

SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

SOCIO-ECONOMIC PANEL OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE



SEP Meeting Overview

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Crowne Plaza

4831 Tanger Outlet Boulevard

North Charleston, SC

PURPOSE

This meeting is convened to:

- Review Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/ Snapper Grouper Amendment 33
- Review possible actions in Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24
- Review the General Accountability Measures/ Dolphin Allocation Amendment
- Discuss economic efficiency/net efficiency analysis for allocations decisions
- Discuss social and economic research needs for the South Atlantic region

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Attachment 2. Discussion Document for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24

Attachment 3. Scoping Document for the Generic Accountability Measures/Dolphin Allocation Amendment

Attachment 4: Allocation of Fishery Harvests under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act: Principles and Practice (NMFS Tech Memo, February 2012)

Attachment 5: (Draft) Review of Laws, Guidance, Technical Memorandums, and Case Studies Related to Fisheries Allocation Decisions (NMFS Tech Memo Draft, January 2014)

Attachment 6: A Recreation Demand Model for South Atlantic Marine Recreational Private and For-Hire Boat Fishing with an Application to Snapper Grouper Management (Whitehead, 2013)

1. Introduction

1.1. Documents

Agenda
Minutes, October 2012

1.2. Action

Introductions
Review and Approve Agenda
Approve Minutes

2. Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/Snapper Grouper Amendment 33- transfer of fillets from Bahamian waters

2.1. Documents

Attachment 1. Draft Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7/ Snapper Grouper Amendment 33

2.2. Overview

The South Atlantic Council was approached by recreational fishermen who requested a change in the regulations that currently make it illegal to bring filleted dolphin and wahoo into the U.S exclusive economic zone (EEZ) from Bahamian waters. Fishermen contend that storing fish safely with head and fins intact is difficult and impractical due to the size of the fish. The purpose of Dolphin Wahoo Amendment 7 is to allow fishermen to bring dolphin and wahoo fillets from The Bahamas into the U.S. EEZ.

Regulations at 50 C.F.R. § 622.186 (b) currently allow fillets of snapper grouper species from The Bahamas to be brought into the U.S. EEZ. In December 2013, the South Atlantic Council made a motion to address the issue of transporting species under the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Unit (FMU) from The Bahamas into the U.S. EEZ along similar guidelines as is under consideration for dolphin and wahoo. The need for this action is to increase economic and social benefits to fishermen by removing unnecessary restrictions and implementing regulations for dolphin and wahoo that are consistent with snapper grouper species.

2.3. Presentation

Brian Chevront, Council staff

2.4. Action

Comment and recommendations

SEP RECOMMENDATION:

3. Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24

3.1. Document

Attachment 2. SEP/SSC Discussion Document for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 24

3.2. Overview

In the past several years, the commercial sectors of the Atlantic Spanish mackerel and Gulf king mackerel fisheries have come close or exceeded the commercial ACLs, while the recreational sectors of those fisheries have not used a fairly large proportion of the recreational ACL. The Councils are considering ways to increase opportunity to reach the total ACLs for Atlantic Spanish mackerel and Gulf king mackerel, including an in-season ACL shift for Atlantic Spanish mackerel. The amendment was scoped in January 2014.

3.3. Presentation

Kari MacLauchlin, Council staff

3.4. Action

Comment and recommendations

SEP RECOMMENDATION:

4. Generic Accountability Measures/Dolphin Allocation Amendment

4.1. Documents

Attachment 3. Scoping Document for the Generic Accountability Measures/Dolphin Allocation Amendment

4.2. Overview

With the reauthorization of the Magnuson Stevens Act in 2007 the South Atlantic Council was required to develop accountability measures (AMs) for all of the species it manages that have annual catch limits. Recent plan amendments modified the criteria by which accountability measures would be implemented for a number of species. The Council is now considering modifying the accountability measure triggering criteria for snapper grouper species and golden crab. Adjusting the accountability measure criteria in this amendment will help to bring consistency across species managed by the Council. The Dolphin Wahoo Advisory Panel requested the Council reconsider how it allocates dolphin between the recreational and commercial sectors.

4.3. Presentation

Brian Chevront, Council staff

4.4. ACTIONS

Comment and recommendations

SEP RECOMMENDATION:

5. Potential Methodologies for Evaluating the Economic Efficiency of Fishery Allocations

5.1. Documents

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5.2. Overview

Southeast Fishery Science Center staff will lead a discussion on potential methodologies for evaluating economic efficiency of fishery allocations.

5.3. Discussion

Scott Crosson, Southeast Fishery Science Center

5.4. ACTIONS

Comment and recommendations

SEP RECOMMENDATION:

6. Research Needs

6.1. Document

Attachment 6. A Recreation Demand Model for South Atlantic Marine Recreational Private and For-Hire Boat Fishing with an Application to Snapper Grouper Management (Whitehead, 2013)

6.2. Overview

The SEP will discuss social and economic research needs for the South Atlantic and use of existing data in research, and use of recreational data in snapper grouper management.

6.3. Presentation and Discussion

John Whitehead, SEP Chair

6.4. ACTIONS

Comment and recommendations

SEP RECOMMENDATION:

7. Other Business

8. Report and Recommendations Review

9. Next SEP Meeting

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