

SUMMARY OF THE MACKEREL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

October 21, 2009

Holiday Inn – Emerald Beach

Corpus Christi, Texas

Committee members present:

Teehan, Chair

Anson

Crabtree

Fischer

Ray

Sapp

The agenda was adopted as written. The minutes of the June 15, 2009 meeting were approved as written.

Review of Scoping Meeting Comments and Options from the Scoping Document for Inclusion in Options Papers

Dr. Leard and Dr. Simmons reviewed the scoping meeting comments. Dr. Leard discussed a possible approach was to consider the options for establishing annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) as well as the framework changes in Amendment 18, and other options in Amendment 20 or a regulatory amendment where appropriate. He also stated that if the Council desires to develop a limited access privilege program (LAPP), it might be more appropriate to do so in a separate amendment. The Committee then discussed the potential of a LAPP for coastal migratory pelagics (CMP) and possible issues and problems due to the joint nature of the FMP with the SAFMC and other concerns.

Before addressing the potential of a LAPP amendment, the Committee further discussed Amendment 18 options. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends and I so move to pull everything out of the document that relates to Amendment 18.** Mr. Teehan indicated that the intent of this motion was to allow staff to develop an options paper for Amendment 18 from these options.

The Committee then continued its discussion of a LAPP amendment for the CMP fishery. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends and I so move to begin moving forward with a commercial LAPP program for the king mackerel fishery.**

The Committee then reviewed to options in the scoping document for inclusion in an options paper for Amendment 20 and a potential regulatory amendment. Following discussion, **the Committee recommends and I so move to add blackfin tuna to Section 3.2.4 of the scoping document and incorporate this into the options paper for Amendment 20.**

By consensus the Committee approved including all of the other options (other than those related to Amendment 18 and LAPPs) into an options paper for Amendment 20 and/or a regulatory amendment.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.