

OVERVIEW

Mackerel Committee Meeting

September 18, 2013
The Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

The Mackerel Committee will (A) receive reports from SERO on the status of commercial and recreational catches versus the respective quotas for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia. The Committee will (B) discuss Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Amendment 19 (to be changed to 20A) and (C) Joint Gulf/South Atlantic CMP Amendment 20 (to be changed to 20B). Staff will review a summary of the public comments on actions in each amendment followed by a review of the amendment through the decision document. Both amendments are scheduled for approval for formal review.

The Mackerel Committee will continue the meeting with (D) a review of the South Atlantic CMP Framework Actions, including a summary of public comment. This amendment is scheduled for approval for formal review.

The Mackerel Committee will (E) discuss potential items to include in an options paper for Joint CMP Amendment 24 at the December 2013 meeting and provide direction to staff on timing and content. This amendment will include actions to consider changes in sector allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel and Gulf migratory group king mackerel. 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 an update on the status of landings (commercial and recreational) for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

B. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic CMP Amendment 19 (20A) (Sale and Permit Provisions) (*Attachments 4a-4e*)

CMP Amendment 20A was previously listed as CMP Amendment 19 but was re-numbered due to an error. Public hearings were held in August 2013 and Council staff will present a summary of public input received on the proposed actions. The Committee will review the amendment through the decision document and approve for formal review.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select or change preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as necessary, approve for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate

C. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Amendment 20 (20B) (Modifications to CMP Zones)
(Attachments 4a-4e)

CMP Amendment 20B was previously listed as CMP Amendment 20 but was re-numbered due to an error. Public hearings were held in August 2013 and Council staff will present a summary of public input received on the proposed actions. The Committee will review the amendment through the decision document and approve for formal review.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select or change preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as necessary, approve for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate

D. South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Actions (Attachments 5a-5d)

Public hearings were held in August 2013 and Council staff will present a summary of public input received on the proposed actions. The Committee will review the amendment through the decision document and approve for formal review.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select or change preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as necessary, approve for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate

E. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic CMP Amendment 24 (Allocations)

The Councils are considering a review of sector allocations for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel and Gulf migratory group king mackerel. The Committee will provide direction to staff on timing and content for CMP Amendment 24, including actions and alternatives to incorporate into a strawman document in December 2013.