

**Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel**  
**Scope of Work**  
**February 13, 2024**  
**Tampa, Florida**

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**Agenda Item I:** Election of Chair and Vice Chair

**Action:** Discussion

**Committee input and next steps:** Council staff will accept nominations and facilitate the Advisory Panel's (AP) voting for a Chair and Vice Chair. Nominees must accept at the time of their nomination to be considered. Those elected will assume their positions immediately.

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**Agenda Item V:** Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagic Landings

**Action:** Presentation and discussion

**Committee input and next steps:** Staff from the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) will review the coastal migratory pelagic (CMP) landings. This presentation is informational only. The AP should review the information presented and ask questions as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Summary of MRIP-FES Pilot Study Results and SSC Discussion

**Action:** Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** Mr. John Foster from the NOAA Office of Science and Technology (OST) will present the recent findings of the pilot study on the Marine Recreational Information Program's (MRIP) Fishing Effort Survey (FES). The pilot study discovered the presence of telescoping bias in FES, whereby the order of questions regarding the frequency with which a respondent went fishing within prescribed time periods resulted in an overestimation of overall fishing effort, and thus landings. . The AP should review the information presented and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VII:** SEDAR 81: Gulf Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel

**Action:** Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** Council staff will present the findings of the SEDAR 81 Operational Assessment of Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel (Gulf Spanish Mackerel). SEDAR 81 resolves several concerns from the previous model (SEDAR 28 2014), and incorporates updated recreational landings data calibrated to the MRIP-FES. The Council's

Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) accepted the stock assessment as the best scientific information available (BSIA) and recommended the Council adjust catch limits for Gulf Spanish Mackerel. The AP should evaluate the information presented, including any SSC recommendations, and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Draft CMP Framework Amendment 14: Modifications to Gulf Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits

**Action:** Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** Council staff will review the document that considers modifying the catch limits for Gulf Spanish mackerel based on the recent SEDAR 81 stock assessment and the Council's SSC recommendations. SEDAR 81 determined the stock was not overfished or undergoing overfishing as of 2021. The recommended catch limits represent about a 35% reduction from the current status. The AP should review draft Chapters 1 and 2 and provide recommendations as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item X:** Introduction to CMP Outreach Effort

**Action:** Discussion and recommendations

**Committee input and next steps:** Council staff will introduce its CMP outreach effort that aims to gather stakeholder input on king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia to compliment the South Atlantic Council's Port Engagement effort and inform future Gulf Council actions. Staff will give a brief overview of the status and management of each species and ask a series of questions to gather information about the behavior of the species, their status, and better understand their value and how they drive social and economic behaviors. The AP should provide information on each species and share individual perspectives as prompted.

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**Agenda Item XI:** Public Comment

**Action:** Information

**Committee input and next steps:** Members of the public will be able to address the AP directly with respect to the topics discussed during this meeting, and other matters, as time allows.

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**Agenda Item XII:** Other Business

**Action:** Discussion

**Committee Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion by AP members, time permitting. If the AP wishes to pursue action on those additional items, it can be scheduled for a future AP meeting.