

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
FINAL SUMMARY REPORT
ALLOCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
North Charleston, South Carolina
July 8-9, 2008**

The Allocation Committee met on July 8th and 9th, 2008 in North Charleston, South Carolina. The Committee received a presentation from Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA General Counsel, on language in the Magnuson Stevens Act regarding allocations.

The Committee discussed various allocation alternatives for species included in Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 including:

- Alternative 1. No Action
- Alternative 2. Allocate based on the average of longest catch range (lbs) for each sector (1986-2007) – see cumulative catch tables for data used
- Alternative 3. Allocate based on the average of recent catch trends (lbs) for each sector (2005-2007) – see cumulative catch tables for data used
- Alternative 4. Allocate based on the following formula for each sector:

$$\text{Sector apportionment} = (50\% * \text{average of long catch range (lbs) 1986-2007}) + (50\% * \text{average of recent catch trend (lbs) 2005-2007})$$

whereby,

$$\text{Allocation}_{\text{sector}} = \frac{\text{Sector apportionment}}{\text{Summed sector apportionments}}$$

- Alternative 5. Split allocation equally among the three sectors

The Committee also discussed the following alternatives for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment including:

- Alternative 1. No Action
- Alternative 2. Allocate based on the average of longest catch range (lbs) for each sector (1986-most recent yr) – see cumulative catch tables for data used
- Alternative 3. Allocate based on the average of recent catch trends (lbs) for each sector (last 3 yrs of data) – see cumulative catch tables for data used
- Alternative 4. Allocate based on the following formula for each sector:

$$\text{Sector apportionment} = (50\% * \text{average of long catch range (lbs) 1986-2007}) + (50\% * \text{average of recent catch trend (lbs) 2005-2007})$$

whereby,

$$\text{Allocation}_{\text{sector}} = \frac{\text{Sector apportionment}}{\text{Summed sector apportionments}}$$

Alternative 5. Split allocation equally among the three sectors

The Allocation Committee reviewed the list of economic data needs created by the Committee and Dr. Jim Waters in April 2008. The Committee approved of this list and requested that staff incorporate this list into the annual Research Needs document.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION 1. RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL THAT THE SNAPPER GROUPE COMMITTEE USE THE ABOVE FIVE ALTERNATIVE SCENARIOS FOR ALLOCATING ACLs AMONG THE SECTORS IN AMENDMENT 17.

BOYLES/GEIGER
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION 2. RECOMMEND THAT THE FIVE ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVES ABOVE ARE APPLIED TO THE ACL COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT SPECIES AS LISTED:

KING MACKEREL
SPANISH MACKEREL
CERO
SPINY LOBSTER
DOLPHIN/WAHOO
OTHER SNAPPER GROUPE SPECIES NOT COVERED IN AMENDMENT 17

(Note: Cannot apply five alternatives to Wreckfish (no landings history for hire and recreational sectors and non-ITQ snapper grouper permit holders))

GEIGER/BOYLES
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

The Committee provided the following guidance to staff:

1. Incorporate economic and social data needs into Annual Research Needs document.
2. Prepare tables of percentages and number of pounds implied by each of the alternatives recommended to the Snapper Grouper Committee in September for each sector.