

**Mackerel AP Motions**  
**North Charleston, South Carolina**  
**August 18-19, 2009**

The South Atlantic Council's Mackerel AP met in North Charleston and addressed the following motions:

**I. KING MACKEREL**

AP MOTION #1: RECOMMEND OPTION 4 (ACL=8.356 MP)  
APPROVED BY AP

AP MOTION #2: RECOMMEND STATE BY STATE ALLOCATION OF COMMERCIAL QUOTA BASED ON HISTORICAL CATCHES  
DISAPPROVED 5 TO 3

AP MOTION #3: RECOMMEND COMMERCIAL QUOTA BE ALLOCATED INTO TWO REGIONS: NC/SC AND GA/FL  
APPROVED 6 TO 1 AND 1 ABST.

AP MOTION #4: RECOMMEND THAT AMENDMENT 18 CREATE A SEPARATE CATEGORY FOR RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT SALES SO THEY DO NOT COUNT AGAINST THE COMMERCIAL QUOTA [INTENT THAT IF NMFS CANNOT CREATE THIS CATEGORY THEN PROHIBIT BAG LIMIT SALE]  
MOTION WITHDRAWN

AP MOTION #5: NO SALE OF RECREATIONALLY CAUGHT FISH  
APPROVED 6 TO 2

AP MOTION #6: SUGGEST REDUCING THE BAG LIMIT RATHER THAN REDUCING THE LENGTH OF THE FOLLOWING FISHING YEAR  
APPROVED BY AP WITH 1 OBJECTION

AP MOTION # 7: STATUS QUO ON RECREATIONAL MANAGEMENT CHANGES [INTENT TO REEXAMINE AFTER A YEAR WHEN POTENTIAL EFFORT SHIFT FROM SNAPPER GROUPER COULD TAKE PLACE]  
APPROVED BY AP

AP MOTION #8: REDUCE THE COMERCIAL KING MACKEREL MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FROM 24" TO 22" FORK LENGTH  
APPROVE BY AP

## **II. SPANISH MACKEREL**

AP MOTION #9: RECOMMEND ACL = 8 MILLION POUNDS (OPTION 5)  
APPROVED BY AP

AP MOTION #10: SUGGEST REDUCING THE BAG LIMIT RATHER THAN REDUCING  
THE LENGTH OF THE FOLLOWING FISHING YEAR  
APPROVED BY AP 6 TO 2

AP MOTION #11: SUGGEST OPTIONS B & C.  
[TABLED UNTIL TOMORROW]  
UNTABLED  
[INTENT THAT THIS NOT APPLY TO HEADBOATS]  
APPROVED BY AP

Option b. Set a maximum bag limit of 60 Spanish mackerel per boat for charter boats.

Option c. Set the individual bag limit at 15 per person with a maximum of 60 per boat.

AP MOTION #12: PROHIBIT SALE OF RECREATIONALLY CAUGHT SPANISH  
MACKEREL  
APPROVED BY AP 6 TO 2

## **III. COBIA**

AP MOTION #13: REDUCE THE BAG LIMIT TO 1/PERSON REGION-WIDE  
DISAPPROVED WITH 1 IN FAVOR

AP MOTION #14: REDUCE THE RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL BAG LIMIT TO  
1/PERSON IN STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS OF SC  
NO SECOND

AP MOTION #15: FOR SC, FROM APRIL 15 – JUNE 15, RECREATIONAL ONLY,  
CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

1. 1 FISH BAG LIMIT
2. 2-FISH BAG LIMIT WITH 39" SIZE LIMIT
3. 1 FISH AND MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT OF 39"

APPROVED BY AP WITH 1 OPPOSED

AP MOTION #16: NO SALE OF RECREATIONALLY CAUGHT COBIA  
APPROVED BY AP 6 TO 2

#### **IV. FRAMEWORK CHANGES**

The AP was informed that these changes must be made to track the new SEDAR process and provide for the new requirements of the Reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act. The AP had no objection to this administrative change.

#### **V. OTHER MOTIONS**

AP MOTION #17: NOMINATE FOR CHAIR: BOB PELOSI  
APPROVED BY AP

AP MOTION #18: NOMINAT RONNIE HOUCK FOR VICE-CHAIR  
APPROVED BY AP