



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA Mackerel Cobia Committee

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 – 1:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Steve Poland

Approval of June 2020 Committee minutes – Steve Poland

1. Mackerel Cobia AP Meeting Report (*Attachment 1*) – Ira Laks, AP Chair
2. CMP Framework Amendment 10 – Updates to king mackerel management based on SEDAR 38 Update 2020 (*Attachment 2*).
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss and consider approval for scoping – Steve Poland
3. CMP Amendment 32 – Updates to Gulf cobia management based on the SEDAR 28 Update 2020 and the CMP Framework Procedure (*Attachment 2*)
 - a. Overview – Natasha Mendez-Ferrer, GMFMC staff
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss and provide guidance to staff – Steve Poland

Other Business – Steve Poland

Adjourn

Committee Members

Steve Poland, Chair

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Mid-Atlantic Liaisons:

Tony DiLernia and Dewey Hemilright

Attachments

Attachment 1: Mackerel Cobia AP Report, November 2020

Attachment 2: CMP Framework Amendment 10 Options Paper

Attachment 3: CMP Amendment 32 Presentation

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OVERVIEW

Mackerel and Cobia Committee

The Committee will approve minutes from June 2020 meeting and the agenda for the December 2020 Committee meeting.

1. **Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Report – (Attachment 1)**

Description: The Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel met on November 2, 2020 via webinar. The AP Chair will provide a summary of the Advisory Panel discussion and recommendations.

Committee Action: None required.

2. **CMP Framework Amendment 10 – Updates to king mackerel management based on SEDAR 38 Update 2020 – (Attachment 2)**

Description: An update to SEDAR 38 was completed in April 2020 and included assessments for Gulf and Atlantic king mackerel. In April 2020, the SSC reviewed the results of the updated SEDAR 38 and provided recommendations for new ABCs for Atlantic king mackerel. At their June 2020 meeting the Council received presentations from the SEFSC and the SSC chair regarding the completed assessment. The Council directed staff to begin work on an options paper that would include consideration of sector allocations and catch level adjustments based on SSC recommendations the recent stock assessment update. The Committee will review a draft options paper and consider potential topics to include in the amendment.

Committee Action: review a draft options paper and consider approving the amendment for scoping.

3. **CMP Amendment 32 – Updates to Gulf cobia management based on the SEDAR 28 Update 2020 and the CMP Framework Procedure – (Attachment 3)**

Description: Gulf Council staff will present draft management measures to end overfishing of Gulf cobia. The options include updating the Gulf cobia OFL, ABC, and ACL to incorporate the adjustment of recreational catch to the MRIP-FES. Additional management measures for consideration include modifications to bag limits, vessel limits, and size limits. Since Gulf Cobia is jointly managed with the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, staff will present options to update the CMP framework procedures to clarify the language about the responsibilities of each Council. Additionally, the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils may want to consider revising the Florida East Coast Zone allocation based on the updated recreational estimates. The Committee should review the draft options and provide guidance on the range of alternatives to include in CMP Amendment 32. A draft document will be developed based on the Committee's recommendations and presented to the Council at a future meeting.

Committee Action: provide guidance to staff.

Other Business