

# **South Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

## **SUMMARY MOTIONS**

**September 14-17, 2020**

This is a summary of the motions approved by the Council. Motions addressing actions and alternatives for FMP amendments are followed by text showing the result of the approved motion. Complete details on motions and other committee recommendations are provided in the Committee Reports available on the SAFMC website.

### **Snapper Grouper Committee**

MOTION 1: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Prepare draft Red Porgy amendment for review at the December 2020 meeting.
- Prepare analysis to show length of commercial season under potential new ACL using average catch rates from recent years to present to the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel in November 2020 and request recommendations on possible modifications to management measures.
- Request presentation from SERO to inform potential actions in Wreckfish ITQ Modernization Amendment (Amendment 48) for the December 2020 meeting.
- Convene a meeting of the Wreckfish ITQ shareholders and Wreckfish wholesale dealers via webinar ahead of the December 2020 meeting.
- Prepare the Wreckfish ITQ Modernization Amendment (Amendment 48) to be considered for scoping at the December 2020 meeting.
- Approve the list of topics for the AP meeting.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **SEDAR Committee**

MOTION 1: DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK:

- Present revised Statements of Work for the 2023 assessments of the snowy grouper and tilefish (golden) at the March 2021 meeting after the SSC has reviewed the Snowy Grouper Assessment (SEDAR 36 Update).

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

MOTION 1: APPROVE AMENDMENT 12 TO THE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE DOLPHIN WAHOO FISHERY OF THE ATLANTIC FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW AND DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE. GIVE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE TO MAKE ANY NECESSARY EDITORIAL CHANGES TO THE DOCUMENT/CODIFIED TEXT AND GIVE THE COUNCIL CHAIR AUTHORITY TO APPROVE THE REVISIONS AND RE-DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE IN ACTION 1.

Action 1. Revise the total annual catch limit for dolphin to reflect the updated acceptable biological catch level.

Preferred Alternative 2. The total annual catch limit for dolphin is equal to the updated acceptable biological catch level.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS PREFERRED UNDER ACTION 2.

Action 2. Revise the total annual catch limit for wahoo to reflect the updated acceptable biological catch level.

Preferred Alternative 2. The total annual catch limit for wahoo is equal to the updated acceptable biological catch level.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: MOVE ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3 IN ACTION 3 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED SECTION.

Action 3. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for dolphin.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5: APPROVE IPT SUGGESTED EDITS TO ALTERNATIVES 4, 5, AND 6 IN ACTION 3.

Action 3. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for dolphin.

Alternative 4. Allocate 93.75% of the revised total annual catch limit for dolphin to the recreational sector. Allocate 6.25% of the revised total annual catch limit for dolphin to the commercial sector. This is based on approximately maintaining the current commercial annual catch limit and allocating the remaining revised total annual catch limit to the recreational sector.

Alternative 5. Allocate 93.00% of the revised total annual catch limit for dolphin to the recreational sector. Allocate 7.00% of the revised total annual catch limit for dolphin to the commercial sector.

Alternative 6. Allocate 92.00% of the revised total annual catch limit for dolphin to the recreational sector. Allocate 8.00% of the revised total annual catch limit for dolphin to the commercial sector.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 6: APPROVE IPT SUGGESTED EDITS WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALTERNATIVE 1 IN ACTION 4.

Action 4. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for wahoo.

Alternative 2. Allocate 97.45% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 2.55% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector. This is based on the following formula for each sector:

- Sector apportionment = (50% \* average of long-term catch (pounds whole weight)) + (50% \* average of recent catch (pounds whole weight)).
- Long-term catch = 1999 through 2008; Recent catch = 2006 through 2008.

Alternative 3. Allocate 96.35% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 3.65% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector. This is based on the total catch between 1994 and 2007.

Alternative 4. Allocate 97.56% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 2.44% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector. This is based on approximately maintaining the current commercial annual catch limit and allocating the remaining total annual catch limit to the recreational sector.

Alternative 5. Allocate 97.00% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 3.00% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 7: AMEND ALTERNATIVE 4 TO REFLECT A SMALL INCREASE IN THE COMMERCIAL ACL. REMOVE ALTERNATIVE 2 IN ACTION 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED SECTION.

Action 4. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for wahoo.

Alternative 4. Allocate 97.55% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 2.45% of the revised total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector. This is based on approximately maintaining the current commercial annual catch limit and allocating the remaining total annual catch limit to the recreational sector.

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MOTION 8: REMOVE ACTION 5 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED SECTION.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 9: ACCEPT THE IPT SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 7.

Action 7. Revise the trigger for the post season recreational accountability measures for dolphin.

Alternative 2. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the recreational annual catch limits are constant and the 3-year geometric mean of landings exceed the recreational sector annual catch limit. If in any year the recreational sector annual catch limit is changed, the moving multi-year geometric mean of landings will start over.

Alternative 3. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the summed total of the most recent past three years of recreational landings exceeds the sum of the past three years recreational sector annual catch limits.

Alternative 4. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if recreational landings exceed the recreational sector annual catch limit in two of the previous three fishing years or exceeds the total (commercial and recreational combined) annual catch limit in any one year.

Alternative 5. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the total (commercial and recreational combined) annual catch limit is exceeded.

Alternative 6. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the recreational annual catch limit is exceeded.

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MOTION 10: ACCEPT THE IPT SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 8 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALTERNATIVE 2.

Action 8. Revise the post-season recreational accountability measures for dolphin.

Alternative 3. Reduce the length of the following recreational fishing season by the amount necessary to prevent the annual catch limit from being exceeded in the following year. However, the length of the recreational season will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

Alternative 4. Reduce the bag limit in the following recreational fishing season by the amount necessary to prevent the annual catch limit from being exceeded in the following year. However, the bag limit will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

Alternative 5. Reduce the vessel limit in the following recreational fishing season by the amount necessary to prevent the annual catch limit from being exceeded in the following year. However, the vessel limit will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 11: ACCEPT THE IPT EDITS TO ACTION 9.

Action 9. Revise the trigger for the post season recreational accountability measures for wahoo.

Alternative 2. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the recreational annual catch limits are constant and the 3-year geometric mean of landings exceed the recreational sector annual catch limit. If in any year the recreational sector annual catch limit is changed, the moving multi-year geometric mean of landings will start over.

Alternative 3. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the summed total of the most recent past three years of recreational landings exceeds the sum of the past three years recreational sector annual catch limits.

Alternative 4. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if recreational landings exceed the recreational sector annual catch limit in two of the previous three fishing years or exceeds the total (commercial and recreational combined) annual catch limit in any one year.

Alternative 5. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the total (commercial and recreational combined) annual catch limit is exceeded.

Alternative 6. Implement post season accountability measures in the following fishing year if the recreational annual catch limit is exceeded.

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MOTION 12: ACCEPT THE IPT SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 10 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ALTERNATIVE 2.

Action 10. Revise the post-season recreational accountability measures for wahoo.

Alternative 3. Reduce the length of the following recreational fishing season by the amount necessary to prevent the annual catch limit from being exceeded in the following year. However, the length of the recreational season will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

Alternative 4. Reduce the bag limit in the following recreational fishing season by the amount necessary to prevent the annual catch limit from being exceeded in the following year. However, the bag limit will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

Alternative 5. Implement a vessel limit in the following recreational fishing season that would prevent the annual catch limit from being exceeded in the following year. However, the vessel limit will not be implemented if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 13: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- Continue work on Amendment 10 for review at the December 2020 meeting.
- Write a follow-up letter to the Mid-Atlantic Council upon submittal of Amendment 12.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**Executive Committee**

MOTION 1: MOVE TO REQUIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS TO TAKE HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING THROUGH THE COUNCIL SUBSCRIPTION SERVICE. TRAINING WILL BE VALID FOR 2 YEARS.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: MOVE TO APPROVE THE REVISED OC AP MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE AND MAKE APPOINTMENTS IN DECEMBER 2020.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**Advisory Panel Selection Committee**

MOTION 1: REAPPOINT RITA MERRITT AND JEFF SOSS TO THE HABITAT PROTECTION AND ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT AP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: REAPPOINT DOUG KELLY, SHELLY KRUEGER AND KATIE LATANICH TO THE OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIONS AP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: READVERTISE THE COMMERCIAL SEAT ON THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP AND REAPPOINT NICKEY MAXEY TO THE LE AP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: REAPPOINT GARY ROBINSON AND TOM ROLLER (NGO) TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP. APPOINT PAUL RUDERSHAUSEN TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP. CONSIDER THE STRUCTURE OF THE MACKEREL COBIA AP AT THE DECEMBER 2020 COUNCIL MEETING.

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MOTION 5: REAPPOINT JACK COX AND ROBERT FREEMAN AND APPOINT CHRIS KIMREY TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.

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MOTION 6: APPOINT ANDREW MAHONEY, TONY CONSTANT AND HARRY MORALES TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

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MOTION 7: REAPPOINT DAVE SNYDER TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

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MOTION 8: REAPPOINT VINCENT BONURA, RICHARD GOMEZ, JIMMY HULL, AND DAVID MOSS TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

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MOTION 9: APPOINT CHRIS MILITELLO AND ANDREW FISH TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**SEDAR Appointments**

MOTION 1: APPROVE SEDAR 76 (BLACK SEA BASS) AND SEDAR 78 (SPANISH MACKEREL) TABLE OF PANELISTS, OBSERVERS AND DATA PROVIDERS AS PROVIDED BELOW.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: APPROVE SCHEDULES FOR SEDAR 76 (BLACK SEA BASS) AND SEDAR 78 (SPANISH MACKEREL).

APPROVED BY COUNCIL