



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA Mackerel Cobia Committee

Town and Country Inn
2008 Savannah Highway
Charleston, SC 29407

Thursday, June 17, 2021 – 8:30 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda

Approval of June 2021 Committee Minutes

1. CMP Amendment 34 – Updates to king mackerel management based on SEDAR 38 Update 2020 (*Attachments 1a* and *1b*).
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings.

2. CMP Amendment 32 – Updates to Gulf cobia management based on the SEDAR 28 Update 2020 and the CMP Framework Procedure (*Attachments 2a* and *2b*)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. **Committee Action:** discuss, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings.

Other Business

Adjourn

Committee Members

Steve Poland, Chair

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Carolyn Belcher

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Judy Helmey

Jessica McCawley

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Robert Beal

Lt. Robert Copeland

Mid-Atlantic Members: Dewey Hemilright and TBD

Attachments

Attachment 1a: CMP Amendment 34 Decision Document

Attachment 1b: CMP Amendment 34 Draft

Attachment 2a: CMP Amendment 32 Decision Document

Attachment 2b: CMP Amendment 32 Draft

Staff Lead: Christina Wiegand (christina.wiegand@safmc.net)

OVERVIEW

Mackerel and Cobia Committee

The Committee will approve minutes from June 2021 meeting and the agenda for the September 2021 Committee meeting.

1. **CMP Amendment 34 – Updates to king mackerel management based on SEDAR 38 Update 2020 – (*Attachments 1a* and *1b*)**

Description: At the June 2020 meeting 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 and the recent stock assessment update. At the March 2021 meeting, the Council approved actions and alternatives to be included in CMP Amendment 34 for analysis. Scoping for the amendment was also held during the public comment period associated with the March 2021 Council meeting. In June 2021, the Council reviewed the amendment and selected preferred alternatives for several actions. Council staff will review a decision document for CMP Amendment 34 for the Council to consider for public hearings. Additionally, Council state representatives will provide information on how Action 6 (damaged fish) may conflict with state regulations and their state regulatory process for modifying regulations.

Committee Action: review draft document, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings.

2. **CMP Amendment 32 – Updates to Gulf cobia management based on the SEDAR 28 Update 2020 and the CMP Framework Procedure – (*Attachments 2a* and *2b*)**

Description: An update to SEDAR 28 assessment for Gulf cobia was completed in July 2020. The results indicate that Gulf cobia is undergoing overfishing, which puts the stock at risk of becoming overfished without management action. The Gulf SSC reviewed the results of the updated SEDAR 28 assessment and provided recommendations for new ABCs for Gulf cobia. At the March 2021 meeting, the Council reviewed actions and alternatives, selected preferred alternatives, and requested an additional action be added to the amendment to address sector allocations in the Florida east coast (FLEC) zone. In June 2021, the Council reviewed the amendment and selected preferred alternatives for several actions. The Gulf Council will review this amendment at their August meeting and consider approval for public hearings. Council staff will review a decision document and an updated draft document for CMP Amendment 32 for the Council to consider for public hearings.

Committee Action: review draft document, select preferred alternatives, and consider approval for public hearings.

Other Business