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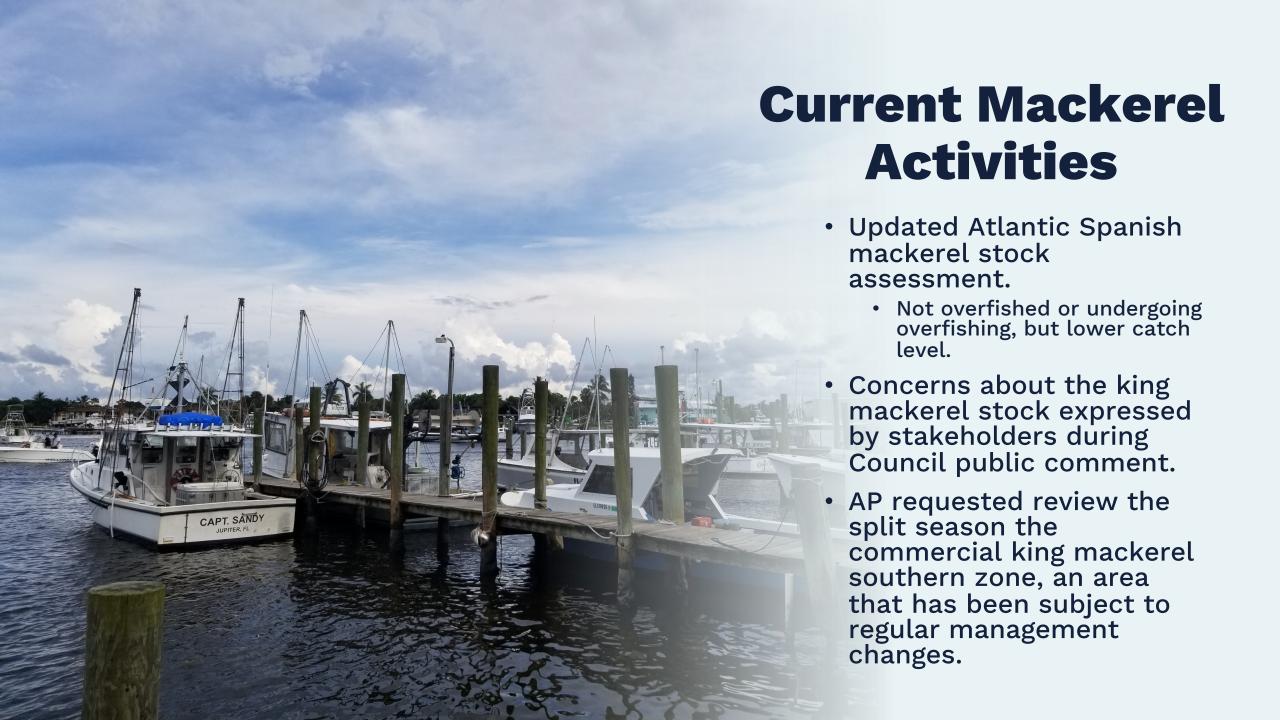
King and Spanish Mackerel Port Meetings

Outreach and Communications Advisory Panel – October 2023



During their April 2019
 meeting and their October
 2022 meeting, the
 Mackerel Cobia Advisory
 Panel passed motions
 requesting the South
 Atlantic Council set up a
 series of port meetings to
 gather more information
 on the Atlantic king and
 Spanish mackerel
 fisheries.







South Atlantic Council Goals and Objectives

Evaluation of current goals and objectives of the CMP FMP.

Achieving the maximum economic and social yield from the fishery.

Maintaining the long-term sustainability of stocks.

Maintaining the integrity of fishing communities under climate change.

Achieving the most equitable management structure under climate change.

Identification of underserved communities and EEJ concerns.

Consideration of interjurisdictional management and cooperation with other councils and ASMFC.

Recommended Discussion Topics

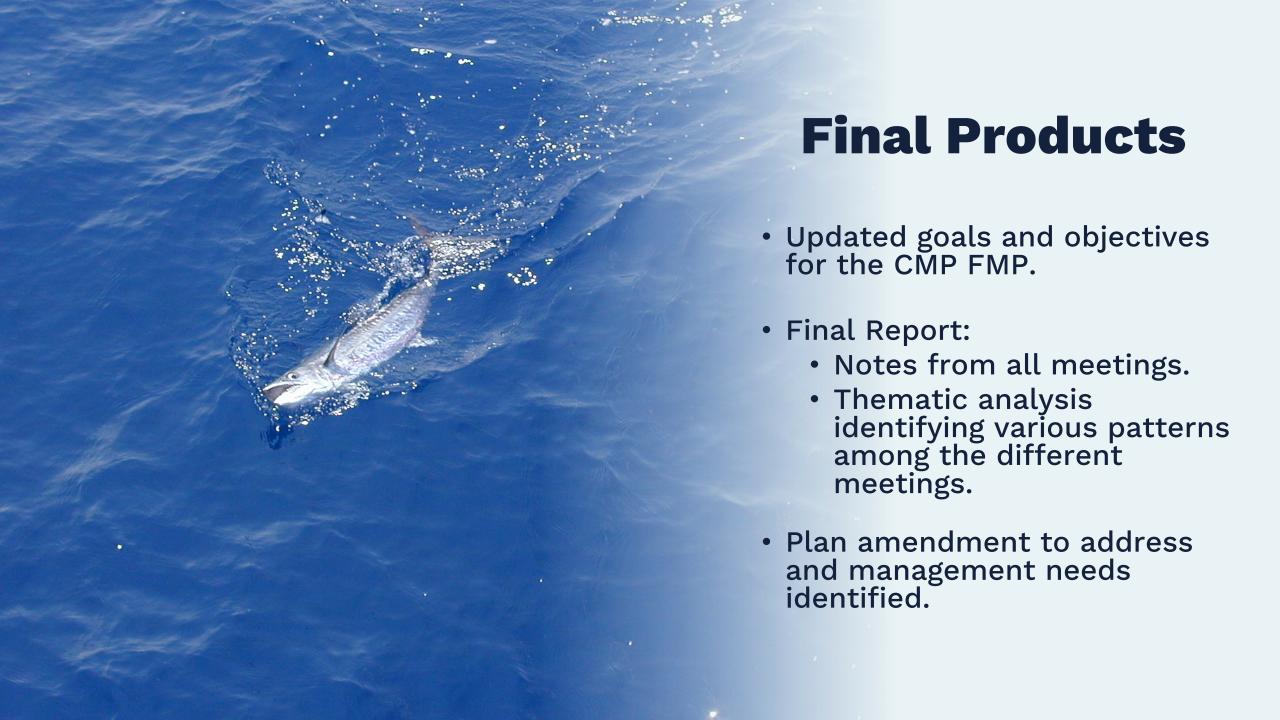
- Environmental Conditions:
 - Species movement/expansion:
 - · How it may affect future management.
 - · How fishermen are responding to changes.
 - · How the permit structure may influence their behavior.
 - Water quality and harmful algal blooms.
- Dynamics of the commercial fleet:
 - Mobility of the fleet, market flexibility, spatial seasonality, changes in gear type over type.
 - Differences in the size of fish targeted at different times/areas.
- Dynamics of the recreational fleet:
 - Is there a big catch and release component?
 - What role do tournaments play?
- · Differences in how each sectors values the mackerel fisheries.
- · How mackerel fisheries interact with other important fisheries.
- How can the Council better reach underserved communities?



Meeting Design

- Focus on king and Spanish mackerel only
- Meetings should be open to all members of the public with knowledge of the mackerel fisheries.
- Meetings held throughout the Gulf of Mexico (virtual) and Atlantic Coast (in-person), up to southern Massachusetts.





Timeline

1

September - December
Planning team develops a strategy for structuring and facilitating port meetings. Key locations identified.

2

January - March

Port meetings plan finalized and approved by South Atlantic Council. Mock port meeting held with the Mackerel Cobia Advisory Panel 3

April - December

Port Meetings held throughout the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions.

Discussion Questions

- How can staff distinguish port meetings from other Council outreach efforts (public comment, visioning, MSEs)?
- What types of facilitation methods should be considered when designing port meetings?
 - How can staff encourage two-way discourse between attendees and managers?
 - How might items identified by the Council be organized and prioritized for port meeting discussions?
- Attendance at Council organized meetings can sometimes be challenging, how can staff advertise and encourage participation in port meetings outside of working with Mackerel Advisory Panel members?
- Are there other analysis/products that may be helpful to include in the final report?