

SCOPE OF WORK
GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
AND
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
JOINT WORKGROUP FOR SECTION 102
OF THE MODERNIZING RECREATIONAL FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2018
Webinar
September 10, 2020
9 AM – 4 PM, eastern time

Agenda item IV: Alternative Approaches to Collect Recreational Catch and Effort Data

Documents: Item IVa: State Reef Fish Survey – FWC
Item IVb: Snapper Check – ALDCNR
Item IVc: Tails n’ Scales – Mr. Gigli
Item IVd: LA Creel – LDWF
Item IVe: Texas Coastal Angler Survey – TPWD
Item IVf: Atlantic HMS Angler Reports – Mr. Hutt
Item IVg: SEFHIER – Mr. Brennan
Item IVh: MyFishCount – Dr. Collier
Item IVi: Something’s Fishy – Ms. Muehlstein/Dr. Hollensead

Action: Presentations, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive a combination of short presentations and led discussions on several data collection programs from southeastern U.S. and other regions. The data programs may supplement the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) or serve alternative purposes in the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) and South Atlantic regions. These topics will include: Gulf state data collection programs from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Angler Reports; Southeastern For-Hire Electronic Reporting program; creel cards as used in the Pacific Northwest; North Carolina flounder “panels”; voluntary angler reporting programs; and fish tags. The Workgroup should consider the programs presented and discuss their pros and cons, and determine whether any merit further exploration. The Workgroup may also consider the merits of several programs tailored to specific regions that must be considered in aggregate for federal management as compared to the larger more generalized surveys that deploy that use consistent sampling methods across the entire management area.

Agenda Item V: Review of the Gulf of Mexico Headboat Collaborative Program

Documents: Item Va: Presentation – SERO Staff
Item Vb: *Rights-based management for recreational for-hire fisheries: Evidence from a policy trial*

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive a presentation from Southeast Regional Office staff about the Gulf Headboat Collaborative Program, including the program's design, implementation, results, and lessons learned. The Workgroup should review the program report and ask questions and determine if there should be any further exploration.

Agenda item VI: Interim Analyses in the Southeastern U.S.

Documents: Item VIa: Presentation – SEFSC Staff
Item VIb: 2019 Gulf Red Grouper Interim Analysis
Item VIc: Presentation: Interim Analyses – Discussion on Timing and Use for Management – Dr. Simmons/Mr. Rindone

Action: Presentations, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive a summary presentation from Southeast Fisheries Science Center staff on the interim analysis process, including how the process works, the advice generated, and its limitations. An example is provided using the 2019 interim analysis on Gulf red grouper. The Workgroup will also receive a presentation from Dr. Simmons and Mr. Rindone on the application of interim analyses with respect to making management decisions. The Workgroup should consider the information presented and discuss the best ways to use interim analyses to address contemporary fishery management problems. Interim ABC analysis has the potential to provide flexibility and responsiveness to fisheries management if the scheduling process is clearly laid out.

Agenda item VII: Evaluation of Zone Management in the GMFMC and SAFMC

Documents: Item VIIa: Presentation – Mr. Rindone
Item VIIb: CMP Amendment 26

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive an overview presentation on the applications of zone or area management in the Gulf and South Atlantic regions, using king mackerel and red snapper as example species. An example of the application and implementation of zone management for the Gulf and Atlantic migratory groups of king mackerel is provided in Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Amendment 26. The Workgroup should consider the information presented and discuss additional ways of applying zone or area management to address contemporary fishery management problems.

Agenda Item VIII: Review of Carryover and Phase-in Strategies

Documents: Item VIIIa: Presentation – Mr. Rindone
Item VIIIb: NS1 Tech Guidance for Carry-over and Phase-in Provisions

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee Input and Next Steps: Mr. Rindone will summarize recommendations from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Standard 1 Technical Guidance for Designing, Evaluating, and Implementing Carry-over and Phase-in Provisions. This technical guidance is designed to help inform the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules used by regional fishery management councils for effectively carrying over or phasing in foregone yield from one fishing year to the next. Mr. Rindone will also share some of the deliberations had by the Gulf Council during the development of its now-tabled Generic Carryover Amendment. The Workgroup should consider the information presented and discuss the pros and cons of including carryover and phase-in provisions in ABC Control Rules.

Agenda Item IX: Conditional Accountability Measures

Documents: Item IXa: Presentation – Mr. Rindone
Item IXb: Allocation Sharing – Gulf Migratory Group Kingfish

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee Input and Next Steps: The Workgroup will receive a brief presentation on the application of conditional accountability measures in the Gulf and South Atlantic regions. Conditional accountability measures can be used as corrective measures when catch limits are exceeded, to adjust bag and trip limits depending on current landings, and for other purposes. Mr. Rindone will also share some of the deliberations had by the Gulf Council during the development of its now-tabled CMP Amendment 29, which explored an allocation strategy that used conditional accountability measures to annually adjust sector allocations. The Workgroup should consider the information presented and discuss the pros and cons of including carryover and phase-in provisions in ABC Control Rules.

Agenda Item X: Public Comment

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: The Workgroup will receive public comment as time allows.

Agenda Item XI: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Workgroup members, time permitting. If the Workgroup wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Workgroup meeting.

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