

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA
SEPTEMBER 13-14, 2012**

SUMMARY OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS

SNAPPER GROUPE

The Council approved the following motions relative to Snapper Grouper:

MOTION #1: USE THE SCIENTIFIC CONVENTION OF ROUNDING TO DETERMINE WHETHER AN ACL HAS BEEN MET.

MPAs for Speckled Hind and Warsaw Grouper

MOTION #2: REQUEST THAT AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT OF REGULATIONS ON CO-OCCURRING SPECIES OF SPECKLED HIND AND WARSAW GROUPE BE CONDUCTED AND THE REDUCTION IN BYCATCH THAT HAS POTENTIALLY BEEN ACHIEVED.

MOTION #3: MOVE FORWARD WITH CONSIDERATION OF DEEPWATER MPAS (TIER 1---RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING MPAS USING PERCENT OCCURRENCE AS A CRITERION) TO PROTECT SPECKLED HIND AND WARSAW GROUPE THROUGH A REGULATORY AMENDMENT AND THAT ALTERNATIVES BE PRESENTED AT THE DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETING.

MOTION#4: ADD HABITAT AS AN ADDITIONAL CRITERION TO ANALYZE TIER 1 MPAS.

Regulatory Amendment 13 and Yellowtail Snapper

MOTION #5: CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT OF REGULATORY AMENDMENT 13 TO MAKE TECHNICAL ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RECREATIONAL CATCHES FOR UNASSESSED SNAPPER GROUPE SPECIES. THE EXISTING BOYLES'S LAW AND THE ABC/ACL/ACT DETERMINATIONS WOULD BE USED. AT THE DECEMBER MEETING, THE AMENDMENT WOULD BE REVIEWED, PUBLIC COMMENT WOULD BE TAKEN, AND IT WOULD BE APPROVED FOR SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE.

MOTION #6: REQUEST AN EMERGENCY RULE TO ADJUST THE COMMERCIAL ACL FOR YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER BASED ON THE CURRENT STOCK ASSESSMENT, THE SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE'S ABC RECOMMENDATION BASED ON THE CURRENT ABC CONTROL RULE, INTERJURISDICTIONAL ALLOCATION, AND COMMERCIAL/RECREATIONAL ALLOCATIONS.

MOTION #7: INITIATE DEVELOPMENT OF A REGULATORY AMENDMENT (REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15) TO ADJUST THE YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER ACLS. BRING THIS TO THE COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.

MOTION #8: INCLUDE IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15, ALTERNATIVES TO CHANGE THE FISHING YEAR START DATE TO AUGUST 1 AND AN ALTERNATIVE TO ESTABLISH A SPAWNING SEASON CLOSURE.

MOTION #9: EXPRESS TO THE GULF COUNCIL THE SOUTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL'S WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY FOR MANAGEMENT OF YELLOWTAIL SNAPPER AND MUTTON SNAPPER

Amendment 22

MOTION #10: CONSIDER A RECREATIONAL TAG PROGRAM FOR RED SNAPPER, AND THE DEEPWATER SPECIES (GOLDEN TILEFISH, SNOWY GROUPER AND WRECKFISH) IN AMENDMENT 22.

MOTION #11: DIRECT STAFF TO FURTHER DEVELOP AMENDMENT 22 AND BRING IT BACK TO COUNCIL (AS AN OPTIONS PAPER) IN MARCH 2013 OR JUNE 2013.

MOTION #12: DIRECT STAFF TO INCLUDE AMENDMENT 22 OPTIONS PAPER AND SNAPPER GROUPER COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE SSC'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC PANEL AGENDA FOR OCTOBER 2012.

MOTION #13: DIRECT STAFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES FOR RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15.

Regulatory Amendment 14

Greater Amberjack

MOTION #14: INCLUDE OPTIONS 1-3 FOR THE FISHING YEAR ADJUSTMENT FOR GREATER AMBERJACK.

- Option 1. No Action. Do not modify the fishing year for greater amberjack. The current fishing year begins on May 1.
- Option 2. Modify the fishing year for greater amberjack to begin on January 1.
- Option 3. Modify the fishing year for greater amberjack to begin on March 1.

MOTION #15: INCLUDE OPTIONS 1-2 FOR THE TRIP LIMIT ADJUSTMENT FOR GREATER AMBERJACK.

- Option 1. No Action. Do not reduce the trip limit for greater amberjack. The current trip limit is 1,200 pounds gw.
- Option 2. Reduce the commercial trip limit to 1,000 pounds gw.

Mutton Snapper

MOTION #16: APPROVE OPTIONS 1-6 UNDER THE ACTION TO IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL REGULATIONS TO PROTECT MUTTON SNAPPER DURING THE SPAWNING SEASON FOR INCLUSION IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14.

- Option 1. No Action. Do not implement additional regulations to protect mutton snapper during the spawning season. During May and June, commercial snapper-grouper permit holders are limited to a commercial harvest of mutton snapper of 10 fish per person or 10 fish per trip, whichever is more restrictive, which is equivalent to the aggregate snapper recreational bag limit.
- Option 2. Designate area closures coinciding with known spawning aggregation sites and close them to fishing for mutton snapper during May and June
 - Sub-option 2a. Designate Western Dry Rocks as a mutton snapper spawning aggregation area closure.
 - Sub-option 2b. Designate Eyeglass Bar as a mutton snapper spawning aggregation area closure.
- Option 3. Implement a reduction in the bag limit to 5 mutton snapper per person per day during May and June.
- Option 4. Implement a reduction in the bag limit to 3 mutton snapper per person per day during May and June.
- Option 5. Modify the commercial spawning season closure.
 - Sub-option 5a. All commercial and recreational harvest is prohibited in May and June.
 - Sub-option 5b. All commercial and recreational harvest is prohibited in April-June.

MOTION #17: ADD AN OPTION (OPTION 6) TO REDUCE BAG LIMIT OF MUTTON SNAPPER YEAR-ROUND TO 3, 5 OR 7 PER PERSON PER DAY (INCLUDED IN THE AGGREGATE 10-SNAPPER BAG LIMIT).

Gray Triggerfish & Hogfish

MOTION #18: ADD AN OPTION TO CHANGE THE MEASUREMENT METHOD FOR GRAY TRIGGERFISH TO HAVE CONSISTENCY BETWEEN STATE AND FEDERAL WATERS. THE MEASUREMENT WOULD BE SPECIFIED IN FORK LENGTH.

MOTION #19: REMOVE ACTION TO CHANGE THE SIZE LIMIT OF GRAY TRIGGERFISH UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE STOCK ASSESSMENT.

MOTION #20: ADD AN ACTION TO REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14 TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR HOGFISH. INCLUDE OPTIONS FOR 12 (NO ACTION), 13 AND 14 INCHES FORK LENGTH.

MOTION #21: REMOVE OPTIONS TO MODIFY THE BAG LIMIT AND ESTABLISH COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMIT FOR GRAY TRIGGERFISH UNTIL THE COMPLETION OF THE STOCK ASSESSMENT

Black Sea Bass

MOTION #22: CONSIDER ACTION TO MODIFY THE BLACK SEA BASS RECREATIONAL FISHING YEAR TO CONSIDER START DATES OF JAN 1, APRIL 1 AND OCTOBER 1.

MOTION #23: CONSIDER AN ACTION TO MODIFY THE BLACK SEA BASS COMMERCIAL FISHING YEAR TO CONSIDER A START DATE OF JULY 1.

MOTION #24: INCLUDE OPTIONS TO OPEN THE BLACK SEA BASS COMMERCIAL SEASON TO THE HOOK AND LINE SECTOR ONLY ON EITHER JUNE 1 OR MAY 1 WITH A TRIP LIMIT OF 50 POUNDS (INTENT IS FOR THE TRIP LIMIT TO END WITH THE OPENING OF THE BLACK SEA BASS POT SEASON)

Vermilion Snapper

MOTION #25: CONSIDER OPTIONS TO MODIFY THE TRIP LIMIT FOR VERMILION SNAPPER.

1. NO TRIP LIMIT
2. 1,000 POUNDS
3. 500 POUNDS
4. 400 POUNDS

MOTION #26: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES TO CHANGE THE BAG LIMIT FOR VERMILION SNAPPER IN REGULATORY AMENDMENT 14. INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES THAT WOULD ADJUST THE BAG LIMIT FROM 3 TO 10 FISH.

MOTION #27: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER OPTIONS FOR MOVING THE OPENING OF THE SECOND COMMERCIAL VERMILION SNAPPER SEASON.

1. JULY 1
2. JUNE 1
3. MAY 1

MOTION #28: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER OPTIONS TO LENGTHEN OR SHORTEN THE RECREATIONAL CLOSED SEASON FOR VERMILION SNAPPER:

1. CLOSURE NOVEMBER 1 - FEBRUARY 1
2. CLOSURE DECEMBER 1 - MARCH 1
3. CLOSURE OCTOBER 1 - MARCH 1

Red Porgy

MOTION #29: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER A RANGE OF OPTIONS TO INCREASE THE RED PORGY RECREATIONAL BAG LIMIT UP TO 5 FISH.

MOTION #30: INCLUDE AN ACTION TO CONSIDER A RANGE OF OPTIONS TO INCREASE THE RED PORGY COMMERCIAL HEAD COUNT IN THE COMMERCIAL FISHERY UP TO 240 FISH OR THE EQUIVALENT POUNDAGE.

Grouper

MOTION #31: INCLUDE AN ACTION IN REG AMENDMENT 14 TO INCREASE AGGREGATE GROUPE R BAG LIMIT FROM 3 TO 4 FISH AND WITHIN THAT INCREASE THE GAG BAG LIMIT FROM 1 TO 2 FISH.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION #32: ADD AN ACTION TO REGULATORY AMENDMENT 15 TO REMOVE THE TRIGGERING OF THE SHALLOW-WATER GROUPE R CLOSURE WHEN THE GAG ACL IS MET OR PROJECTED TO BE MET.

Blue Runner Issue

MOTION #33: DIRECT STAFF TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF A SNAPPER GROUPE R PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN BLUE RUNNER FISHERY.

Other

MOTION #34: REMOVE THE ITEM ON OCULINA RESEARCH ACTIVITIES FROM THE SNAPPER GROUPE R COMMITTEE AGENDA AND COVER THAT TOPIC UNDER THE ECOSYSTEM COMMITTEE OR THE HABITAT AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMITTEE.

ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT

NO FMP RELATED MOTIONS.

GOLDEN CRAB

The Council approved the following motion relative to golden crab:

MOTION #1: POSTPONE MORE WORK ON AMENDMENT 6 UNTIL AFTER A MEETING OF THE AP, WHICH IS TO BE HELD PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL'S MARCH 2013 MEETING.

MACKEREL

The Council approved the following motions relative to mackerel:

Amendment 19

MOTION #1: APPROVE THE GULF LANGUAGE CHANGE IN ALTERNATIVE 3 UNDER ACTION 1.

Action 1: Sale of king mackerel and Spanish mackerel.

Alternative 3: For a person to sell king or Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ of the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic, those fish must have been harvested aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel permit/endorsement. A king mackerel permit is required to sell king mackerel and a Spanish mackerel permit is required to sell Spanish mackerel.

MOTION #2: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE UNDER ACTION 1.

Alternative 1: No Action - no federal permit requirement to sell king and Spanish mackerel. Sale of king and Spanish mackerel harvested under the bag limit is allowed for persons that possess the necessary state permits. However, if a commercial closure has been implemented, the sale or purchase of king or Spanish mackerel of the closed species, migratory group, subzone, or gear type, is prohibited, including any king or Spanish mackerel taken under the bag limits.

MOTION #3: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 4 IN ACTION 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Action 2: Sale of cobia

Alternative 4: For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip aboard a vessel with at least one of the following commercial vessel permits: king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, Gulf reef fish, South Atlantic snapper/grouper, or South Atlantic dolphin/wahoo.

MOTION #4: REMOVE ALTERNATIVE 5 FROM ACTION 2.

Alternative 5: Prohibit sale of cobia caught under the bag limit.

Option a. South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

MOTION #5: APPROVE THE GULF LANGUAGE CHANGE IN ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3 IN ACTION 2.

Alternative 2: Create a new commercial cobia permit. For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip under a commercial quota aboard a vessel with a commercial cobia vessel permit.

Alternative 3: For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip under a commercial

QUOTA aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel king mackerel or Spanish mackerel permit.

MOTION #6: APPROVE THE GULF LANGUAGE CHANGE IN ALTERNATIVE 4 IN ACTION 2.

Alternative 4: For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip under a commercial QUOTA aboard a vessel with at least one of the following commercial vessel permits: king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, Gulf reef fish, South Atlantic snapper/grouper, or South Atlantic dolphin/wahoo.

MOTION #7: REMOVE ACTION 3 FROM THE AMENDMENT TO BE PLACED IN A STAND-ALONE AMENDMENT.

Action 3: Tournament Sales of King Mackerel

MOTION #8: REMOVE ACTION 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.

Action 4. Elimination of Latent Endorsements in the Gulf Group King Mackerel Gillnet Sector.

MOTION #8: REPLACE SOUTH ATLANTIC ALTERNATIVE 4 WITH GULF ALTERNATIVE 4 IN ACTION 5.

Action 5. Elimination of Latent Permits in the King Mackerel Hook-and-Line Sector.

Alternative 4 (Gulf): Allow transfer of latent commercial king mackerel permits only to immediate family members and allow transfer to another vessel owned by the same entity. Permits will be considered latent if average landings did not meet the threshold (defined below) during:

Option a. All years with data available (1998/1999-2009/2010)

Suboption i. Average of all years

Suboption ii. At least one of the 12 years

Option b. Ten years (1999/2000-2008/2009 or 2000/2001-2009/2010)

Suboption i. Average of all years

Suboption ii. At least one of the ten years

Option c. The threshold for average reported landings would be:

Suboption i. 1 lb

Suboption ii. 100 lbs

Suboption iii. 500 lbs

Suboption iv. 1,000 lbs.

MOTION #9: REMOVE ALTERNATIVE 5 IN ACTION 5.

Alternative 5: Establish an appeals process.

MOTION 10: ADD A SUBOPTION FOR 2005-2006 THROUGH 2009-2010 UNDER ACTION 5.

Option c. Five years (2005/2006-2009/2010)

Suboption i. Average of all years

Suboption ii. At least one of the five years

MOTION #11: REMOVE OPTION FOR 12-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE ANALYSIS FOR ALTERNATIVE 2 AND ALTERNATIVE 4 UNDER ACTION 5.

Alternative 2: Renew commercial king mackerel permits if average landings met the threshold (defined below) during:

Option a. All years with data available (1998/1999-2009/2010)

Suboption i. Average of all years

Suboption ii. At least one of the 12 years

Alternative 4: Allow transfer of latent commercial king mackerel permits only to immediate family members and allow transfer to another vessel owned by the same entity. Permits will be considered latent if average landings did not meet the threshold (defined below) during:

Option a. All years with data available (1998/1999-2009/2010)

Suboption i. Average of all years

Suboption ii. At least one of the 12 years

MOTION #12: ADD AN OPTION UNDER ALTERNATIVE 4 IN ACTION 5 TO CONSIDER A RANGE OF POUNDAGE THRESHOLDS OF COMMERCIAL LANDINGS (ANY SPECIES) BASED ON FEDERAL LOGBOOKS.

Option d: The threshold for average reported landings for any species would be:

Suboption i. 1 lb

Suboption ii. 100 lbs

Suboption iii. 500 lbs

Suboption iv. 1,000 lbs.

MOTION #13: ADD ALTERNATIVE 3 UNDER ACTION 6.

Action 6. Federal Regulatory Compliance.

Alternative 3: If a cobia permit is established in Action 2, all vessels with federal commercial cobia permits must comply with federal cobia regulations when fishing in state waters if the federal regulations are more restrictive.

MOTION #14: REMOVE ALTERNATIVE 4 IN ACTION 7.

Action 7. Modify or Eliminate Income Requirements for Gulf and South Atlantic Commercial Coastal Migratory Pelagic Permits.

Alternative 4: Replace the current income requirements for king and Spanish mackerel (and cobia, if applicable) with a Coastal Migratory Pelagics landings requirement, such that in one of the three years preceding the application, landings must be greater than:

Option a. 500 lbs of coastal migratory pelagic species

Option b. 1,000 lbs of coastal migratory pelagic species

Option c. 5,000 lbs of coastal migratory pelagic species

Option d. 10,000 lbs of coastal migratory pelagic species

MOTION #15: MOVE ACTION 8 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.

Action 8. Atlantic Group Spanish Mackerel Gillnet Endorsement.

Amendment 20

MOTION #16: ADD ALTERNATIVE 4 (AS MODIFIED) TO ACTION 4 AND SELECT AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Action 4: Establish a transit provision for king mackerel harvested in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) off Monroe County when the rest of the west coast of Florida is closed.

Alternative 4: Establish a transit provision for fish harvested in the EEZ off Monroe County to be landed in Collier County when the rest of the west coast of Florida is closed with the following provisions:

Only from April 1 - June 30

Only with direct and continuous transit and gear stowed

Only for fishermen holding a federal commercial king mackerel permit

MOTION 17: MOVE ACTION 5 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.

Action 5. Restrictions on Fishing for King Mackerel in Multiple Zones.

MOTION #18: MOVE ACTIONS 6, 8, AND 9 TO A LATER AMENDMENT AFTER SEDAR 28 IS COMPLETED.

Action 6. Modify the Gulf and Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia Annual Catch Limits (ACLs).

Action 8. Set Annual Catch Target (ACTs) by Sub-Zones for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia.

Action 9. Specify Accountability Measures (AMs) by Sub-Zones for Atlantic Migratory Group Cobia.

DIRECTION TO STAFF---FOR ACTION 7 STAFF WAS DIRECTED TO ADD THE FOLLOWING ALLOCATION OPTIONS:

Action 7. Establish State-by-State or Regional Quotas for Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel, Spanish Mackerel, and Cobia.

Option 1- average of NC proportion of 2006-2011 landings

Option 2- average NC proportion of quota 2006-2011 + proportion of unused quota

Option 3- average of NC proportion of 2001-2011 landings

*Option 4- above + [(NC proportion)*average unused quota]*

Option 5- % unused percentage split proportionally between NC/FL-GA-SC/Other states

Option 6- Boyles Law to total landings (50% 2001-2011 + 50% 2006-2011)

Direction to staff- include landings from other Atlantic states separate from the unused quota

MOTION #19: APPROVE THE GULF'S ADDITIONAL WORDING IN ALTERNATIVE 2 UNDER ACTION 10.

Action 10. Modify the Framework Procedure.

Alternative 2 (Gulf). Modify the framework procedure to include changes to ABCs, ABC/ACL control rules, and accountability measures (AMs) under the standard documentation process for open framework actions. Accountability measures that could be changed would include:

Framework Amendment

MOTION #20: REMOVE ITEM 2 FROM THE FRAMEWORK.

2) Retention of 1 king mackerel greater than 50 inches.

MOTION #21: REMOVE CONSIDERATION OF A SPAWNING SEASON CLOSURE FOR KING MACKEREL FROM THE FRAMEWORK.

MOTION #22: REMOVE ITEM 4 FROM THE FRAMEWORK.

4) Change trip limits for Atlantic group King Mackerel.

MOTION #23: ADD CONSIDERATION OF AN EXEMPTION FROM THE SPANISH MACKEREL MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT FOR POUND NETS IN NORTH CAROLINA DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER.

DIRECTION TO STAFF TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative 1 - no action

Alternative 2 - North Carolina only

Alternative 3 - all pound nets in August and September

MOTION #24: ADD CONSIDERATION OF ALLOWING THE ADDITION OF A THIRD NET IN FEDERAL WATERS OFF CAPE CANAVERAL TO THE FRAMEWORK AND ALLOWING THE ADDITION OF A PORTION OF A THIRD NET IN THE SPANISH MACKEREL GILLNET FISHERY.

MOTION #25: ADD CONSIDERATION OF A 50-FISH COMMERCIAL TRIP LIMIT IN THE EAST COAST FLORIDA SUBZONE FOR KING MACKEREL.

DIRECTION TO STAFF TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ALTERNATIVES AND EXPLORE OTHER REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative 1- no action

Alternative 2- 50 fish all season

AD HOC DATA COLLECTION

The Council approved the following motions relative to data collection:

MOTION #1: ACCEPT THE IPT'S WORDING FOR LIST OF ACTIONS.

Action 1. What dealer permits are required to purchase federally managed species?

Action 2. Frequency and method by which dealers will be required to report.

Action 3. Requirements for maintaining a dealer permit.

MOTION #2: REPLACE THE DATES OF COUNCIL ACTION IN THE AMENDMENT.

MOTION #3: ACCEPT THE IPT WORDING FOR ACTION 1.

Action 1. Dealer Permits Required

Alternative 1: No Action - Do not modify the following current six federal dealer permits:

- *Atlantic Dolphin-Wahoo*
- *Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish*
- *South Atlantic Golden Crab*
- *South Atlantic Rock Shrimp*
- *South Atlantic Snapper Grouper (excluding wreckfish)*
- *South Atlantic Wreckfish*

MOTION #4: ADOPT THE GULF COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 2, OPTION 2B FOR ACTION 1.

Alternative 2: Establish one federal dealer permit for the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic regions.

Option 2b. Require a single dealer permit to purchase the following federally-managed species or species complexes, except South Atlantic coral, South Atlantic Sargassum, Gulf of Mexico coral and coral reefs, and penaeid shrimp species.

- *Atlantic Dolphin-Wahoo*
- *South Atlantic Golden Crab*
- *South Atlantic Rock Shrimp*
- *South Atlantic Snapper Grouper (including wreckfish)*
- *Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish*
- *Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics*
- *Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster*
- *Gulf of Mexico Red Drum*

MOTION #5: CLARIFY THAT IT IS THE COUNCIL'S INTENT THAT IN THE GENERIC AMENDMENT FOR DEALER PERMITS AND ELECTRONIC REPORTING, PERMITTED VESSELS CAN ONLY SELL TO PERMITTED DEALERS IN THOSE FISHERIES WHERE A DEALER'S PERMIT EXISTS.

MOTION #6: DIRECT COUNCIL STAFF TO WORK WITH ASMFC STAFF TO ASK THAT STATE DEALERS GET A FEDERAL PERMIT FOR SPANISH MACKEREL FROM THE SOUTH ATLANTIC.

MOTION #7: CLARIFY THE COUNCIL'S INTENT THAT THE NEW REPORTING REQUIREMENTS BE IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE (FOR THE 2013 FISHING YEAR).

MOTION #8: ACCEPT THE REVISED WORDING FOR ACTION 2, PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE 5.

Action 2. Frequency and Method of Reporting

Alternative 5 (preferred): During catastrophic conditions only, the annual catch limit (ACL) monitoring program provides for use of paper-based components for basic required functions as a backup. The Regional Administrator (RA) will determine when catastrophic

conditions exist, the duration of the catastrophic conditions, and which participants or geographic areas are deemed effected by the catastrophic conditions. The RA will provide timely notice to affected participants via publication of notification in the Federal Register, NOAA weather radio, fishery bulletins, and other appropriate means and will authorize the affected participants' use of paper-based components for the duration of the catastrophic conditions. The paper forms will be available from NOAA Fisheries. The RA has the authority to waive or modify reporting time requirements.

MOTION #9: ACCEPT THE IPT'S RECOMMENDED CHANGE TO THE WORDING OF ACTION 3, ALTERNATIVE 2 AND ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR ACTION 3.

Action 3. Requirements to Maintain a Dealer permit.

Alternative 2: "No purchase forms" must be submitted at the same frequency, via the same process, and for the same species as specified for "purchased forms" in Actions 1 and 2". A dealer would only be authorized to receive commercially-harvested species if the dealer's previous reports have been submitted by the dealer and received by NOAA Fisheries in a timely manner. Any delinquent reports would need to be submitted by the dealer and received by NOAA Fisheries before a dealer could receive commercially harvested species from a federally-permitted U.S. vessel.

MOTION #10: APPROVE THE MODIFIED JOINT DEALER AMENDMENT 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.

Data Items For CE-BA 3

MOTION #11: ACCEPT OPTION 3 FOR THE PURPOSE AND NEED.

Option 3. Accept the IPT wording but retain reference to annual catch limit and remove ACL acronym: The purpose of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 3 (CE-BA 3) is to improve data collection methods to better verify dealer reports to help ensure annual catch limit overages do not occur in the South Atlantic fisheries. CE-BA 3 would modify commercial and charter/headboat vessel reporting requirements and bycatch requirements to enhance data collection throughout the South Atlantic.

MOTION 12: ACCEPT THE IPT WORDING FOR ACTION 1.

Action 1. Modify permits and data reporting for for-hire vessels

MOTION #13: ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE 4, SUB-ALTERNATIVE 4B UNDER ACTION 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Alternative 4. Require that vessels submit fishing records to the Science and Research Director (SRD) weekly or at intervals shorter than a week if notified by the SRD via

electronic reporting (via computer or internet). Weekly = 7 days after the end of each week (Sunday).

Sub-Alternative 4b. Headboat

MOTION #14: IT IS THE COUNCIL'S INTENT THAT ACTION 2 ALTERNATIVES APPLY TO ALL VESSELS WITH A KING OR SPANISH MACKEREL COMMERCIAL PERMIT FISHING FOR ATLANTIC MIGRATORY GROUPS OF KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL.

Action 2. Modify permits and data reporting for commercial vessels.

MOTION#15: ACCEPT THE IPT WORDING FOR ACTION 2 AND A NEW ACTION 4.

Action 2. Amend the Snapper Grouper, Dolphin and Wahoo, Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources, and Golden Crab Fishery Management Plans to modify data reporting for commercial vessels

Alternative 1. (No Action) Retain existing data reporting systems for the commercial sector. Snapper grouper logbooks for snapper grouper, coastal migratory pelagic, and dolphin/wahoo are required to be submitted 7 days after the end of each trip. Golden crab logbooks must be submitted not later than 30 days after sale of the golden crab offloaded from a trip. If no fishing occurred during a calendar month for snapper grouper, coastal migratory pelagic, dolphin/wahoo, or golden crab, a report so stating must be submitted on one of the forms postmarked not later than 7 days after the end of that month. The owner or operator of a vessel for which a commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper grouper has been issued, who is selected to report by the SRD must participate in the NMFS-sponsored electronic logbook and/or video monitoring reporting program as directed by the SRD.

Alternative 2. Require NMFS to develop a system for commercial permit holders to submit their logbook entries electronically via an electronic version of the logbook made available via computer or internet. Fishermen are encouraged to submit their logbook reports electronically but would be allowed to submit paper logbooks. Commercial landings and catch/effort data are to be submitted in accordance with ACCSP standards. Require that the three logbooks (landings, economic, and bycatch) be submitted within 21 days after the end of each trip.

Alternative 3. Require "No fishing forms" must be submitted at the same frequency [submitted monthly], via the same process, and for all species as is currently specified for snapper grouper species. A fisherman would only be authorized to sell commercially-harvested species if the fisherman's previous reports have been submitted by the fisherman and received by NMFS in a timely manner. Any delinquent reports would need to be submitted by the fisherman and received by NMFS before a fisherman could sell commercially harvested species from a federally-permitted U.S. vessel.

Action 4. Require all commercial snapper grouper fishing vessels to be equipped with VMS.

Alternative 1. No Action.

Alternative 2. Require all commercial snapper grouper fishing vessels to be equipped with VMS. The purchase, installation, and maintenance of VMS equipment must conform to the protocol established by NMFS in the Federal Register. The purchase of VMS equipment will be reimbursed by the National Office of Law Enforcement VMS reimbursement account if

funding is available. Installation, maintenance, and communication costs will be paid for or arranged by the permit holder

MOTION #16: ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE 2 AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR ACTION 2.

MOTION #17: ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE 3 AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE UNDER ACTION 2.

SHRIMP

The Council approved the following motions relative to shrimp:

MOTION #1: ACCEPT IPT RECOMMENDATION TO REWORD ACTION 1.

Action 1 (new language): Specify criteria that triggers a states' ability to request a concurrent prohibition on the harvest of South Atlantic penaeid stocks in the adjacent EEZ during severe winter weather.

MOTION #2: ACCEPT NEW ALTERNATIVE 5 UNDER ACTION 1 AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Action 1 (new language – see MOTION #1): Specify criteria that triggers a state's ability to request a concurrent prohibition on the harvest of South Atlantic penaeid stocks in the adjacent EEZ during severe winter weather.

Alternative 5: States may request a concurrent closure of the EEZ adjacent to their closed state waters following severe winter weather upon providing information that demonstrates an 80% or greater reduction in the population of overwintering white shrimp, or, a state may request a concurrent closure upon providing information that demonstrates an exceeded threshold for water temperature. Water temperature must be 9°C (48°F) or below for at least one week.

MOTION #3: ACCEPT IPT RECOMMENDATION TO REWORD THE LANGUAGE OF ACTION 2.

Action 2 (new language): Modify the process for a state to request a concurrent prohibition on the harvest of South Atlantic penaeid stocks in the adjacent EEZ during severe winter weather.

MOTION #4: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 4 UNDER ACTION 3 A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Action 3. Revise the overfished status determination criteria (BMSY proxy) for the pink shrimp stock.

Alternative 4. Establish a proxy for B_{MSY} for pink shrimp using the lowest CPUE value from SEAMAP-SA during the 1990-2011 time period (0.089) individuals per hectare).

MOTION #5: APPROVE SHRIMP AMENDMENT 9 FOR FORMAL SECRETARIAL REVIEW.

MOTION #6: DEEM THE CODIFIED TEXT FOR SHRIMP AMENDMENT 9 AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.

MOTION #7: GIVE STAFF EDITORIAL LICENSE AND CHAIRMAN AUTHORITY TO DEEM NECESSARY CHANGES TO SHRIMP AMENDMENT 9.

ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION

The Council approved the following motions appointing advisory panel members:

MOTION #1: REAPPOINT DR. SANDRA BROOKE, KEN NEDIMYER, AND DR. HENRY FEDERN, AND APPOINTMENT OF DR. JOSHUA VOSS TO THE CORAL AP.

MOTION #2: REAPPOINT TERRY GIBSON AND APPOINTMENT DEREK BROWN TO THE GEORGIA COMMERCIAL SEAT ON THE HABITAT AP.

MOTION #3: APPOINT BILL HICKMAN TO THE KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL AP.

MOTION #4: APPOINT CHARLES RENDA TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP.

MOTION #5: REAPPOINT STEVEN WILSON, FRED DENNIS, WARREN GAUTIER, MICHAEL MERRIFIELD, MARILYN SOLORZANO, LAURILEE THOMPSON AND JOHN WILLIAMS, AND APPOINT NANCY JONES AND RICHARD REID TO THE DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP.

MOTION #6: REAPPOINT JANIE THOMAS, SCOTT BAKER, FRED DENNIS, BOB JONES, MICAH LAROCHE (SUBJECT TO WILLINGNESS TO SERVE), AND MARILYN SOLORZANO, AND APPOINT GARY EXLEY AND FRANK HEILES (NGO SEAT) TO THE SHRIMP AP.

MOTION #7: REAPPOINT ZACK BOWEN, BILL COLE, ROB HARRIS, RICHARD STIGLITZ AND MICHAH LAROCHE (WRECKFISH SUB-PANEL), AND APPOINT JACK PERRETT AND RED MUNDEN TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.

MOTION #8: APPOINTMENT OF JAMES BRODBECK, RUSTY HUDSON, JIMMY HULL, NANCY GALE JONES, STEPHEN KLIMEK, DR. ERIK NOONBURG, GEOFFREY OWENS, JACK PERRETT, ROBERT PRESTON, JAMES SANFORD, AND DAVID GRUBBS TO THE SEDAR POOL AP.

MOTION #9: ADD A NEW SEAT TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP AND APPOINT MARK BROWN TO THE SEAT.

EXECUTIVE FINANCE

The Council approved the following motions relative to Executive Finance:

MOTION #1: HAVE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BE THE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE JOINT GULF AND SOUTH ATLANTIC GROUP TO ADDRESS SOUTH FLORIDA ISSUES.

MOTION #2: COUNCIL APPROVED THE ACTIVITIES SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2012 AND 2013 AS DISPLAYED BY STAFF.

SEDAR

The Council approved the following motions relative to SEDAR:

MOTION #1: APPROVE THE SEDAR 32 PROJECT SCHEDULE.

MOTION #2: APPOINT THOSE LISTED BELOW IN TABLE 2. TO THE SEDAR 32 DATA WORKSHOP.

MOTION #3: APPOINT THOSE LISTED BELOW IN TABLE 2. TO THE SEDAR 32 ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP, AND TO INVITE ALL AP REPRESENTATIVES TO THE DW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AW WEBINARS.

MOTION #4: APPOINT THOSE LISTED BELOW IN TABLE 2. TO THE SEDAR 32 REVIEW WORKSHOP.

Table 2. SEDAR 32 Workshop Appointments as referenced in Motions 2-4.

Name	Affiliation	Expertise	DW	AW	RW
1.State and Agency Representatives					
Paulette Mikel	SC DNR	Blueline LH	X		
Kevin Kolmos	SC DNR	Gray Trigger LH	X		
Amanda Kelly	Cof C	Gray Trigger LH	X		
David Wyanski	SC DNR	Both LH	X		
Joey Ballenger	SC DNR	Both LH	X		
Michelle Pate	SC DNR	Data and Indices	X		
Tracey Smart	SC DNR	Indices	X		

Julie Defillippi	ACCSP	Regional Data	X		
Ed Martino	ACCSP	Regional Data	X		
Stephanie McInerny	NC DMF	Commercial statistics	X		
Chris Wilson	NC DMF	Recreational statistics	X		
Amy Dukes	SC DNR	Commercial statistics	X		
Eric Hiltz	SC DNR	Recreational statistics	X		
Julie Califf	GA DNR	Commercial statistics	X		
Kathy Knowlton	GA DNR	Recreational statistics	X		
Steve Brown	FL FWC	Commercial Statistics	X		
Beverly Sauls	FL FWC	Recreational Statistics	X		
2. AP Representatives					
Dewey Hemilright	DW AP	NC, Commercial, blueline	X	X	X
Terrell Gould	SG AP	NC, Rec for hire	X		
Jim Atack	SG AP	NC, Recreational	X		
Mark Marhefka	SG AP	SC, Commercial	X		
Robert Johnson	SG AP	FL, Rec for hire	X	X	X
David Grubbs	SEDAR AP*	FL, commercial, triggerfish	X		
TBD		Private Rec Trigger Rep	X		
3. Council Representative					
Michelle Duval			X	X	X
4. SSC Representatives					
Chip Collier	SSC	SSC	X	X	
Marcel Reichert	SSC	SSC	X	X	
Carolyn Belcher	SSC	SSC	X	X	
George Sedberry	SSC	SSC	X	X	

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Churchill Grimes	SSC	Reviewer			X
Steve Cadrin	SSC	Reviewer			X

* designates individuals requiring appointment to the SEDAR pool by the AP Selection Committee.