



# SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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## AGENDA

### Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Meeting

#### Webinar

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

Public comment will be solicited at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by the Chair, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

#### **Monday, November 2, 2020 – 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.**

Approval of Agenda

Approval of October 2019 Meeting minutes

Report from the Council's Mackerel Cobia Committee Chair

1. SEDAR 38 Updated Assessment and Management Recommendations (*Attachment 1a* and *Attachment 1b*)
  - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
  - b. Discuss and provide recommendations, as appropriate – Ira Laks
2. Citizen Science Program Update (*Attachment 2*)
  - a. Overview – Julia Byrd and Allie Iberle
  - b. Discuss and provide recommendations, as appropriate – Ira Laks
3. Update on Council and SEDAR Actions related to Coastal Migratory Pelagics
  - a. CMP Amendment 32 (Gulf cobia) – Christina Wiegand
  - b. SEDAR 78: Atlantic Spanish Mackerel – Kathleen Howington
  - c. Climate change initiatives (*Attachment 3*) – Myra Brouwer
4. Election of AP Chair and Vice-Chair – Ira Laks

Other Business

Adjourn

**Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Members**

Ira Laks, Chair

Stephen Swann, Vice Chair

Stephen Donalson

Steve English

Skip Feller

Ryan Howard

Keith Bowen

Robert Olsen

Greg Peralta

Gary Robinson

Tom Roller

Rusty Hudson

Aaron Kelly

John Mallette

Brad Phillips

Thomas Newman

Charlie Locke

Paul Ruderhausen

**Staff:** Christina Wiegand

**Attachments**

**Attachment 1a:** SEDAR 38 Update Stock Assessment Report

**Attachment 1b:** Options Paper for CMP Framework Amendment 10

**Attachment 2:** Citizen Science Update Presentation

**Attachment 3:** Climate Change Scenario Planning Presentation

# OVERVIEW

## Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel Meeting

The Committee will approve of minutes from October 2019 meeting and the agenda.

1. **SEDAR 38 Updated Assessment and Management Recommendations** (*Attachment 1a* and *Attachment 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. 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 Council would like input from AP members on management measures that should be considered in the upcoming amendment.

**Required Advisory Panel Action:** Provide recommendations on management of king mackerel as appropriate.

2. **Citizen Science Program Update** (*Attachment 2*).

**Description:** Staff will present a brief update on the Council's Citizen Science Program and pilot projects highlighting activities that have occurred since the Fall 2019 Mackerel Cobia AP meeting.

The SAFMC Scamp Release pilot project which focuses on collecting information on released fish via the use of a mobile app, will be expanding to collect information on all shallow water grouper in 2021. Additionally, as part of the new grant for this project, we are planning for the development of a customizable citizen science mobile app. The long-term goal is to develop a menu-driven tool that you could use to create a customizable app by selecting specific data fields, without the need to develop stand-alone apps for each new project or data need. A series of scoping meetings will be held between January and March 2021 to identify data needs and objectives for this app and we are looking for interested fishermen to participate in this process.

The FISHstory pilot project uses historic photos to estimate historic catch and length compositions from the 1940s to 1970s. The FISHstory project launched in Zooniverse in late May 2020. Staff will provide an update on the project since launch and share information on the methods developed to estimate fish length in historic photos which are being pilot tested on King Mackerel.

**Required Advisory Panel Action:** Provide input as appropriate.

3. **Update on Council and SEDAR Actions related to Coastal Migratory Pelagics** (*Attachment 3*).

**Description:** Council staff will update the AP on current actions related to Coastal Migratory Pelagic (CMP) species, including: CMP Amendment 32 which will address results from the

updated SEDAR 28 assessment, timing for SEDAR 78: Atlantic Spanish mackerel, and recent Council efforts on climate change scenario planning.

**Required Advisory Panel Action:** Provide input as appropriate.

Other Business