

FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
EXECUTIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Kitty Hawk, NC
December 5 & 6, 2018

The Committee approved minutes from the October 2018 meeting and the agenda.

Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed H.R. 200 “Strengthening Fishing Communities and Increasing Flexibility in Fisheries Management Act”, a bill that provides more flexibility for managing recreational fisheries with reauthorization of the MSA.

In the Senate, S. 1520 “Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018” was introduced on July 10, 2017 and reported with an amendment on June 5, 2018 and is the only Senate bill currently under discussion. There are some efforts to try and pass a simplified version of S. 1520 before the end of the current session.

Gregg Waugh reviewed a Senate Staff Working Draft of a MSA Reauthorization Bill for use in the next Congress; Senate staff have requested comments by the end of December 2018. The Committee reviewed the Bill, provided input, and indicated they would provide additional comments by December 13th. Gregg will send a draft letter to the Chair to review on December 14th with the goal of getting comments in by December 18th.

Gregg Waugh mentioned the SHIFT bill provided by Tony DiLernia, MAFMC Liaison, and suggested members review the document (now posted on SAFMC website) and get any comments to staff. Gregg will circulate a draft letter to all Council members with a short deadline for comments.

Gregg Waugh will use past Council comment letters and the CCC Working Paper to develop comments on these bills.

CCC Working Paper

The Working Paper has not been updated since our last meeting. Gregg Waugh will ensure the document is updated by the end of December and distributed to all Council members.

Status of Approved Calendar Year (CY) January-December 2018 Expenditures

Gregg Waugh presented the CY 2018 Expenditures through November 15, 2018 and corrected values for Health/Dental, Office Rent, and General/SEDAR Subtotal to match the values approved in October 2018. The cost reductions approved by the Council for 2018 were successful in capping costs and providing savings to meet the Councils goal.

Council Follow-up and Priorities & Tiering

The Committee discussed priorities for Council and staff work prior to the March 2019 Council meeting. The Committee also made tentative decisions for the June and September 2019 Council meetings as well.

For March 2019, the Council wants to work on:

SG Reg 30	Red Grouper Rebuilding
SG Reg 31/DW Reg 2	Rec Accountability Measures Modifications
SG Reg 29	Best Practices & Powerheads
DW 10	ACL sharing, OY, and other actions
SG 45/GC 11/Sa 4/C 11	ABC Control Rule Wreckfish ITQ Review
SG 42	Sea Turtle Release Gear & Framework Modifications Review of Allocation Triggers Policy

For June 2019, the Council is considering working on:

SG Reg 30	Red Grouper Rebuilding
SG Reg 31/DW Reg 2	Rec Accountability Measures Modifications
SG Reg 29	Best Practices & Powerheads
SG 38	Blueline Tilefish north of Cape Hatteras
DW 10	ACL sharing, OY, and other actions
SG 46	Recreational Permits & Reporting
SG 45/GC 11/Sa 4/C 11	ABC Control Rule (perhaps?)
C 10/S 11/GC 10	GC fishing areas/Oculina/Allowable Trawl Zones, etc. Wreckfish ITQ Review Review of Allocation Triggers Policy

For September 2019, the Council is considering working on:

SG Reg 31/DW Reg 2	Rec Accountability Measures Modifications
SG Reg 29	Best Practices & Powerheads
SG 38	Blueline Tilefish north of Cape Hatteras
DW 10	ACL sharing, OY, and other actions
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The Committee discussed the process of soliciting Council priority rankings. Two suggestions were made for future iterations. First, the Committee asked that upcoming white papers and options papers be included in the list. Second, the Committee requested that the staff-assigned tiers be on each rating form on Survey Monkey.

Preliminary List of Items for January-December 2019 Calendar Year (CY) Budget

The Committee reviewed the list of items provided in Attachment 5, including adding a MAFMC Liaison. They removed consideration of an additional SSC meeting; they added contract support for David Whaley and support for ongoing training for current Council members through some type of Forum-like meeting. The Committee directed staff to prepare a draft 2019 budget based on this input.

Other Business

The Committee briefly talked about the proposed rule for Financial Disclosures and Voting Recusals and directed staff to review and prepare comments prior to the February CCC meeting and March 2019 Council meeting. The Council will finalize comments on or before March 6, 2019.

Motions:

The Committee approved the following motions:

MOTION#1. SAFMC IS NOT IN FAVOR OF SECTION 302(b)(2) BEING APPLIED TO THE SAFMC.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

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(Note: This refers to requiring Governors to nominate 1 commercial, 1 recreational, 1 charter/headboat, and 1 other person with fishery management expertise for each open Council seat.)

MOTION #2. SAFMC IS NOT IN FAVOR OF SECTION 108(b)(5).

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

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(Note: This refers to requiring each Council to hold a roll call vote on all non-procedural matters before the Council.)

Note: Council staff drafts the timing and task motion based on Committee action. If points require clarification, they will be added to the draft motion. The Committee should review this wording carefully to be sure it accurately reflects their intent prior to making the motion.

Timing and Task(s)

MOTION #3. ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):

- 1) Directed staff to prepare draft comments on the Senate Staff Working Draft MSA Reauthorization bill. Comments from Council members are due to Gregg Waugh by 12/13/18; a draft letter to the Chair on 12/14/18; and final comments sent on 12/18/18.
- 2) Directed staff to prepare draft comments on the SHIFT bill. This bill may be introduced in the current session. If so, we will not have time to get our comments to them in time. Staff will monitor and prepare comments for the Chair's review if the timing works out.
- 3) Directed staff to prepare draft comments on the simplified S. 1520 bill. This bill may be introduced in the current session. If so, we will not have time to get our comments to them in time. Staff will monitor and prepare comments for the Chair's review if the timing works out.
- 4) Directed staff to prepare a draft 2019 Calendar Year (CY) January-December budget for review at the March 2019 meeting based on guidance provide at the December 2018 meeting.
- 5) Directed staff to work on the following items for the March 2019 Council meeting:
SG Reg 30 Red Grouper Rebuilding
SG Reg 31/DW Reg 2 Rec Accountability Measures Modifications

SG Reg 29	Best Practices & Powerheads
DW 10	ACL sharing, OY, and other actions
SG 45/GC 11/Sa 4/C 11	ABC Control Rule
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