



2024 CMP Outreach Plan and AP Evaluation Workshop



Why are we here?

The Council would like to gain a big-picture understanding of CMP species, their movement, stock health, dynamics of fishing behavior, the role they play in the ecosystem.

- Recent changes to cobia regulations following public indication that they were in peril and a stock assessment that indicated that the stock was experiencing overfishing and could benefit from reduced catch limits.
- Recent declines in landings for both king and Spanish mackerel despite recent stock assessments showing that neither species is overfished or experiencing overfishing.



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The Gulf Council aims to gather input from a broad variety of stakeholders on king mackerel, Spanish mackerel and cobia. This effort is designed to:

- Compliment the South Atlantic Councils Port Meeting effort
- Inform future Gulf Council management



South Atlantic Port Meetings

The South Atlantic Council plans to engage in Port Meetings along the Atlantic Coast to gather the following information about king mackerel and Spanish Mackerel:

- Fish movement
- The impacts management has on fishing behavior
- The dynamics of the commercial fleet
- How fishermen value the fishery
- The role tournaments play in the fishery
- How they are impacted by water quality and other environmental variables
- How they interact with other species



Gulf Council CMP Evaluation Effort

The Gulf Council has historically had very low participation in in-person mackerel-based engagements. In lieu of port meetings, the Gulf Council will gather information in three ways:

1. Online Feedback Tool
2. Virtual Feedback Workshops
3. AP Feedback



Any questions so far?



AP CMP Evaluation Workshop

1. Have there been substantial changes in the fishery in recent years? If so, describe the timing, location and reason for the the change.

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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2. Have there been changes in the effort and/or fishing techniques used to target each species?

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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3. Have there been changes in the migratory patterns or behaviors of each species as they relate to time, area, and depth?

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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4. Have there been changes in discard trends for each of the species?

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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5. In your sector, how have recent changes to the stock affected your economic performance for each species?

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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6. In your sector, how have recent changes to the stock affected your behavior or lifestyle as it relates to each species?

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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7. Provide feedback on the appropriateness of current regulations and catch limits for each species:

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia



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8. Do you think there any environmental, ecological factors, or recent events that are influencing each of the species?

- a) King mackerel
- b) Spanish mackerel
- c) Cobia

