

# OVERVIEW

## **Mackerel Committee Meeting**

**December 10, 2015**

Doubletree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront  
2717 W. Fort Macon Road  
Atlantic Beach, NC

The Mackerel Committee will receive reports from SERO on (A) the status of commercial and recreational catches versus the respective ACLs/quotas for Atlantic group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia.

The Committee will review the (B) decision document for Amendment 26. The Committee will modify the amendment and necessary, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings.

Lastly, the Committee will address issues under Other Business if necessary.

### **A. Status of Landings for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species (Attachments 1 and 2)**

The Committee will receive status updates on landings (commercial and recreational) for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Discuss and take action as necessary.

### **B. CMP Amendment 26 (Attachments 3a-3d)**

Amendment 26 (**Attachment 3a**) includes several actions for king mackerel, including updated annual catch limits (ACLs), stock boundary, allocations, incidental catch allowance in the shark fishery, and Florida East Coast management measures. Council staff will review the actions and alternatives, including recommendations from the AP and the IPT, in the decision document (**Attachment 3b**). The amendment is scheduled to go to public hearings in January/February 2016.

The report and motions from the October 2015 Gulf Council meeting is included in **Attachment 3c**. Additionally, the meeting report from the Gulf CMP Advisory Panel meeting on December 1, 2015, (**Attachment 3d**) will be available at the Mackerel Committee meeting.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Modify the amendment as necessary, select preferred alternatives, and approve for public hearings.