

**FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
MACKEREL COMMITTEE MEETING
Orlando, FL
June 14, 2012**

The Committee received an update on current king mackerel and Spanish mackerel landings (commercial and recreational) for the 2012/2013 fishing year. Council staff reviewed CMP Amendment 19, which incorporated Gulf Council actions, Mackerel AP recommendations, and comments from the Gulf Council scoping meetings under each action. The Committee did not review Amendment 20 or the Framework items during the committee meeting.

The Committee made the following motions for Amendment 19:

Action 1: Sale of king mackerel and Spanish mackerel.

MOTION: Adopt the language for Alternative 2 as indicated:

Alternative 2: Prohibit sale of king mackerel caught ~~in federal waters~~ under the bag limit, with the exception of for-hire trips in which the vessel also holds a federal king mackerel commercial permit. Prohibit sale of Spanish mackerel caught ~~in federal waters~~ under the bag limit, with the exception of for-hire trips in which the vessel also holds a federal Spanish mackerel commercial permit. All sales of king and Spanish mackerel during a commercial closure are prohibited.

Option a: South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Accept the recommended change in language under Alternative 3.

Alternative 3: Prohibit sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught ~~in federal waters~~ under the bag limit (for-hire and private recreational).

Option a: South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 2: Sale of cobia

MOTION: Add another alternative:

Alternative 5: Prohibit sale of cobia caught under the bag limit (for-hire and private recreational).

Option a: South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 3: Tournament Sales of King Mackerel

MOTION: Add the wording recommended by the AP to a new Alternative 5.

Alternative 5: Create a set aside from the recreational king mackerel ACL for tournament sales.

Tournament organizers would be required to report all king mackerel harvested during the tournament, and any sale provision of these fish should be left up to the state.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Select Alternative 2 as the Preferred.

Alternative 2: Establish a federal king mackerel tournament permit to be obtained by tournament organizers in order to sell or donate tournament-caught king mackerel. Sale is prohibited during a commercial closure, and all fish sold or donated shall be counted against the recreational allocation of the ACL.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE (1 objection).

MOTION: Add Alternative 5:

Alternative 5: If a state tournament permit is comparable to the federal tournament permit, the state permit could serve in lieu of the federal permit.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Note: At Council, this motion should be amended to read “Alternative 6.”

Action 4. Elimination of Latent Endorsements in the Gulf Group King Mackerel Gillnet Sector

No Committee Actions.

Action 5. Elimination of Latent Permits in the King Mackerel Hook-and-Line Sector

MOTION: Track Gulf actions to eliminate the option to consider minimum landings from 2005-2009 and move the action for passive (2-1) reduction to Considered but Rejected.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Add new alternative 4 as recommended by the AP:

Alternative 4: Do not allow sale (allow transfer to family members) of latent permits but do not eliminate them.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Accept the IPT recommendations to remove sub-options ii, iv, and v under Alternative 2.

Alternative 2: Renew commercial king mackerel permits if average landings met the threshold (defined below) during:

- Option a. All years with data available (1998/1999-2009/2010)
 - i. Average of all years
 - ii. ~~Average of the best x years of the 12 years~~
 - iii. At least one of the 12 years

- iv. ~~At least two of the 12 years~~
- v. ~~At least three of the 12 years~~

Option b. Ten years (1999/2000-2008/2009 or 2000/2001-2009/2010)

- i. Average of all years
- ii. ~~Average of the best nine of ten years~~
- iii. At least one of the ten years
- iv. ~~At least two of the ten years~~
- v. ~~At least three of the ten years~~

Option c. The threshold for average reported landings would be:

- i. 1 lbs
- ii. 100 lbs
- iii. 500 lbs
- iv. 1,000 lbs.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Establish an appeals process similar to appeals processes in other plans.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Change the dates in Alternative 3 to Sept 17, 2010.

Alternative 3: Renew commercial king mackerel permits only if the permit had reported landings in:

Option a. The fishing year ending ~~June 30, 2009~~ **Sept 17, 2010.**

Option b. At least one of the five years preceding the ~~June 30, 2009~~ **Sept 17, 2010.** control date

Option c. At least two of the five years preceding the ~~June 30, 2009~~ **Sept 17, 2010.** control date

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 6. Federal Regulatory Compliance

Alternative 2: All vessels with federal commercial king and/or Spanish mackerel permits, as well as CMP charter permits, must comply with federal CMP regulations when fishing in state waters if the federal regulations are more restrictive.

Note: The Council needs to approve the language in this alternative.

Action 7. Modify or Eliminate Income Requirements for Gulf and South Atlantic Commercial Coastal Migratory Pelagic Permits

No Committee Action

Action 8. Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel Gillnet Endorsement

No Committee Action.

Direction to staff to add options for qualifying periods (5 years prior to 9/17/2010 and 10 years prior to 9/17/2010), and add another option for qualifying pounds (5,000 lbs).

Public Hearings

**MOTION: Approve CMP Amendment 19 for public hearings.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.**