



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Mackerel Cobia Committee

Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 –8:30 A.M. – 10:00 A.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes (June 2023)

1. CMP Framework Amendment 13 (Spanish Mackerel) (*Attachment 1*)
 - Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - **Committee Action:** review decision document and approve for scoping.
2. Mackerel Port Meetings Update (*Attachment 2*).
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. **Committee Action:** review document and provide guidance to staff.

3. Topics for Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Meeting
Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

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Attachments

Attachment 1: CMP Framework Amendment 13 Options Paper

Attachment 2: Mackerel Port Meetings Update Document

Staff Lead: Christina Wiegand (christina.wiegand@safmc.net)

OVERVIEW

Mackerel and Cobia Committee

The Committee will approve the minutes from the June 2023 meeting and the agenda for the September 2023 Committee meeting.

1. CMP Framework Amendment 13 (Spanish Mackerel) (*Attachment 1*).

Description: The SSC met in April 2023 and determined that the stock assessment for Atlantic Spanish mackerel (SEDAR 78) was sufficient for providing stock status and for providing catch level recommendations using model output but not projections. In June 2023, the SSC chair provided the Council details of the SSC discussion and associated catch level recommendations. The Council directed staff to begin work on a framework amendment to update catch levels, but to hold off on development of a full plan amendment to address management measures until after mackerel port meetings have been completed. Staff will present an options paper with draft actions and alternatives for discussion.

Committee Action: Review options paper and approve amendment for scoping.

2. Mackerel Port Meetings (*Attachment 2*).

Description: Based on recommendations from the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel, the Council directed staff to begin work on a plan to conduct port meetings for king and Spanish mackerel to gain a comprehensive understanding of the fisheries to improve management efforts. At the June 2023 meeting, the Council discussed goals and objectives for port meetings and approved the development of a planning team. Staff will provide the Council an update on recent discussions with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and next steps.

Committee Action: review document and provide guidance to staff.

3. Topics for the Spring Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Meeting

Description: The Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel is scheduled to meet November 7th and 8th in Charleston, South Carolina.

- CMP Framework Amendment 13
- Mackerel Port Meetings
- King mackerel tournament landings
- King mackerel fishery performance report
- Citizen Science update

Committee Action: review and approve Advisory Panel agenda topics.

Other Business