

OVERVIEW

Mackerel Committee Meeting

June 9, 2015

Doubletree Grand Key Resort

3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard

Key West, FL

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. SERO will also provide (B) status updates on amendments submitted for formal review.

Council staff will review (C) the Mackerel Advisory Panel meeting report, including AP recommendations and comments. Next, the Committee will review the (D) decision document for Amendment 26. The Committee will provide guidance to staff on actions and alternatives to include, and a timeline for the amendment.

Following, the Committee will discuss (E) Amendment 28, and options and direct staff on next steps. 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. Status of Amendments Approved for Secretarial Review

- CMP Framework Amendment 2 (Atlantic Spanish mackerel trip limits) – proposed rule published on April 9, 2015.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

C. Mackerel Advisory Panel Meeting Report (Attachments 3a/3b)

Council staff will provide a report on recommendations and discussion from the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP). The AP met on April 15, 2015, to review upcoming actions and provide recommendations on Amendment 26 and Amendment 28.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

D. CMP Amendment 26 (Attachments 4a/4b)

Amendment 26 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 4b**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Modify the amendment as necessary and select preferred alternatives.

E. Amendment 28 (Attachments 5a/5b)

In March 2015, the South Atlantic Council approved a motion to stop development of Amendment 28, which would include actions for separate permits or FMPs. The Gulf Council is currently moving forward with Amendment 28 with scoping in April 2015 and the Councils will discuss next steps for Amendment 28 at the joint meeting on June 11, 2015. Council staff will review a discussion document (**Attachment 5a**) and the Committee will discuss next steps for Amendment 28. The Gulf Mackerel Committee Options Paper for Amendment 28 is also included (**Attachment 5b**) for reference.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary; provide direction to staff for Amendment 28.