

OVERVIEW

Mackerel Committee Meeting

September 12, 2012

The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

The Committee will: (A) receive reports from SERO and the SEFSC on the status of commercial and recreational catches versus the respective quotas for king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia; (B) review the decision document for Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 19 and provide guidance to staff; (C) review the decision document for Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 20 and provide guidance to staff; (D) review public input on potential items for South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Amendment and provide guidance to staff on actions and alternatives to include in the framework; and (E) address issues under Other Business as needed.

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

The Committee will receive an update on the status of landings (commercial and recreational) for king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia.

B. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Amendment 19 (Sale and Permit Provisions) (*Attachments 3a and 3b*)

Council staff will present an update on any public input received and the recent Gulf Council actions. The Committee will review the amendment through the decision document, select preferred alternatives, and make changes to the amendment as needed.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff.

C. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Amendment 20 (Modifications to CMP Zones) (*Attachments 4a and 4b*)

Council staff will present an update on any public input received and the recent Gulf Council actions. The Committee will review the amendment through the decision document, select preferred alternatives, and make changes to the amendment as needed.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff

D. South Atlantic Mackerel Framework (Attachment 5)

The Committee will receive a report on public input at informal discussions held in August. The Committee will need to select items to include in the framework and provide guidance to staff.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select items to include in the framework and provide guidance to staff on actions and alternatives.