



Gulf CMP AP Overview: Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 34

(Atlantic king mackerel catch levels and management measures)



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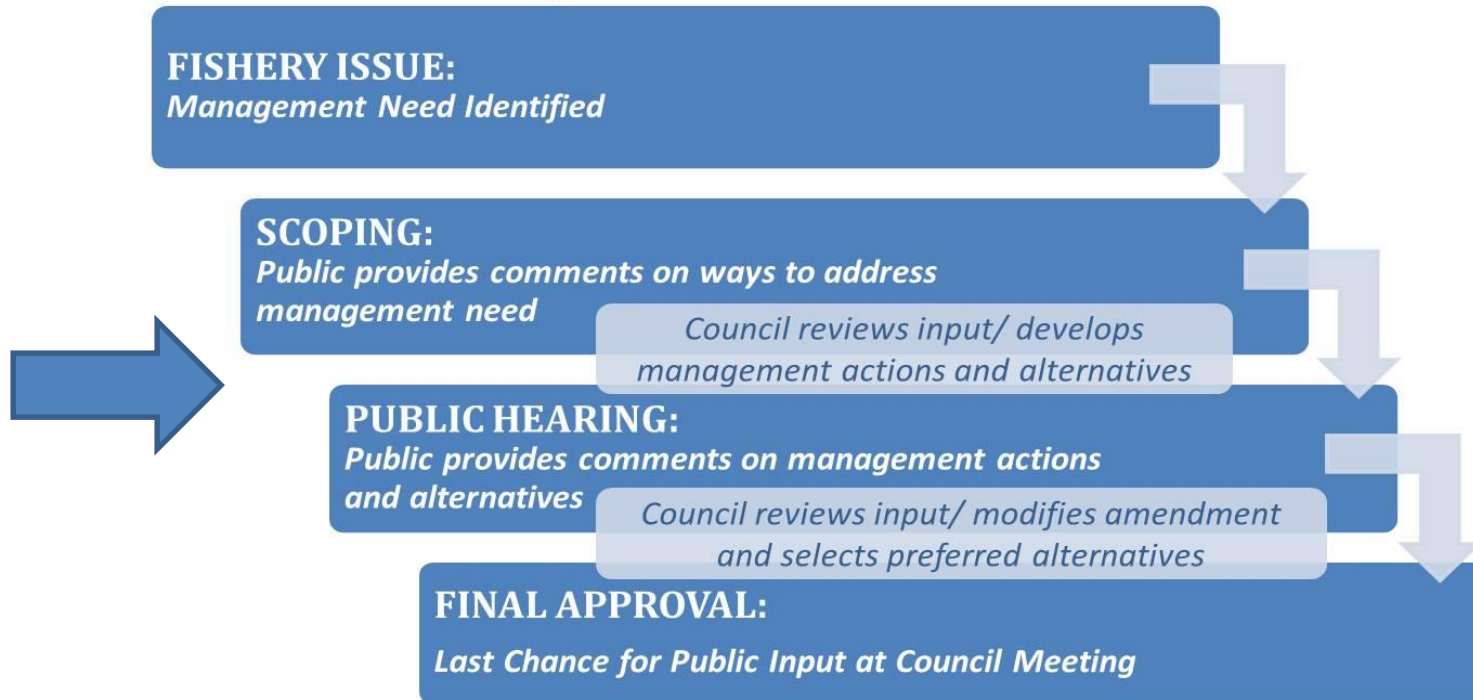
Why is the South Atlantic Council considering action?

- An update to SEDAR 38 was completed in April 2020 and indicated that Atlantic migratory group king mackerel (Atlantic king mackerel) was not overfished or undergoing overfishing. The SSC provided new catch level recommendations to the Council in June 2020.
- Due to revised recreational landings that are based on the MRIP-FES, the South Atlantic Council is considering revising current sector allocations.
- Additionally, the South Atlantic Council is considering modifications to management measures based on recommendations from their Mackerel Cobia AP.



Where are we in the amendment development process?

Council Process – *FMP/Plan Amendment*



What is the purpose and need for this amendment?

The *purpose* of this amendment is to revise the annual catch limits for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel; to revise recreational and commercial allocations for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel; and to revise or establish management measures for Atlantic migratory group king and Spanish mackerel.

The *need* for this amendment is to ensure annual catch limits are based on the best scientific information available and to ensure overfishing does not occur in the Atlantic migratory group king and Spanish mackerel fisheries, while increasing social and economic benefits through sustainable and profitable harvest of Atlantic migratory group king and Spanish mackerel.



Action 1. Revise the total annual catch limit for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel to reflect the updated acceptable biological catch level.

Alternative 1 (No Action). The total ACL = current ABC level (12,700,000 pounds).

Alternative 2. The total ACL = updated ABC level.

Alternative 3. The total ACL = 95% of the updated ABC level.

Alternative 4. The total ACL = 90% of the updated ABC level.

Annual Catch Limit levels based on revised MRIP estimates for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel under Action 1 proposed alternatives.

Fishing Year	Annual Catch Limits (lbs.)		
	Alternative 2 (ACL=ABC)	Alternative 3 (ACL=95% ABC)	Alternative 4 (ACL=90% ABC)
2021/22	33,300,000	31,635,000	29,970,000
2022/23	28,500,000	27,075,000	25,650,000
2023/24	25,400,000	24,130,000	22,860,000
2024/25	23,300,000	22,135,000	20,970,000
2025/26+	21,800,000	20,710,000	19,620,000

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Action 2. Revise sector allocations and sector annual catch limits for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel.

Note: The revised total annual catch limit in Action 2 reflect Alternative 2 in Action 1 (ACL=ABC).

Alternative 1 (No Action). Commercial= 37.1% Recreational = 62.9%

Alternative 2. Commercial= 21.56% Recreational = 77.44% (based on approximately maintaining the current commercial annual catch limit and allocating the remaining revised total ACL to the recreational sector).

Additional alternatives for Action 2 are being developed.

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Sector allocations based on alternatives under Action 2.

Fishing Year	Annual Catch Limit			
	Alternative 1 (No Action)		Alternative 2	
	Recreational	Commercial	Recreational	Commercial
2021/22	20,945,700	12,354,300	26,120,520	7,179,480
2022/23	17,926,500	10,573,500	22,355,400	6,144,600
2023/24	15,976,600	9,423,400	19,923,760	5,476,240
2024/25	14,655,700	8,644,300	18,276,520	5,023,480
2025/26+	13,712,200	8,087,800	17,099,920	4,700,080



Action 3. Revise recreational annual catch target for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel.

Alternative 1 (No Action). Retain the current recreational ACT based on the previous ABC (ACT = 7,400,000 pounds)

Alternative 2. Revise the recreational ACT to reflect updated ABC level.
ACT = $ACL[(1-PSE) \text{ or } 0.5, \text{ whichever is greater}]$.

Alternative 3. Revise the recreational ACT to reflect updated ABC level.
ACT = 90% sector ACL.

Alternative 4. Revise the recreational ACT to reflect updated ABC level.
ACT = 85% sector ACL.

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Action 4. Increase the recreational bag and possession limit for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off Florida.

Alternative 1 (No Action). The daily bag limit off Florida is two fish per person.

Alternative 2. Increase the daily bag limit for to three fish per person. off Florida.

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Action 5. Reduce the minimum size limit for recreational and commercial harvest of Atlantic migratory group king mackerel.

Alternative 1 (No Action). The minimum size limit is 24-inches fork length.

Alternative 2. Reduce the minimum size limit to 22-inches fork length.

Alternative 3. Reduce the minimum size limit to 20-inches fork length.

Alternative 4. Remove the minimum size limit.

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Action 6. Modify the recreational requirement for Coastal Migratory Pelagic species in the Atlantic region to be landed with heads and fins intact.

Alternative 1 (No Action). Cut-off (damaged) king mackerel or Spanish mackerel caught under the recreational bag limit may not be possessed.

Alternative 2. Cut-off (damaged) fish caught under the recreational bag limit, that comply with the minimum size limits, may be possessed, and offloaded ashore.

Sub-alternative 2a. Atlantic migratory group king mackerel

Sub-alternative 2b. Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel

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Is there something we didn't cover? Do you have more questions? Contact us!

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