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SUMMARY OF THE MACKEREL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
February 3, 2010
The Battle House Hotel
Mobile, Alabama

Committee members present:
Fischer, Chair
Ray, V. Chair
Crabtree
McIlwain
McKnight
Minton/Anson
Sapp

The committee was convened by Chairman Myron Fischer and the agenda was adopted as written. The minutes of the October 21, 2009 meeting were approved with a minor change.

Draft Options Paper for Amendment 18

Dr. Leard reviewed the proposed schedule for completion of Amendment 18 and a summary of the activities that would likely occur to meet that schedule. He noted that the Draft Options Paper for Amendment 18 was currently incomplete due to the need for additional data and additional action by the SAFMC that could not be completed prior to our meeting. He reviewed the Actions and alternatives relative to the Gulf stocks that had been developed and noted that further development was likely before the Council's April 2010 meeting. The Committee also discussed the need to review the framework and to make it as consistent with Reef Fish as possible.

The Committee made no recommendations with regard to these initial actions and alternatives.

The Committee also discussed a potential change to the Control Date for Gulf Group king mackerel in the event that a catch share program was developed using landings as the basis for share allocations. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends and I so move to set a control date of June 30, 2009 for Gulf group king mackerel.**

Dr. Leard reviewed potential complications and a proposed schedule for the development of a limited access privilege program (LAPP) or catch share program for king mackerel. The Committee also discussed other potential actions that were previously included in the Scoping Document. **The Committee made no recommendations with regard to these potential**

activities at this time.

Following additional discussion, **the Committee recommends and I so move to set a control date of March 31, 2010 for Gulf group Spanish mackerel.**

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.