September 9, 2012

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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To Chairman, Mr. David M. Cupka,

On September 6, 2012 Mr. Ben Hartig and Mr.Peter Barile requested a meeting to be held in Port Salerno Florida on the subject of King Mackerel. There was a good cross section of multi species King Mackerel fishermen and single targeted species King Mackerel fishermen. Sixty to sixty five fishermen came from Cape Canaveral southward to the Boynton area. This area also includes the largest commercial live bait effort on the east or west coast of Florida.

The presentation by Mr. Barile and Mr. Hartig gave data of fish production levels and curves influenced by water temperatures, effort, along with other possible variables over the past twenty to twenty five years for the South Atlantic Stock of King Mackerel.

After the presentation there was extensive discussion by the fishermen on a variety of concerns in the King Mackerel Fisherles for the South Atlantic stock; a few examples of the topics; poundage limits, permitting, quotas, health of stock, effort, involvement in management, water conditions, and influence of other predictors. (Sharks)

A consensus' was reached by those who attended this meeting to sustain from any management proposals, and any regulation changes in trip limits, size limits, or proposed seasonal spawning closers in the South Atlantic King Mackerel plan until the up coming stock assessments are reviewed.

Respectfully,

MikeBake

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We the undersigned King Mackerel Fishermen represent the consensus reached at the Port Salerno King Mackerel meeting on September 6, 2012 as stated in a letter dated September 9, 2012 to Chairman of the South Atlantic Council Mr. David M. Copka.

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