

**MACKEREL COMMITTEE
STUART, FL
June 9, 2009**

Staff briefed the committee on coordination work with the Gulf Council: Gulf Council Staff will take the administrative/staff lead on Mackerel Amendment 18 and South Atlantic Council Staff will take the administrative/staff lead on Spiny Lobster Amendment 9. The Committee reviewed and approved the Gulf Council's scoping document with the following modifications:

1. Section 3.3.7 – Add Little Tunny to Option 3.
2. Section 3.3.9 – Change “Bag” to “Bag/Size” in the wording of the action.

The Committee reviewed the South Atlantic Council's Decision Document and provided guidance to staff on the range of alternatives to be analyzed for Amendment 18:

1. A. Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel - Add an alternative to prohibit recreational sale.
2. B. Atlantic Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel –
 - a. Add Alternatives for TAC/ACL = 8 & 9 million pounds.
 - b. Add Alternative for reducing the Bag Limit from 15 to 10.
3. C. Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia – Add an alternative for spawning closures in specific areas.

The Committee directed staff to publicize the scoping process and notify the public of the additional opportunity to provide additional scoping comments.

The committee approved the following motions:

**MOTION #1: APPROVE THE GULF SCOPING DOCUMENT FOR SCOPING WITH THE ADDITION OF LITTLE TUNNY TO THE FMU AND ADDING SIZE LIMITS FOR THE NEW SPECIES
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION #2: FOR MACKEREL AM 18 TO INCLUDE ACLS, AMS FOR SPANISH AND KING MACKEREL AND COBIA. FURTHER, AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE, STAFF BEGIN ANOTHER AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS THE ADDITIONAL ISSUES NOT INCLUDED IN AMENDMENT 18
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**