

Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Advisory Panel Meeting
July 22, 2021
Scope of Work

Agenda Item IV: SEDAR 38 Update: Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Council staff will review the findings of the SEDAR 38 Update stock assessment on the Gulf migratory group of king mackerel (Gulf king mackerel). The projections and catch recommendations for this assessment use Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey (MRIP-FES) calibrated recreational catch and effort data. The SEDAR 38 Update determined that Gulf king mackerel is not overfished and is not undergoing overfishing as of 2017. Council staff will summarize the most recent changes to Gulf king mackerel management measures, including SSC recommendations for the OFL and ABC. Council staff will also present the Council's Something's Fishy tool for Gulf king mackerel, which captures angler observations on a stock being assessed. The CMP AP should discuss the presented materials, ask questions, and consider a recommendation to the Council regarding setting the ACL relative to the SSC's ABC recommendation.

Agenda Item V: Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Panel input and next steps: Council staff will review the draft options for CMP Amendment 33, which considers modifying the Gulf king mackerel catch limits and sector allocations in response to the results from the SEDAR 38 Update assessment. The first action considers modifying the catch limits based on the SSC's recommendations for OFL and ABC. These catch limits are set irrespective of the sector allocations, which are considered for modification in the second action. The sector allocations (68% recreational and 32% commercial) were established based on the average landings from the 1975 – 1979 fishing years, the data for which are not able to be calibrated to the MRIP-FES. The CMP AP should discuss the actions and alternatives presented, propose and modifications as appropriate, and make recommendations to the Council regarding how to move forward with the actions in the document.

The current draft of CMP Amendment 33 contains as-yet-unresolved data issues related to the commercial landings data. The Council has requested that the SEFSC clarify this discrepancy in time for the August 2021 SSC meeting.

Agenda Item VI: Public Comment

Action: Information

Panel input and next steps: Members of the public can provide comment to the CMP AP.

Agenda Item VII: Other Business

Action: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

Panel input and next steps: Additional items can be brought up for discussion by the CMP AP during adoption of the agenda, if time allows. If the CMP AP wishes to pursue action, it can be scheduled at a future CMP AP meeting.
