



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA Mackerel Cobia Committee

Wednesday, June 10, 2020 – 2:30 P.M. – 3:45 P.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of March 2020 Committee minutes

1. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVictor, NMFS SERO
 - a. CMP Framework Amendment 8 (King mackerel trip limits)
2. SEDAR 38 Update – King Mackerel Stock Assessment (*Attachments 1a* and *1b*).
 - a. Science Center Report - Matthew Laurretta
 - b. SSC Report – Genny Nesslage
 - c. **Committee Action:** Determine Acceptable Biological Catch and management response – Steve Poland
3. COVID-19 Impacts and Potential Response (*Attachment 2*)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss and provide guidance to staff – Steve Poland

Other Business – Steve Poland

Adjourn

Committee Members

Steve Poland, Chair
Spud Woodward, Vice Chair
Robert Beal
Anna Beckwith
Mel Bell
Chester Brewer
Chris Conklin
Roy Crabtree
Tim Griner
Jessica McCawley
Art Sapp
Mid-Atlantic Liaisons:
Tony DiLernia and Dewey Hemilright

Attachments

Attachment 1a: SEDAR 38 Update Stock Assessment Report

Attachment 1b: SEDAR 38 Update Presentation

Attachment 2: COVID-19 Impacts – Summary of Stakeholder Feedback (*In Late Materials*)

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OVERVIEW

Mackerel and Cobia Committee

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

1. Status of amendments submitted for formal review

Description: SERO staff will brief the Committee on the status of CMP Framework Amendment 8 (King mackerel trip limits) which was submitted for formal review on February 19, 2020.

Committee Action: None.

2. SEDAR 38 Update – King Mackerel Stock Assessment (*Attachments 1a* and *1b*).

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. Matthew Laurretta will present the SEFSC report and SSC Chair, Genny Nesslage, will present the SSC recommendations to the Committee.

Committee Action: Consider the SSC's recommendations and determine the ABC for Atlantic king mackerel and any appropriate management measures. Provide guidance to staff on amendment development.

3. COVID-19 Impacts and Potential Response (*Attachment 2*)

Description: On March 20th, Council staff requested that advisory panel members complete an online form designed to collect information on impacts of the pandemic on stakeholders and their communities. Council staff will present a summary of the feedback received to date. Committee members will engage in preliminary discussion of potential changes to current management measures that could be implemented temporarily to alleviate some of the socioeconomic impacts that the pandemic-induced economic shutdown has caused. Discussion on this topic will begin during the Snapper Grouper Committee and continue during the Mackerel Cobia Committee and Full Council sessions to determine the Council's response.

Committee Action: provide guidance to staff.

Other Business