

OVERVIEW

Mackerel Committee Meeting

September 14, 2011
Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

The Mackerel Committee need to: (A) approve minutes from the August 9, 2011 Committee meeting; (B) receive status reports on commercial and recreational catches versus quotas; (C) receive a status report on Mackerel Amendment 18/EA; (D) review and develop recommendations on Terms of Reference and Appointments for SEDAR 28 (Spanish Mackerel & Cobia); and (E) review and develop recommendations on Items Pending for Future Mackerel Amendments.

A. Approval of Minutes

The committee will review and approve the August 9, 2011 mackerel committee meeting minutes.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Review and approve minutes.

B. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches versus Quotas for King & Spanish Mackerel

The committee will receive briefings on the commercial catches versus quotas (**Attachment 1**) from the NMFS SERO and on the recreational catches (**Attachment 2**) versus quotas from the NMFS SEFSC. The committee will discuss the quota monitoring programs and take action as necessary.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss commercial and recreational quota monitoring programs and current status.
2. Take action as may be necessary.

C. Status of Mackerel Amendment 18/EA

NMFS SERO staff will provide a status report on Mackerel Amendment 18/EA. The Councils approved the amendment for formal review and implementation at their August meetings.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss status of Mackerel Amendment 18/EA.
2. Take action as may be necessary.

D. Terms of Reference & Appointments for SEDAR 28 (Spanish Mackerel & Cobia)

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the draft terms of reference and draft list of participants. The committee will develop recommendations for the SEDAR Committee where the TOR and attendees will be developed for presentation to the Council

E. Items Pending for Future Mackerel Amendments

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review the pending list of items for future mackerel amendments (**Attachment 5**). The Committee will develop recommendations on timing and amendments to address these items.

The following information is from the Council's follow-up document:

2. Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 19 - Gregg

IPT Team

- a. √SAFMC Team: Gregg Waugh (SAFMC Lead), Kari MacLauchlin, Brian Chevront, Roger Pugliese (EFH), and Anna Martin (Coral issues)
- b. √GMFMC Team: Rick Leard (GMFMC Lead) and Assane Diagne (Ava Lasseter – GM?)
- c. √NMFS SERO Team: Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead), Nikhil Mehta, Denise Johnson, David Dale, Jennifer Lee, and David Keys.
- d. √NMFS SEFSC Team: Christopher Liese and Nancie Cummings
- e. √NOAA GC Team: Mara Levy

Items:

- A. Prohibit sale of Coastal Migratory Pelagics
- B. Address permit issues (e.g., cobia has no permit requirement)
- C. Pursue jointly with the Gulf Council if they are interested.

Steps: : **due to work on other amendments, this will resume in 2012**

- A. √March 2011 meeting – Council reviews Discussion Paper and provide guidance
- B. √June 2011 meeting – Council reviews Discussion Paper and provide guidance
- C. Develop timing and steps to complete – IPT after Amendment 18 is complete

3. Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment 20

- A. LAPP – jointly with Gulf Council
- B. Other Items???

4. Allocation of Commercial Quota- will be addressed if necessary in Amendment XX

[Note: Mackerel Amendment 21 is contained in CEBA 2.]

- A. √Scoping
 - a. √ Notice of Intent – Rick to draft by _____; NMFS to publish by _____;
 - i. Published in FR on _____. See Item B below.
 - b. √Scope at December 2007 Council meeting.
- B. Other scoping in February 2008.
- C. Other Scoping
 - a. √Approve for scoping – December 3-7, 2007 meeting.
 - b. √NOI
 - i. √(i) Rick to draft by 12/13/07. SAFMC staff changes sent to NMFS on 1/10/08.
 - ii. √(ii) NMFS to review, revise and publish in FR by _____.
 - 1. √Published in FR on 1/22/08.
 - c. √Scope in February 2008 (along with Snapper Grouper Amendment 17 & 18 Scoping; and Comprehensive Allocation Amendment Scoping).
 - i. √NOI for all items – Rick provided draft material to SERO; reviewed notices on 1/9/08.
 - ii. √Meeting locations – Cindy; done 1/9/08.
 - iii. [Scoping meeting hours all run 2 – 5 pm & 6 – 8 pm]

<p><u>Monday, February 4, 2008</u> The Mutiny Hotel 2951 South Bayshore Drive Coconut Grove, Florida 33133 Phone: 305-441-2100</p>	<p><u>Tuesday, February 5, 2008</u> Radisson Resort at the Port 8701 Astronaut Boulevard Cape Canaveral, Florida 32920 Phone: 321-784-0000</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 6, 2008</u> Quality Inn 125 Venure Drive Brunswick, Georgia 31525 Phone: 912-265-4600</p>	<p><u>Thursday, February 7, 2008</u> Sheraton New Bern 100 Middle Street New Bern, North Carolina 28560 Phone: 252-638-3585</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 20, 2008</u> Hilton Garden Inn 5265 International Blvd. North Charleston, South Carolina 29418 Phone: 843-308-9331</p>	

- i. √Federal Register Notice – Kim; done 1/9/08.
 - ii. √Scoping Documents
 - iii. √Staff presentations
 - iv. √Transcribe scoping comments ASAP for inclusion in 2nd briefing book on February 25, 2008.
 - v.
- D. √Options on commercial allocation and final results from SEDAR assessment reviewed at December 2008 meeting. The Council approved motions to address king and Spanish mackerel

changes (TAC, quotas, bag limits, etc.) through the Comprehensive ACL Amendment and approved a list of items to be scoped for the Comprehensive ACL Amendment.

5. Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) FMP Amendment XX

[Note: Mackerel Amendment 21 is contained in CEBA 2.]

- A. Potential items: Other changes as indicated in the scoping document (including item requested by MAFMC).
- B. List of items from SAFMC decision document.

Committee Options:

Option 1. Continue with the current schedule and amendments outlined above.

Option 2. Continue with the sale consideration in Amendment 19 and add the following items to the list for CEBA 3: **Committee would need to specify which items**

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

Option 3. Others????