

Status Update

# Coastal Migratory Pelagics Joint Amendment 29

(Changes in Allocations for the Gulf of Mexico Group  
of King Mackerel)

South Atlantic Mackerel Committee  
June 2016



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## **ACTIONS FOR AMENDMENT 29**

- Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Quota Sharing
  - includes options for each sector's access to the Gulf king mackerel ACL
- Adjust the Recreational Accountability Measure (AM) for Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel
  - post-season accountability measures
- Modify the Framework Procedure for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic FMP
  - options to allow changes to the ACLs through the closed framework procedure

## **BACKGROUND**

The South Atlantic Council and Gulf Council approved Amendment 26 for formal review in March 2016 and April 2016, respectively. The Councils had selected the No Action alternative as the preferred alternative under Action 8, which that would change the commercial and recreational allocation system of Gulf king mackerel. However, the Gulf Council is interested in continuing to explore options for quota sharing of Gulf king mackerel and directed staff to start work on Amendment 29. The Gulf Council is also considering adjusting the recreational AM for Gulf king mackerel and modifying the framework procedure. The Gulf Council will develop the actions and alternatives, and the South Atlantic Council will review the document in September 2016.

## **TENTATIVE TIMELINE FOR AMENDMENT 29**

- ✓ Jan/April 2015- scoping (as a part of Amendment 26)
- June 2016- Gulf Council reviews options paper and provide direction to staff
- August 2016- Gulf Council reviews public hearing document and approves for public hearings
- September 2016- South Atlantic Council reviews the amendment
- September/October 2016- public hearings
- October 2016- Gulf Council reviews public input, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for formal review
- December 2016- South Atlantic Council reviews public input, selects preferred alternatives, and approves for formal review
- January 2017- Submit for Secretarial review