

OVERVIEW

Mackerel Committee

March 3, 2009
Jekyll Island Club Hotel
371 Riverview Drive
Jekyll Island, GA

At this meeting of the Mackerel Committee, the Committee needs to: (A) discuss a request from the Gulf Council for a Joint Mackerel Committee meeting and B) receive a summary of scoping comments, discuss the comments, and provide direction to staff.

A. Request from the Gulf Council for a Joint Mackerel Committee meeting

At their January 26-29, 2009 meeting, the Gulf Council reviewed SEDAR 16 results, their SSC recommendations, and discussed how to proceed with an amendment to meet the new ABC and ACL requirements. In a letter dated February 5, 2009 (Attachment 1) they have suggested a joint committee meeting to development recommendations on how to proceed. The committee should develop recommendations on how to proceed. One option would be to have a joint committee meeting at our June 7-12, 2009 meeting in Stuart, Florida.

B. Summary of Scoping Comments

Scoping meetings for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment were held January 26 – Feb 4, 2009 and comments were accepted through February 6, 2009. Scoping comments for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment addressing mackerel will be presented to the Mackerel Committee. The Mackerel Committee will discuss and provide direction to staff on possible alternatives.