

# OVERVIEW

## Mackerel Committee Meeting

June 13, 2011

Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel  
3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard  
Key West, Florida

The Mackerel Committee need to: (A) approve minutes from the March 2011 SAFMC Committee meeting if not approved during the Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee meeting; (B) review Options for Mackerel Amendment 19 and provide guidance; and (C) review Mackerel Amendment 18/EA and approve for formal review if not approved during the Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Council meetings.

### **A. Approval of Minutes**

The committee will review and approve the South Atlantic Committee minutes from the March 2011 SAFMC Committee meeting if not approved during the Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee meeting.

#### **REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Review and approve minutes.

### **B. Mackerel Amendment 19 (Prohibition of Bag Limit Sales)**

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the options paper for Mackerel Amendment 19. The Committee/Council will provide guidance to the IPT and the document will be expanded for detailed consideration at the September 2011 meeting.

#### **REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Discuss all actions in Amendment 19/EA or EIS.
2. Provide guidance to IPT.

### **C. Draft Mackerel Amendment 18/EA**

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review Mackerel Amendment 18/EA and the Committee will approve the SAFMC Actions for formal review if not approved during the Joint GMFMC/SAFMC Council meeting. The Gulf Council will be approving for public hearings at their June 2011 meeting and will conduct separate public hearings prior to their August 2011 meeting.

#### **REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Discuss all actions in Mackerel Amendment 18/EA and modify as necessary.
2. Approve modified Mackerel Amendment 18/EA for formal review if necessary.

**D. Planning/Timing Public Hearings for Joint Mackerel Amendment 18/EA**

**Specific steps in 2010 and 2011:**

- A. √IPT meeting – 1/14/2010
- B. √SSC provides OFL & ABC – Gulf SSC has provided their recommendations. The South Atlantic SSC will provide their recommendations after their April 20-22, 2010 meeting.
- C. √Draft Amendment prepared by Gulf staff with assistance from NMFS and South Atlantic staff - \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. √GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4, April 12-15, and June 14-17, 2010  
√And October 25-28, 2010.
  - b. √Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Committee meeting – June 8, 2010 from 8:30 am – 3 pm
  - c. √SAFMC reviews and provides input – March 1-5 and June 7-11 and September 13-17, 2010
- D. √NMFS determines whether EA or EIS and prepares appropriate notices and analyses. Currently EA.
- E. √IPT Schedule for Gulf Council’s October 2010 meeting:
  - a. √Section to Rick – 9/20/10
  - b. √Compiled document to IPT – 9/24/10; done 9/27/10.
  - c. √IPT call – 10/1/10
  - d. √Comments to authors – 10/1/10
  - e. √Edited sections to Rick for Gulf briefing book – 10/8/10
- F. √Document preparation schedule for Public Hearing Approval
  - a. √Revised sections sent to Gregg – by October 22, 2010
  - b. √Revised document sent to IPT – by October 29, 2010. Done 11/3/10.
  - c. √Comments to authors – by November 5, 2010. Ext. to 11/8/10.
  - d. √Revised sections sent to Gregg – by November 12, 2010. Done 11/15/10.
  - e. √Revised document sent to IPT – by November 22, 2010. Done 11/23/10.
  - f. √Comments and additions to Gregg – by November 24, 2010. Ext. to 11/26/10.
  - g. √Document revised and included in SAFMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Briefing Book – on November 29, 2010.
- G. √Document preparation schedule for Gulf Council’s February 2011 meeting
  - a. √Gregg to send abbreviated Section 2 with new alternatives for the Joint Action to IPT by COB on 12/17/10 – done on 12/17/10.
  - b. √Gregg to send revised Amendment with changes to actions/alternatives to team by 1/5/11. Done with some edits still to be done on 1/5/11.
  - c. √Team input to Rick Leard by 1/18/11.
  - d. √Rick Leard to make changes and have ready for Gulf briefing book by \_\_\_\_\_
- H. Councils review Draft Amendment/EA and approve for public hearings
  - a. √GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 in Gulfport, MS; did not approve for hearings.
  - b. GMFMC – April 11-14, 2011 in Orange Beach, AL.
  - c. **GMFMC – June 2011 in Key West, FL**
  - d. √SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC.

- I. Public Hearings – April 2011 (Note: Hearings will be Joint SA Mackerel & GM/SA Spiny Lobster; with GMFMC in Keys). **Public hearings will be held from 5-7 pm.**
  - a. Hotel arrangements –
  - b. FR Notice –
    - i. SAFMC will do for KW, Marathon and other SA locations.
    - ii. GMFMC will do for Gulf hearings
  - c. Public Hearing Summary
  - d. Public Hearing Presentation
  - e. **√SAFMC Public Hearings completed**
  - f. **GMFMC Public Hearings – will be held between June and August meetings.**
- J. Review public comments and provide final approval of Amendment 18/EA for formal review by SOC –
  - a. GMFMC/SAFMC Mackerel Committee – June 8<sup>th</sup> During Gulf meeting
  - b. **GMFMC/SAFMC Joint Council Session – June 10, 2011 in Key West, FL; approve SAFMC Actions for formal review.**
  - c. GMFMC – June 6-9, 2011 in Key West, FL
  - d. **GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011; approve Joint & GMFMC Actions for formal review**
  - e. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in Key West, FL
  - f. **SAFMC – September 12-16, 2011 in Charleston; approve Joint & GMFMC Actions for formal review**
- K. Send Mackerel Amendment 18/EA/Proposed rule for formal review – ~~July~~**September** 2011.
- L. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- M. Notice of Availability of Amendment 18 published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (2) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (3) Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - (4) Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- N. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - (2) Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_/11.
- O. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_/11.
  - (1) Send to Council, AP & SSC