

# TAB C

## SUMMARY OF THE MACKEREL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

April 18, 2012

OMNI BAYFRONT HOTEL

Corpus Christi, Texas

### Committee members present:

Myron Fischer, Chair

John Greene, V. Chair

Larry Abele

Kevin Anson

Roy Crabtree/Phil Steele/Steve Branstetter

Pamela Dana

Robin Riechers

Corky Perret

The agenda was adopted as written. The minutes of the January 30, 2012, meeting in Mobile, Alabama were adopted as written.

### Review of Scoping Comments for Amendments 19

Ms. Muehlstein reviewed the comments from the scoping meetings for Amendment 19 as shown in **Tab C, No. 3**.

### Review of Options Paper for Amendment 19 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP

Dr. Leard reviewed the Actions and Alternatives that were developed based on the Scoping Document, changes made by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and some reorganization of the issues and actions from IPT meetings. The Committee then began a review of each of the proposed actions in the Options Paper for Amendment 19.

**Action 1:** Following discussion, **the Committee recommends and I so move to direct staff to add an Alternative 4 which would require that for a person to sell king or Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ of the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic, those fish must have been harvested aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel permit/endorsement for each species taken and prohibit the sale of king or Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit.**

**The Committee also recommends and I so move that In Action 1, Alternative 3, to remove “South Atlantic Council” and to add Option a. Gulf Council and Option b. South Atlantic Council to read as follows:**

**Alternative 3:** Prohibit the sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit except for allowing sale by for-hire vessels that possess the necessary state and federal commercial permits to sell CMP species harvested in or from:

Option a. the South Atlantic Council’s jurisdiction

Option b. the Gulf Council’s jurisdiction.

Prohibition of sale during a commercial closure would apply.

**The Committee also recommends and I so move that In Action 1, to move Alternative 2: (For a person to sell king or Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico, those fish must have been harvested aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel permit/endorsement for each species taken.) to the considered but rejected section.**

**Action 2:** The Committee did not recommend any changes to the alternatives.

**Action 3:** The Committee did not make specific recommendations but requested that the IPT revise the alternatives to potentially create a tournament permit, prohibit sales, and ensure that sales (if allowed) would be counted against the recreational allocation, as well as reporting requirements and who is responsible for reporting, etc.

**Action 4: The Committee also recommends and I so move, to eliminate Option c.**

Option c. Six years before the control date (2004-2009).

- i. Average of all years
- ii. Average of the best five of six years
- iii. At least one of the six years
- iv. At least two of the six years
- v. At least three of the six years

**Action 5: The Committee also recommends and I so move, to eliminate Option c.**

Option c. Five years (2004/2005-2008/2009 or 2005/2006-2009/2010)

- i. Average of all years
- ii. Average of the best four of **five years**
- iii. At least one of the five years
- iv. At least two of the five years
- v. At least three of the five years

The Committee also requested that the threshold landings qualifications be revised to the lower catch levels and that Table 2.5.1 be revised to reflect a longer catch level consistent with Options a and b.

**Action 6:** The Committee also recommends and I so move, to move Action 6 (Passive Reduction of Permits) to the considered but rejected section.

**Action 7:** The Committee did not recommend any changes to the alternatives.

**Action 8:** In Action 8 a motion was made to remove Alternative 2 as follows:

*Alternative 2: If established in Action 1, establish an income requirement for the cobia permit consistent with the requirements for Gulf and South Atlantic commercial king and Spanish mackerel permits. Maintain existing income requirements for Gulf and South Atlantic commercial king and Spanish mackerel permits.*

However, the Committee had exhausted its allotted time prior to a vote.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee deferred the remaining agenda items to the full Council, and this concludes my report.