

OVERVIEW

Joint SAFMC/GMFMC Mackerel Committee Meeting

March 4, 2013

Sea Palms Resort & Conference Center
5445 Frederica Road
St. Simons Island, GA

The mackerel committees from the Gulf of Mexico Council and the South Atlantic Council will meet as a joint committee to discuss Amendments 19 and 20 to the Joint Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP. The Joint Committee will (A) receive reports from SERO and the SEFSC on the status of commercial and recreational catches versus the respective quotas for Gulf Group and Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia. Following, the Joint Committee will (B) review the decision document for Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 19 and provide guidance to staff; and (C) review the decision document for Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Mackerel Amendment 20 and provide guidance to staff.

The South Atlantic Committee will continue the meeting with (D) a review of the South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Actions and provide guidance to staff. Lastly the Committee will address issues under Other Business as needed.

A. Status of Landings for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Species (Attachments 1 and 2)

The Committees will receive an update on the status of landings (commercial and recreational) for Gulf Group and Atlantic Group king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary.

B. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Amendment 19 (Sale and Permit Provisions) (Attachments 3a and 3b)

The Joint Committee will review the amendment through the decision document, select preferred alternatives, and make changes to the amendment as needed.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff.

C. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic Amendment 20 (Modifications to CMP Zones) (Attachments 4a and 4b)

The Joint Committee will review the amendment through the decision document, select preferred alternatives, and make changes to the amendment as needed.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Select preferred alternatives, modify the amendment as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff.

D. South Atlantic Mackerel Framework Actions (*Attachments 5a and 5b*)

The South Atlantic Committee will review the framework actions through the decision document, clarify and finalize actions and alternatives, and make changes to the amendment as needed.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Finalize the list of actions and establish an appropriate range of alternatives for each action, modify the amendment as appropriate, and provide guidance to staff.