

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FROM THE MACKEREL COMMITTEE MEETING  
Jekyll Island, GA  
March 1, 2010**

The Mackerel Committee met on March 1, 2010 in Jekyll Island, GA. The committee received presentations by:

1. Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, reviewed the items in the Mackerel Amendment 18 Options Paper and indicated that he is working with Rick Leard to get MSY, OY, and ABC/ABC Control Rule alternatives included for the South Atlantic stocks. In addition, some reorganization to show all the joint decisions in one section, all the Gulf decisions in one section, and all South Atlantic decisions in one section. This would help during public hearings and public review.
2. Gregg reviewed the Gulf Council's decisions where they took no action on the Amendment 18 Options Paper, established a control date for Gulf King Mackerel of 6/30/09, and established a control date for Gulf Spanish Mackerel of 3/31/2010.
3. Gregg also reviewed the SEFSC's response to our data request and noted that all data requested will be provided by March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Committee discussed the Amendment 18 options paper and agreed that the suggested changes should be made. They also discussed whether joint meetings of the two Councils' mackerel committee would be beneficial. George Geiger reported that he had discussed this with Gulf Council staff and members at the last Gulf Council meeting and they were all in agreement. The Committee agreed that this would be beneficial and approved the motion shown below.

The Committee discussed participation in the Gulf king mackerel LAPP work. It was agreed that the South Atlantic Council will request that the Gulf Council allow some participation of South Atlantic fishermen. The South Atlantic Council will appoint some individuals to attend, and Ben Hartig will attend the upcoming meeting representing the Council.

Mr. Hickman did not provide any new information for the committee to consider so no action was taken.

Under Other Business the Committee was briefed about the reopening of the Gulf king mackerel northern zone fishery. Ben Hartig thanked NMFS for looking at the data provided by industry and reopening the fishery.

**Motions**

**MOTION#1: SEND LETTER TO GMFMC REQUESTING THE SAFMC GET REPRESENTATION ON THEIR KING MACKEREL LAPP AD HOC AP APPROVED BY COMMITTEE**

[DIRECTION TO STAFF TO WORK WITH BEN HARTIG AND GET 3 INDIVIDUALS AND NAME 2 WITH 1 ALTERNATE]

MOTION #2: REQUEST THE GULF COUNCIL THAT WE ESTABLISH A JOINT MACKEREL COMMITTEE MEETING  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #3: TIMING & TASK FOR STAFF

1. SEND LETTER TO GMFMC ABOUT MEMBERSHIP ON LAPP/CATCH SHARES AD HOC GROUP
2. SEND LETTER TO GMFMC REQUESTING A JOINT MACKEREL COMMITTEE MEETING

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

**Direction to Staff/Team**

1. DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK WITH GULF STAFF TO STRUCTURE THE AMENDMENT 18 DOCUMENT WITH THE MSY, OY, AND ABC/ABC CONTROL RULE ACTIONS AND ORDER BY COUNCIL ACTION (JOINT ACTIONS, THEN GULF ACTIONS, AND FOLLOWED BY SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ACTIONS).
2. DIRECTED STAFF TO WORK WITH BEN HARTIG AND GET 3 INDIVIDUALS AND NAME 2 WITH 1 ALTERNATE TO SERVE ON THE GULF KING MACKEREL LAPP WORK GROUP.