

Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel
March 24, 2021
Scope of Work

Agenda Item II: Election of the CMP AP Chair and Vice Chair

Action: Election of Chair and Vice-chair

Panel input and next steps: The Coastal Migratory Pelagics Advisory Panel (CMP AP) members were newly appointed in 2020. The CMP AP will need to elect from its membership a chair and vice chair to lead discussions and represent the CMP AP as appropriate.

Agenda Item IV: Approval of CMP AP minutes

Action: Review, modify (if necessary), and approve minutes

Committee input and next steps: The CMP AP will review, modify if necessary, and approve the minutes from the October 9, 2018, CMP AP meeting.

Agenda Item VI: CMP Landings Update

Action: Information

Panel input and next steps: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) staff will provide an update on the status of CMP landings relative to annual catch limits. This is for information only and no action is required by the CMP AP.

Agenda Item VII: SEDAR 28 Update: Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Panel input and next steps: Council staff will review the findings of the SEDAR 28 Update stock assessment on the Gulf of Mexico migratory group of cobia (Gulf cobia). The projections and catch recommendations for this assessment use recreational catch and effort data that have been calibrated to the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey (MRIP-FES). The SEDAR 28 Update determined that Gulf cobia is undergoing overfishing, but not overfished, as of 2018. Ms. Emily Muehlstein (Council staff) will present the Council's Something's Fishy tool for Gulf cobia, which captures angler observations on a stock being assessed. Council staff will also present the actions and alternatives included in CMP Amendment 32 to end overfishing of Gulf Cobia. The CMP AP should discuss the actions and

alternatives and determine if any modifications are needed. The CMP AP may recommend preferred alternatives to the Council.

Agenda Item VIII: SEDAR 38 Update: Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group of King Mackerel

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Panel 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 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. Ms. Muehlstein (Council staff) will present the Council's Something's Fishy tool for Gulf cobia, which captures angler observations on a stock being assessed. Council staff will also summarize the most recent changes to Gulf king mackerel management measures. CMP Amendment 33 is currently at its early stages. The CMP AP should discuss the types of actions and alternatives to address in CMP Amendment 33, including updating catch limits and sector allocations.

Agenda Item IX: CMP Amendment 34: Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Panel input and next steps: South Atlantic Council staff will present the actions and alternatives being considered in CMP Amendment 34 to modify catch levels and other management measures for king mackerel. Specifically, this amendment considers changes to catch levels for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel (Atlantic king mackerel) based on the SEDAR 38 Update stock assessment, which incorporates MRIP-FES calibrated recreational catch and effort data, and determined that the stock is not overfished and is not undergoing overfishing as of 2017. In addition to updating catch levels, the amendment considers modifications to sector allocations for Atlantic king mackerel and changes to various management measures including the recreational bag limit, size limit, and provision requiring fish to be landed with heads and fins intact. The CMP AP can provide feedback and recommendations to the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils.

Agenda Item X: Discussion: Commercial Electronic Logbooks

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Panel input and next steps: At its June and October 2020 meetings, the Council received information from the Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC) regarding changes to the

commercial electronic reporting program (see background materials). Broadly, these changes involve reporting effort and catch information at the set level rather than the trip level, and will help generate better estimates of stock abundance for inclusion into stock assessment models. Before these changes are to be implemented, a policy document will need to be developed by the Council. Work on a document has not begun, so input from the CMP AP would be valuable during the early stages of this process. Council staff will present a summary of the two SEFSC presentations for the CMP AP to consider. The CMP AP should review the background materials, listen to the summary presentation, and provide recommendations to the SEFSC and Council on the changes to the commercial electronic reporting program.

Agenda Item XI: Public Comment

Action: Information

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

Agenda Item XII: 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.
