



# **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

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## **REVISED AGENDA**

### **Mackerel Cobia Committee**

Town & Country Inn  
2008 Savannah Highway  
Charleston, South Carolina 29707

**Wednesday, October 3, 2018 – 3:00 P.M. – 4:00 P.M. (Times subject to change)**

Approval of Agenda – Doug Haymans

Approval of June 2018 Committee minutes – Doug Haymans

1. Status of Commercial Catches vs. ACLs – NMFS SERO (*Attachment 1*)
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – NMFS SERO
  - a. CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic cobia) – sent to NMFS on July 13, 2018
3. CMP Framework Amendment 6 (*Attachments 2a-2c*)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. **Committee Action:** Review draft document, confirm preferred alternative, and consider approval for formal review– Doug Haymans

Other Business – Doug Haymans

Adjourn – Doug Haymans

**Committee Members**

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**Attachments**

**Attachment 1:** NMFS SERO Commercial ACL Report for CMP species

**Attachment 2a:** CMP Framework Amendment 6 Final Draft

**Attachment 2b:** CMP Framework Amendment 6 Codified Text

**Attachment 2c:** CMP Framework Amendment 6 Decision Document

**Staff:** Christina Wiegand

# **OVERVIEW**

## **Mackerel and Cobia Committee**

The Committee will approve of minutes from June 2018 meeting and agenda.

1. **Status of commercial catches vs. ACLs – (Attachment 1)**

**Description:** The Committee will receive an update on commercial landings for Atlantic king mackerel, Atlantic Spanish mackerel, and Atlantic and Florida east coast zone cobia.

**Committee Action:** None required.

2. **Status of amendments submitted for formal review**

**Description:** SERO staff will brief the Committee on the status of CMP Amendment 31 (Atlantic cobia management) which was submitted for formal review on July 13, 2018.

**Committee Action:** None required.

3. **CMP Framework Amendment 6 – (Attachment 2a-2c)**

**Description:** The new regulations for king mackerel established in CMP Amendment 26 became effective on May 11, 2017, including a split season and updated commercial trip limits for the Atlantic Southern zone. Some fishermen on the Florida east coast have expressed concern about the new trip limits, especially the trip limits in place during Season 1 (March through September) from the Flagler/Volusia County line to the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line. Additionally, the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel recommended that the Council review the March trip limit or consider a different trip limit for Season 1 north of the Volusia/Brevard line. At the June 2018 meeting, the Committee reviewed discussion from the MC AP's April meeting and approved the document for public hearing during the September Council meeting. The current preferred alternative would establish a 75-fish trip limit from the Flagler/Volusia County line to Miami-Dade/Monroe County line during the month of March and a 3,500-pound trip limit from the Flagler/Volusia County line to the Volusia/Brevard County line from April through September. Staff will present a final draft for consideration and approval for formal review.

**Status of Amendment:** Scheduled for final approval.

**Committee Action:** Review draft document, confirm preferred alternative, and consider approval for formal review.

### **Other Business**