

**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council**  
**SUMMARY OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS**

June 8-11, 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.

**Information & Education Committee**

MOTION 1: CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INFORMATION & EDUCATION COMMITTEE TO THE OUTREACH & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL.

MOTION 2: CHANGE THE NAME OF THE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ADVISORY PANELO TO THE OUTREACH AND COMMUNICATIOS ADVISORY PANEL.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**Dolphin Wahoo Committee**

MOTION 1: APPROVE THE IPT'S SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 1 IN AMENDMENT 10.

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

Alternative 1 (No Action). The total annual catch limit for dolphin is set equal to the current acceptable biological catch level. The current total annual catch limit for dolphin is 15,344,846 pounds whole weight.

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

Alternative 3. The total annual catch limit for dolphin is equal to 95% of the updated acceptable biological catch level.

Alternative 4. The total annual catch limit for dolphin is equal to 90% of the updated acceptable biological catch level.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: APPROVE THE IPT'S SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 2 IN AMENDMENT 10.

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

Alternative 1 (No Action). The total annual catch limit for wahoo is set equal to the acceptable biological catch level. The current total annual catch limit for wahoo is 1,794,960 pounds whole weight.

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

Alternative 3. The total annual catch limit for wahoo is equal to 95% of the updated acceptable biological catch level.

Alternative 4. The total annual catch limit for wahoo is equal to 90% of the updated acceptable biological catch level.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**MOTION 3: APPROVE ACTION 3 AND THE PROPOSED RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION IN AMENDMENT 10 WITH ASSOCIATED DIRECTION TO STAFF.**

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

Alternative 1 (No Action). The recreational sector allocation for dolphin is 90% of the total annual catch limit. The commercial sector allocation for dolphin is 10% of the total annual catch limit. This is based on the total catch between 2008 and 2012 as reported in 2014 and does not incorporate recreational landings from Monroe County, Florida.

Alternative 2. Allocate 93.95% of the total annual catch limit for dolphin to the recreational sector. Allocate 6.05% of the total annual catch limit for dolphin to the commercial sector. This is based on the total catch between 2008 and 2012 as reported in 2019 and does incorporate recreational landings from Monroe County, Florida.

Alternative 6. Allocate 93.75% of the total annual catch limit for dolphin to the recreational sector. Allocate 6.25% of the total annual catch limit for dolphin to the commercial sector. This is based on maintaining the current commercial annual catch limit of 1,534,485 pounds whole weight and allocating the remaining total annual catch limit to the recreational sector.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

**MOTION 4: APPROVE ACTION 4 AND THE PROPOSED RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION IN AMENDMENT 10 WITH INCLUSION OF DIRECTION TO STAFF.**

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

Alternative 1 (No Action). The recreational sector allocation for wahoo is 96.07% of the total annual catch limit. The commercial sector allocation for wahoo is 3.93% of the total annual catch limit. This is based on the following formula for each sector using landings data as reported in 2013 and does not incorporate recreational landings from Monroe County, Florida.

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 2. Allocate 97.45% of the total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 2.55% of the total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector. This is based on the following formula for each sector using landings data as reported in 2019 and does incorporate recreational landings from Monroe County, Florida.

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 5. Allocate 97.56% of the total annual catch limit for wahoo to the recreational sector. Allocate 2.44% of the total annual catch limit for wahoo to the commercial sector. This is based on maintaining the current commercial annual catch limit of 70,542 pounds whole weight and allocating the remaining total annual catch limit to the recreational sector.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5: REMOVE ACTIONS 5, 6, AND 7 FROM AMENDMENT 10.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 6: REMOVE ALTERNATIVES 2 THROUGH 5 IN PROPOSED ACTION 8 AND ADD AN ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD REFLECT THE CURRENT AM BUT REMOVE THE POST SEASON ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE THAT INCLUDES A PAYBACK.

Proposed Action 8. Revise the commercial accountability measures for dolphin.

Alternative 1 (No Action). The current commercial accountability measure includes an in-season closure to take place if the commercial annual catch limit is met or projected to be met. If the commercial annual catch limit is exceeded, it will be reduced by the amount of the commercial overage in the following fishing year only if the species is overfished and the total annual catch limit is exceeded.

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MOTION 7: SPLIT ACTION 9 INTO TWO ACTIONS, ONE FOR THE AM TRIGGER AND THE OTHER FOR THE POST-SEASON AM. ALTERNATIVE 4 AND ITS SUB-ALTERNATIVES BECOME THE ACTION FOR THE TRIGGER. ALTERNATIVE 5 BECOMES THE ACTION FOR THE POST-SEASON AM, AND TO ALTERNATIVE 5, ADD SUB-ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD REDUCE THE RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT AND REDUCE THE RECREATIONAL VESSEL LIMIT.

Action 9. Revise the recreational accountability measures for dolphin .

Alternative 1 (No action). If recreational landings exceed the recreational annual catch limit, then during the following fishing year, recreational landings will be monitored for persistence in increased landings. If the recreational annual catch limit is exceeded, it will be reduced by the amount of the recreational overage in the following fishing year and the recreational season will be reduced by the amount necessary to ensure that recreational landings do not exceed the reduced annual catch limit only if the species is overfished and the total annual catch limit is exceeded. However, the recreational annual catch limit and 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. Only implement post season accountability measures if:

Sub-alternative 4a. 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.

Sub-alternative 4b. The recreational annual catch limits are constant and 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.

Sub-alternative 4c. The recreational annual catch limits are constant and recreational landings exceed the recreational sector annual catch limit in two of the previous three fishing years or exceeds the total acceptable biological catch in any one year.

Sub-alternative 4d. The total (commercial and recreational combined) annual catch limit is exceeded.

Alternative 5. If the post-season accountability measure is triggered, 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.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 8: SPLIT ACTION 10 INTO TWO ACTIONS, ONE FOR THE AM TRIGGER AND THE OTHER FOR THE POST-SEASON AM. ALTERNATIVE 2 AND ITS SUB-ALTERNATIVES BECOME THE ACTION FOR THE TRIGGER. ALTERNATIVES 3 AND 4 BECOME THE ACTION FOR THE POST-SEASON AM. ADD TO THE NEW ACTION ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD ESTABLISH A VESSEL LIMIT AND A REDUCED BAG LIMIT.

Alternatives that would establish a vessel limit and a reduced bag limit.

Action 10. Revise the recreational accountability measures for wahoo.

Alternative 1 (No action). If recreational landings exceed the recreational annual catch limit, then during the following fishing year recreational landings will be monitored for persistence in increased landings. If the recreational annual catch limit is exceeded, it will be reduced by the amount of the recreational overage in the following fishing only if the species is overfished and the total annual catch limit is exceeded. However, the

recreational annual catch limit will not be reduced if the Regional Administrator determines, using the best available science, that it is not necessary.

Alternative 2. Only specify post-season accountability measures if:

Sub-alternative 2a. 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.

Sub-alternative 2b. The recreational annual catch limits are constant and 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.

Sub-alternative 2c. The recreational annual catch limits are constant and recreational landings exceed the recreational sector annual catch limit in two of the previous three fishing years or exceeds the total acceptable biological catch in any one year.

Sub-alternative 2d. The total (commercial and recreational combined) annual catch limit is exceeded.

Alternative 3. If the post-season accountability measure is triggered, reduce the recreational sector annual catch limit by the amount of the overage in the following fishing season.

Alternative 4. If the post-season accountability measure is triggered, 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.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 9: APPROVE THE IPT'S SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 13 IN AMENDMENT 10.

Action 13. Reduce the recreational vessel limit for dolphin.

Alternative 1 (No Action). The recreational daily bag limit is 10 dolphin per person, not to exceed 60 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Alternative 2. The recreational daily bag limit is 10 dolphin per person, not to exceed:

Sub-alternative 2a. 40 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Sub-alternative 2b. 42 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Sub-alternative 2c. 48 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Sub-alternative 2d. 54 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Alternative 3. In Florida only, the recreational daily bag limit is 10 dolphin per person, not to exceed:

Sub-alternative 3a. 40 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Sub-alternative 3b. 42 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Sub-alternative 3c. 48 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

Sub-alternative 3d. 54 dolphin per vessel, whichever is less, except on board a headboat where the limit is 10 dolphin per paying passenger.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 10: ADD AN ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD REMOVE PELAGIC LONGLINE GEAR AS AN ALLOWABLE GEAR IN THE DOLPHIN WAHOO FISHERY UNLESS YOU HOLD A HMS LIMITED ENTRY PERMIT.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 11: MOVE PROPOSED ACTION 14 AND PROPOSED ACTION 15, ALONG WITH THE NEW ALTERNATIVE TO A NEW AMENDMENT THAT WILL BE DISCUSSED IN MARCH 2021.

Proposed Action 14. Establish a permit endorsement requirement for dolphin and wahoo when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 1 (No Action). Currently there is no permit endorsement required to use pelagic longline gear in the Dolphin Wahoo fishery. Do not establish permit endorsement requirement for vessels issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit to use pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 2. In order to use pelagic longline gear onboard a vessel, require a longline endorsement to the Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit.

Proposed Action 15. Modify gear, bait, and training requirements in the commercial longline fishery for dolphin and wahoo to align with Highly Migratory Species requirements.

Sub-action 15A: Protected species handling and release training requirements for dolphin and wahoo when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 1A (No Action). The owner or operator of a vessel for which an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit has been issued and that has on board a pelagic longline must post inside the wheelhouse the sea turtle handling and release guidelines. Such owner or operator must also comply with the sea turtle bycatch mitigation measures, including gear requirements and sea turtle handling requirements, as specified in 50 C.F.R. §635.21(c)(5)(i) and (ii). These

requirements are a reference to the Highly Migratory Species regulations for pelagic longlines. Currently there are no protected species handling and release training requirements to use pelagic longline gear in the Dolphin Wahoo fishery. Do not establish protected species handling and release training requirements for vessels issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement to use pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 2A. In order to use pelagic longline gear on board a vessel, require a valid Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate on board for both the owner and operator of a vessel issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement.

Alternative 3A. In order to use pelagic longline gear on board a vessel, require a valid Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate be supplied when renewing an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement.

Sub-action 15B: Rigging and deployment requirements for dolphin and wahoo when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 1B (No Action). Currently there are no rigging or deployment requirements to use pelagic longline gear in the Dolphin Wahoo fishery. Do not establish requirements for rigging or deployment of pelagic longline gear on board vessels issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement.

Alternative 2B. If the total length of any gangion plus the length of any floatline is less than 100 meters, then the length of all gangions must be at least 10 percent longer than the length of the floatlines on board vessels issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement.

Alternative 3B. Cannot deploy a pelagic longline that exceeds 20 nautical miles in length in the Mid-Atlantic Bight as defined at 50 CFR §635.2 on board vessels issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement.

Sub-action 15C: Hook requirements for dolphin and wahoo when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 1C (No Action). Currently there are no hook requirements to use pelagic longline gear in the Dolphin Wahoo fishery. Do not establish hook requirements on board vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 2C. Vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement must possess and/or use only corrodible (i.e., non-stainless steel) circle hooks when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 3C. Vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement must possess and/or use only 18/0 or larger corrodible (i.e.,

non-stainless steel) circle hooks with an offset not to exceed 10 degrees, and/or 16/0 or larger non-offset corrodible circle hooks when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 4C. Vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement must possess and/or use only 12/0 or larger non-offset circle hooks when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 5C. Vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement must possess and/or use only 14/0 or larger non-offset circle hooks when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 6C. Vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement must possess and/or use only 16/0 or larger non-offset circle hooks when using pelagic longline gear.

Sub-action 15D: Bait requirements for dolphin and wahoo when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 1D (No Action). Currently there are no bait requirements to use pelagic longline gear in the Dolphin Wahoo fishery. Do not establish bait requirements on board vessels with an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement when using pelagic longline gear.

Alternative 2D. Require the use of whole finfish and/or squid as bait on board vessels that are issued an Atlantic Dolphin/Wahoo Commercial Permit and/or endorsement when using pelagic longline gear.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

*Motions 12-14 apply to Amendment 12: Adding Bullet and Frigate Mackerel to the FMP as Ecosystem Component Species.*

MOTION 12: APPROVE THE IPT'S SUGGESTED PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT.

The purpose and need is to add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic as ecosystem component (EC) species to acknowledge their ecological role as forage fish.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 13: APPROVE THE IPT'S SUGGESTED EDITS TO THE OPTIONS.

Option (No Action). There are no ecosystem component species in the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan of the Atlantic.

Preferred Option 2. Add bullet mackerel and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan of the Atlantic and designate the two mackerel species as ecosystem component species.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 14: APPROVE DOLPHIN WAHOO AMENDMENT 12 FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS TO BE HELD AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WITH COMMENTS BROUGHT

BACK AT THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING WITH THE INTENT OF A VOTE ON FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE AMENDMENT.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 15: ADD TWO MEMBERS TO THE DOLPHIN WAHOO AP THAT ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MID-ATLANTIC AND THAT WE WOULD ENCOURAGE A COMMERCIAL AND RECREATIONAL MEMBER.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 16: APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- Continue work on Amendment 10 for review at the September 2020 meeting.
- Continue work on Amendment 12 for review at the September 2020 meeting with the intent of holding public hearings and potentially voting on formal approval of the amendment.
- Work with Mid-Atlantic Council staff to identify two new Dolphin Wahoo AP members from the Mid-Atlantic region.
- Work on developing a new Dolphin Wahoo Amendment that focuses on proposed Actions 14 and 15 in Amendment 10.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **SNAPPER GROUPE COMMITTEE**

MOTION 1: DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK AN OPTIONS PAPER TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING INCLUDING SECTOR ALLOCATIONS FOR GREATER AMBERJACK AND CATCH LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON SSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE LATEST ASSESSMENT.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: ACCEPT THE IPT'S SUGGESTED EDITS TO ACTION 2 IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 34.

Alternative 1 (No Action). There are currently 28 artificial reef sites in the exclusive economic zone off South Carolina designated as special management zones. The allowable gear for the snapper grouper fishery management plan for the commercial and recreational sectors are handline, rod and reel, spear (excluding powerheads), bandit gear, pot, and longline (the last two are commercial sector only). Do not designate additional artificial reef sites as special management zones or implement new restrictions on fishing gear used to harvest snapper grouper species from artificial reef sites in the exclusive economic zone off South Carolina.

Preferred Alternative 2. Designate four additional artificial reef sites in the exclusive economic zone off South Carolina as special management zones. Within the special management zones, harvest of snapper grouper species would only be allowed with handline, rod and reel, and spear (excluding powerheads). All harvest would be limited to the applicable recreational bag limit.

Alternative 3. Designate four additional artificial reef sites in the exclusive economic zone off South Carolina as special management zones. Within the special management zones, harvest of snapper grouper species would only be allowed with handline, rod and reel, and spear (excluding powerheads). All harvest by spear would be limited to the applicable recreational bag limit.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: APPROVE SNAPPER GROUPER REGULATORY AMENDMENT 34 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 4: DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN WORK ON A PLAN AMENDMENT TO END OVERFISHING, TO ADDRESS REBUILDING AND ALLOCATIONS, ETC. FOR RED PORGY FOR REVIEW AT THE SEPTEMBER 2020 MEETING.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5: DIRECT STAFF TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Initiate a plan amendment to address modifications to management of Greater Amberjack in response to the results of the new assessment. Prepare an options paper for the September meeting.
- Initiate development of a plan amendment to address overfishing, rebuilding of Red Porgy and other management modifications. Bring an options paper to the Council in September.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **SEDAR COMMITTEE**

MOTION 1: CONVENE A WORKING GROUP INCLUDING SSC REPRESENTATIVES TO MEET VIA WEBINAR OR IN-PERSON, AS NEEDED TO REVIEW MODEL DEVELOPMENT RELATIVE TO TERMS OF REFERENCE 1 THROUGH 4.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: APPROVE RED SNAPPER SEDAR 73 TERMS OF REFERENCE AS MODIFIED.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: APPROVE THE SOUTH ATLANTIC SELECTIVITY WORKGROUP STATEMENT OF WORK.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: APPROVE BLACK SEA BASS STOCK ASSESSMENT TERMS OF

REFERENCE AS MODIFIED.

MOTION 5: APPROVE SOUTH ATLANTIC SPANISH MACKEREL TERMS OF REFERENCE AS MODIFIED.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 6: DIRECT STAFF TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING TASK:

- Work with FWRI to convene a Selectivity Workgroup in the fall so that the report will be available by November 16, 2020 for SEDAR 73 and other upcoming South Atlantic stock assessments.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **Mackerel Cobia Committee**

MOTION 1: DIRECT STAFF TO BRING BACK AN OPTIONS PAPER TO THE SEPTEMBER MEETING INCLUDING CONSIDERATION OF SECTOR ALLOCATIONS AND CATCH LEVEL ADJUSTMENTS BASED ON SSC RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE RECENT STOCK ASSESSMENT UPDATE.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASKS:

- Prepare an options paper considering sector allocations and catch level adjustments based on SSC recommendations and the updated SEDAR 38 assessment for review at the September 2020 Council meeting.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **Executive Committee**

MOTION 1: APPROVE THE INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDING AND PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AS MODIFIED.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: APPROVE THE STAFF PERFORMANCE EVALAUTION PROCESS AS MODIFIED.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: MOVE TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING TIMING and TASKS:

- Plan an Executive Committee meeting, via webinar prior to the September Council Meeting, to discuss Council FMP priorities and workload management.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

### **SSC Selection Committee**

MOTION 1: REAPPOINT ALL 6 SSC MEMBERS WHO HAVE REAPPLIED FOR THE SSC (Scott Crosson, Eric Johnson, Anne Lange, Amy Schueller, Tracy Yandle, and Fred Scharf).

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 2: APPOINT DR. JIE CAO TO THE SSC.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: REAPPOINT ALL 6 MEMBERS WHO HAVE REAPPLIED FOR THE SEP (Scott Crosson, Chris Dumas, Jason Murray, Kurt Schnier, John Whitehead, and Tracy Yandle).

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: APPOINT ANDREW ROPICKI TO THE SEP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5: APPOINT DAVID DIETZ AND ADAM STEMLE TO THE SEP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 6: APPOINT DR. WALTER BUBLEY TO THE DESIGNATED SC SEAT ON THE SSC.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 7: ADOPT THE FOLLOWING TIMING AND TASK(S):

- Draft and send letters to all the SSC and SEP members that were reappointed for another term.
- Draft and send a letter to Dr. Jie Cao announcing his appoint to the SSC for a 3-year term.
- Draft and send letters to David Dietz, Adam Stemle, and Andrew Ropicki announcing their appointments to the SEP for 5-year terms.
- Draft and send letters to all the other applicants who applied for positions on the SSC and the SEP but were not appointed, thanking them for their applications.
- Draft and send letters recognizing the contributions of Marcel Reichert and Rob Ahrens to the SSC.
- Consider adding another seat to the SSC at the September Council meeting, evaluating the need of the SSC for any additional expertise.
- Draft and send a letter to Dr. Walter Bublely announcing his appoint to the SSC for a 3-year term.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

## **Full Council**

MOTION 1: MOVE TO SUBMIT A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY ADDRESSING RED SNAPPER CONCERNS AND PANDEMIC EFFECTS. ITEMS TO ADDRESS INCLUDE:

- Descending devices effects
- Thanks for approving (*Snapper Grouper FMP*) Amendment 29
- Importance of Assessment getting approved on time
- Importance of Red Snapper to the fishery
- Importance to address pandemic impacts
- Willingness to work with NMFS to maximize harvest and access
- Consider aggregate impacts of abundance, best practices, COVID impacts

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 3: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN EMERGENCY ACTION REQUEST TO INCREASE THE ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL KING MACKEREL POSSESSION LIMIT TO 4 PER PERSON COASTWIDE.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 4: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO PREPARE AN EMERGENCY ACTION REQUEST TO INCREASE THE VERMILION SNAPPER COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMIT TO 1500 POUNDS GW FOR 180 DAYS.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 5: MOVE TO DIRECT STAFF TO BRING AN EMERGENCY ACTION REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION IN SEPTEMBER TO ALLOW CARRY-OVER OF UNUSED 2020 ACL INTO 2021.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 6: MOVE TO SEND A LETTER IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACK SEA BASS EFP.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION 7: SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL DOES NOT INTEND TO MANAGE SUMMER, SOUTHERN, FRINGE, OR GULF FLOUNDER SPECIES IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF FLORIDA AND WRITE A LETTER TO THE FWC AND NOAA OF THE INTENTION.

APPROVED BY COUNCIL