

OVERVIEW

Mackerel Committee Meeting

June 12, 2014

Sawgrass Marriot
1000 PGA Tour Boulevard
PonteVedra Beach, FL

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. SERO will also (B) provide status updates on amendments recently submitted for formal review. Council staff will next provide (C) a summary of the report from the Mackerel Advisory Panel meeting in April 2014.

Following, the Committee will review (D) CMP Framework Amendment 2. Council staff will provide an overview of the draft amendment. After making any necessary changes to the amendment, the Committee will modify as necessary, select a preferred alternative, and approve for public hearings.

The Mackerel Committee will next review (E) an options paper for CMP Amendment 24. The Committee will provide guidance to staff on next steps and a timeline for the amendment. 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 status updates on landings (commercial and recreational) for Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

B. Status of Amendments Approved for Secretarial Review

- Amendment 20A – sent to NMFS for formal review on 11/26/13
- S. Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013 – sent to NMFS for formal review on 12/18/13
- Amendment 20B – in final stages of preparation to be sent to NMFS for formal review
- CMP Framework Amendment 1– in final stages of preparation to be sent to NMFS for formal review

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

C. Mackerel Advisory Panel Report (*Attachments 3a/3b*)

The Mackerel Advisory Panel met on April 7, 2014 to discuss Amendment 24, Amendment 26, and Framework Amendment 2. Council staff will review the summary report and AP recommendations.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

D. CMP Framework Amendment 2 (Attachments 4a/4b)

Framework Amendment 1 will modify the trip limit and quota system in place for commercial harvest of Atlantic group Spanish mackerel in the Florida EEZ. Council staff will provide an overview of the action and alternatives, and the Committee will approve the amendment for public hearings in August 2014.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: modify the amendment as necessary, select a preferred alternative, and approve for public hearings.

E. CMP Amendment 24 (Attachment 5)

Amendment 24 was scoped in the South Atlantic region in January 2014. In March 2014, the South Atlantic Council directed staff to develop an options paper on ways to allocate or shift the ACL for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel. Council staff will review the options paper and the Committee will provide guidance to staff on next steps and a timeline for the amendment.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to staff on content and timing.