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MEMORANDUM

Date: 3/25/11
TO: Mackerel Advisory Panel
FROM: Gregg Waugh *GTW*
SUBJECT: Mackerel Advisory Panel Meeting April 6-7, 2011

The Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) will meet in Charleston beginning at 1p.m. on April 6th and ending at noon on April 7th here in Charleston.

The Council met March 7-11, 2011 and reviewed the Gulf Council's motions on Mackerel Amendment 18 and the SAFMC approved the modified amendment for public hearings; the public hearing schedule is shown below. A Final Mackerel Committee Report is attached showing the most current Council action. The Committee also provided some guidance on issues to be addressed in Amendment 19 that will address sale of bag limit caught coastal migratory pelagic species. The following documents are included:

1. Revised agenda
2. Final Committee Report showing actions on Amendment 18 & other items
3. Presentation on Cobia Research in SC & Beyond
4. Amendment 19 (Prohibition of Sale) Discussion Paper

Mackerel Amendment 18 and the Public Hearing Summary will be sent to you next week by March 30th or 31st at the latest.

The Scientific & Statistical Committee is meeting April 5-7 in Charleston and will be reviewing Mackerel Amendment 18 and providing their final ACL/ABC input.

This AP meeting will give you the opportunity to provide your recommendations to the Councils for their June 2011 meeting where they will be finalizing all Mackerel Amendment 18 actions. We have scheduled a Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Mackerel Committee meeting for Thursday, June 9th from 8:30 am-11:00 am during the GMFMC meeting in Key West; public comments will be taken on Thursday, June 9th in the afternoon; final action will be taken during a joint Council session on Friday, June 10th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (Mackerel is scheduled for 3:00-4:00 p.m.) during the GMFMC meeting where both Councils will finalize Mackerel Amendment 18. **THIS MEANS THAT ALL MACKEREL ACTIONS WILL BE FINALIZED DURING THIS JOINT COUNCIL SESSION AND THE SAFMC WILL NOT ADDRESS MACKEREL**

AMENDMENT 18 AT THEIR JUNE 2011 MEETING; the SAFMC will address Amendment 19 during their meeting.

Look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

cc: Council Members & Staff Rick Leard
Monica Smit-Brunello Jack McGovern
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SAFMC MACKEREL & SPINY LOBSTER PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public hearings will be held from 5-7 pm.

Dates (April 2011)	CMP Am 18 SAFMC	Spiny Lobster Am 10 GMFMC	Spiny Lobster Am 10 SAFMC
4/20	Key West, FL	Key West, FL	Key West, FL
4/19	Duck Key, FL	Duck Key, FL	Duck Key, FL
4/18	Cape Canaveral, FL		Cape Canaveral, FL
4/14	Jacksonville, FL		Jacksonville, FL
4/13	Pooler, GA		Pooler, GA
4/12	N. Charleston, SC		N. Charleston, SC
4/11	New Bern, NC		New Bern, NC