, where Alternative 2 and Preferred Alternative 3 are going to give you a million pounds or take away a million pounds, and so please do everything you can, in your power, to make sure that this council goes along with the findings that Peter Barile has developed over the last year.

Seafood Atlantic, representing many of the fishermen over here on the east coast, is in total support of Alternative 2. Seafood Atlantic is also in total support of a March 1 seventy-five fish opening. That will provide our fishermen with a higher price and access to a fishery that the consumer needs to have access to. These fish go on the open market, they go on the market fresh. Lent is a very valuable time of year, and we should not take these fish away from the consumer.

By putting our fishery from a March 1 opening rather than a March 31 opening, we will provide access and the kingfish market will be open. The fish will flow to New York, Boston, California, Houston. People will be eating kingfish during Lent, and you guys will experience a good price, and that's what we want, and there's no reason why we shouldn't get it.

It's logical and it's there. The fish are there and the recruitment is there. I don't know what kind of boxes to buy anymore, big boxes or little boxes. What size are the fish today? They're all big. What size are the fish tomorrow? They're all little. That's what I've been going through here for two months. I don't know whether to order big boxes or little, and so I order both.

I'm sending a lot of big fish to California, and at the same time sending a lot of fish where people say they are too small, and so we've got -- Every landing that we have is small fish and big fish combined at this time. This week, we landed 50,000 pounds, and the landings were varied from small fish to big fish. Pull out the twenty and ups, pull out the fifteen and ups, and we had a good selection, which means we have a robust recruitment. All those guys are out there. All those year classes are out there swimming together, and all you guys from Jupiter to New Smyrna are socking it to them.

That's all. Closing is, directed to the council and the Science and Statistical Committee, is --It's a proven fact that our recruitments are here and we have three healthy year classes out there swimming around, and we have a robust population of fish. You need to go to ACL equals ABC.

(Whereupon, the public hearing was adjourned.)

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PUBLIC COMMENT ATTENDANCE RECORD

Public Hearing & Scoping Meeting

LOCATION OF MEETING: Cocoa Beach, FL

DATE: February 3, 2016

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