

Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Advisory Panel
Scope of Work
December 1, 2022
Tampa, FL

Agenda Item IV: Presentation: Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) Expansion Proposal

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Mr. Wernkli (FKNMS Staff) will present the Proposed Rule for the FKNMS expansion. The Advisory Panel (AP) is encouraged to ask questions and provide recommendations to the Council in relation to the proposed changes in marine zone designations and associated fishing regulations. These recommendations will be presented to the Council at its January 2023 meeting along with recommendations from other APs that will be used to inform the Council's letter to the Sanctuary as part of the agency consultation process.

Agenda Item V: Review: Development of Electronic Reporting for the Commercial Coastal Logbook Program

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Southeast Fishery Science Center is interested in transitioning to an electronic reporting platform for the commercial coastal logbook program. This transition would allow fishermen with federal commercial Gulf reef fish and/or coastal migratory pelagic permits to report logbooks electronically rather than by completing paper forms. Program participants would still have 7 days to submit their logbooks. A policy document is currently being developed in partnership with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to implement this change throughout the southeastern U.S. The AP should review the meeting materials, listen to the program update, and provide guidance on the proposed program modifications.

Agenda Item VI: Review of CMP Landings and Status Update on Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits

Action: Information

Committee input and next steps: SERO staff will provide an update on recent landings for CMP managed species and the status of Framework Amendment 11, which would modify Gulf king mackerel's catch limits.

Agenda Item VII: Draft: Framework Amendment 12: Modifications to Commercial Gulf King Mackerel Fishing Season

Action: Document, Discussion, and Recommendations

Committee input and next steps: Staff will review the action that would remove the regulatory language restricting the Gulf king mackerel gillnet component from fishing during weekends and observed federal holidays. Due to the fast-pace nature of this fishery, representatives of the Gulf king mackerel gillnet component requested this change to enhance the component’s efficiency and reduce economic burdens on the fishermen. The AP should discuss the document and discuss if the group concurs with the Council’s preferred option, in anticipation of a final action document in early 2023.

Agenda Item VIII: Update on Amendment 33: Modifications to Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Allocations and Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Objectives

Action: Presentation and Recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The AP will receive a presentation with an update on the status of CMP Amendment 33 and with a review of the Joint CMP Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Objectives. During its October 2022 meeting, the Gulf Council decided to cease work on CMP Amendment 33, which would have modified Gulf king mackerel sector allocations. The South Atlantic Council will receive an update during its December 2022 meeting regarding the Gulf’s recent decision. At this time, the AP should provide feedback on the CMP FMP Objectives as these would have to be incorporated into a future joint plan amendment. The AP should consider the presentation and offer recommendations should further updates to the Joint CMP FMP Objectives be warranted.

Agenda Item IX: Discussion: AP Recommendations on Potential Action to Prohibit Recreational Sale of Gulf Cobia

Action: Presentation, Discussion, and Recommendations

Committee Input and Next Steps: During the discussions on CMP Amendment 32 to update catch limits and management measures to end overfishing of Gulf cobia, the Council directed staff to begin a document to prohibit the sale of Gulf cobia caught by the recreational sector. This request came out of a concern regarding an update by NMFS to clarify the regulations associated with the sale and purchase of Gulf cobia by federally permitted vessels and seafood dealers. The AP should discuss the need for this action and provide recommendations to the Council.

Agenda Item X: Public Comment

Action: Information

Committee Input and Next Steps: Members of the public will be able to address the AP with respect to the topics discussed during the meeting and other matters, as time allows.

Agenda Item XI: Other Business

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by AP members, time permitting.
