

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Full Council and Committee Reports
SUMMARY MOTIONS
March 7-11, 2022

This is a summary of the motions approved by the Council. Motions addressing actions and alternatives for FMP amendments are followed by text showing the result of the approved motion. Complete details on motions and other committee recommendations are provided in the Committee Reports available on the SAFMC website.

Full Council Session

MOTION 1: REQUEST THAT THE SSC RECONSIDER THE ABC FOR GOLIATH GROUPEL

Dolphin Wahoo Committee

MOTION 2: APPROVE REGULATORY AMENDMENT 2 (MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT AND RECREATIONAL RETENTION LIMITS FOR DOLPHIN) FOR SCOPING.

MOTION 3: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- 1) Conduct scoping meetings for Regulatory Amendment 2.
- 2) Continue developing Regulatory Amendment 2 for review at the June 2022 meeting.

Mackerel Cobia Committee

Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 34 (Atlantic King Mackerel)

MOTION 4: ACCEPT THE PROPOSED DEFINITION OF A CUT-OFF (DAMAGED) FISH. For the purposes of Action 5, damaged fish, refers to king or Spanish mackerel that are damaged only through natural predation

MOTION 5: APPROVE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS AMENDMENT 34 FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. GIVE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT/CODIFIED TEXT AND GIVE THE COUNCIL CHAIR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS AND RE-DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT.

Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 33 (Gulf King Mackerel)

MOTION 6: TO MOVE OPTION 2C AND 2D OF ALTERNATIVE 2 IN ACTION 2 TO CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED.

Action 2: Modify Sector Allocation and Commercial Zone Quotas for Gulf King Mackerel
Alternative 2: Modify the sector allocation for Gulf king mackerel by reallocating to the commercial sector a percentage of the average difference between the total landings from the 2016/2017 through 2019/2020 fishing years using MRIP-FES data and the total

simulated ACL for Model 2 in Appendix B for the predicted total landings by sector and the total projected ACL.

Option 2c: 75% of the average difference

Option 2d: 100% of the average difference

MOTION 7: TO REMOVE ACTION 1 FROM AMENDMENT 33 AND START A NEW FRAMEWORK ACTION.

MOTION 8: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- 1) Prepare Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 34 for transmittal to the Secretary of Commerce.
- 2) Work with Gulf Council staff, as needed, to continue work on Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 33.

Snapper Grouper Committee

Release Mortality Reduction and Red Snapper Catch Levels Framework Amendment (Regulatory Amendment 35)

MOTION 9: DEVELOP THE FRAMEWORK AMENDMENT BASED ON TIME, AREA, AND DEPTH RESTRICTIONS.

MOTION 10: INITIATE A REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO INCORPORATE CATCH LEVELS FOR RED SNAPPER BASED ON SEDAR 73.

Note: the “framework amendment” of Motion 9 and the “regulatory amendment” of Motion 10 are the same amendment. Regulatory amendment 35 will consider both time, area, or depth restrictions and red snapper catch levels based on the most recent SSC recommendation.

Greater Amberjack (Amendment 49)

MOTION 11: CHANGE THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE UNDER ACTION 3 TO ALTERNATIVE 1 (NO ACTION) OF 28 INCHES FORK LENGTH.

Action 3. Increase the recreational minimum size limit for greater amberjack

Alternative 1 (No Action). The recreational minimum size limit is 28 inches fork length.

MOTION 12: DE-SELECT ALTERNATIVE 3 UNDER ACTION 4 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Action 4. Reduce the commercial minimum size limit for greater amberjack

Alternative 3. Reduce the commercial minimum size limit to 30 inches fork length.

MOTION 13: CHANGE PREFERRED IN ACTION 2 (SECTOR ALLOCATIONS) FROM ALTERNATIVE 1 (NO ACTION) TO ALTERNATIVE 3 (65% RECREATIONAL/35% COMMERCIAL)

MOTION 14: ADD ALTERNATIVES TO ACTION 2 (SECTOR ALLOCATIONS) FOR A 50-50 ALLOCATION AND A 55% RECREATIONAL AND 45% COMMERCIAL ALLOCATION.

MOTION 15: APPROVE AMENDMENT 49 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS.

Red Porgy (SG Amendment 50)

MOTION 16: APPROVE AMENDMENT 50 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SNAPPER GROUPER FISHERY OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC REGION FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. GIVE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT/CODIFIED TEXT AND GIVE THE COUNCIL CHAIR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS AND RE-DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT.

Gag Grouper (Amendment 53)

MOTION 17: SELECT OPTION 3 AS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR ACTION 1.

Action 1. Establish a rebuilding plan for gag.

Option 3. Establish a rebuilding plan with a rebuilding timeframe to equal T_{max}. This would equal 10 years with the rebuilding period ending in 2032. 2023 would be Year 1.

MOTION 18: SELECT OPTION 2 AS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR ACTION 2.

Action 2. Revise the total acceptable biological catch, annual catch limit, and annual optimum yield for gag grouper.

Option 2. Revise the acceptable biological catch and set it equal to the most recent recommendation from the Scientific and Statistical Committee. Revise the total annual catch limit and annual optimum yield for gag grouper and set them equal to the recommended acceptable biological catch. The recommended acceptable biological catch is inclusive of recreational estimates from the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey.

MOTION 19: REMOVE ACTION 6.

Action 6. Restrict spearfishing gear (including powerheads) during the gag grouper rebuilding plan.

Snowy Grouper (Amendment 51)

MOTION 20: SELECT OPTION 2 AS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR ACTION 1.

Action 1. Revise the acceptable biological catch, total annual catch limit, and annual optimum yield for snowy grouper.

Option 2: Revise the acceptable biological catch and set it equal to the most recent recommendation from the Scientific and Statistical Committee. Revise the total annual catch limit and annual optimum yield for snowy grouper and set them equal to the recommended acceptable biological catch. The recommended acceptable biological

catch is inclusive of recreational estimates from the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey.

MOTION 21: SELECT OPTION 2 AS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR ACTION 2.

Action 2. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for snowy grouper.

Option 2. Allocate 12.45% of the revised total annual catch limit for snowy grouper to the recreational sector and 87.55% of the revised total annual catch limit for snowy grouper to the commercial sector.

MOTION 22: SELECT OPTION 1 AS THE PREFERRED OPTION FOR ACTION 3.

Action 3. Reduce the snowy grouper commercial trip limit.

Option 1 (no change). The commercial trip limit for snowy grouper is 200 pounds gutted weight.

Golden Tilefish and Blueline Tilefish (Amendment 52)

MOTION 23: SELECT ACTION 1 OPTION 2 AS PREFERRED.

Action 1: Revise the golden tilefish acceptable biological catch, total annual catch limit, and annual optimum yield (OY)

Option 2: Revise the acceptable biological catch and set it equal to the most recent recommendation from the of the Scientific and Statistical Committee. Revise the total annual catch limit and annual optimum yield for golden tilefish and set them equal to the recommended acceptable biological catch. The 2026 acceptable biological catch, total annual catch limit, and annual optimum yield would remain in place after 2026 until modified. The recommended acceptable biological catch is inclusive of recreational estimates from the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey.

MOTION 24: SELECT ACTION 2 OPTION 2 AS PREFERRED.

Action 2. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for golden tilefish

Option 2: Allocate 96.70% of the revised total annual catch limit for golden tilefish to the commercial sector and 3.30% of the revised total annual catch limit for golden tilefish to the recreational sector.

MOTION 25: ADD AN ACTION TO MODIFY THE COMMERCIAL FISHING YEAR FOR GOLDEN TILEFISH.

MOTION 26: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Develop analyses that could inform future actions for Regulatory Amendment 35 (Snapper Grouper Release Mortality Reduction).
- Work with technical experts and state agencies to develop an ad hoc advisory panel for private recreational permitting and reporting. Initial membership will be reviewed during AP selection at the June 2022 Council meeting.
- Convene a meeting of the wreckfish shareholders this spring.

- Prepare a public hearing draft of Amendment 48 (Wreckfish) for approval at the September 2022 Council meeting.
- Conduct public comment for Amendment 49 (Greater Amberjack), including a public hearing during the public comment session at the June 2022 Council meeting.
- Convene a meeting of the golden tilefish longline endorsement holders to discuss alternative ways to manage that fishery.
- Convene a meeting of the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel in April and consider convening another meeting of the AP prior to the September Council meeting.