

## **Mackerel Committee Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab C**

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**Agenda Item IV:** Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Landings Update

**Timeline Status:** Information

**Council Input and Next Steps:** NMFS staff will provide an update on the status of CMP landings relative to annual catch limits (ACLs). This is for information only and no action is required by the Committee.

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**Agenda Item V:** Review of SEDAR 38 Update: Gulf of Mexico Migratory King Mackerel Stock Assessment

**Timeline Status:** Discussion and Direction

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Dr. Joe Powers will summarize the data, model, results, and projections resulting from the SEDAR 38 Update assessment for Gulf of Mexico king mackerel. Dr. Powers will review the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) deliberations and review of the assessment, including projections and recommendations for the overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC). The projections and catch limit recommendations for SEDAR 38 Update use recreational data that has been adjusted to the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey (MRIP-FES). Council staff will summarize the results from the Council's Something's Fishy tool. The Committee should review the material presented, and consider whether the current catch limits for king mackerel should be revised in light of the update assessment and SSC recommendations.

Dr. Powers and Council staff will also briefly discuss the draft of the Stock Assessment Executive Summary, which is a document designed to distill the assessment into a more concise and easily digestible format. Committee feedback on this draft is requested for its continued development.

In response to the request from the September 2020 Council meeting, Council staff will present the king mackerel recreational quotas adjusted to MRIP-FES. The Committee should review and provide recommendations as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia (Gulf Cobia) Draft Options Presentation

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, discussion, recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Council staff will present draft management measures to end overfishing of Gulf cobia. The options include updating the Gulf cobia OFL, ABC, and ACL to

incorporate the adjustment of recreational catch to the MRIP-FES. Additional management measures for consideration include modifications to bag limits, vessel limits, and size limits. Since Gulf Cobia is jointly managed with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, staff will present options to update the CMP framework procedures to clarify the language about the responsibilities of each Council.

The Committee should review the draft options and provide guidance on the range of alternatives to include in what will become CMP Amendment 32. A draft document will be developed based on the Committee's recommendations and is planned for the the January 2021 Council meeting.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Presentation and recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** If time permits, additional items may be brought up for discussion during the adoption of the agenda.

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