

Mackerel Committee Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab C

Agenda Item IV: Coastal Migratory Pelagic (CMP) Landings

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: SERO staff will provide an update on the status of CMP landings relative to annual catch limits (ACL) for the Gulf of Mexico (Gulf). This is for information only and no action is required by the Committee. There is an additional presentation on recent king mackerel landings by commercial fishing zones and for the recreational sector later on the agenda for the Committees more detailed information.

Agenda Item V: CMP Special Engagement Session Summary

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will present the results of the CMP Special Engagement Session that was held with the CMP AP. The Special Engagement Session was held as part of the broader CMP Communication Strategy that aims to gather stakeholder feedback on king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia. Feedback will be used to complement the South Atlantic Council's Port Meeting effort and inform future Gulf Council management. Staff will ask for feedback on the usefulness of feedback collected through the AP engagement session and ask how to improve future CMP communications strategies.

Agenda Item VI: Draft Framework Amendment 14: Modifications to Gulf Migratory group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits and Accountability Measures

Timeline Status: Document, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will review the document that considers modifying the catch limits and accountability measures for the Gulf migratory group of Spanish mackerel (Gulf Spanish mackerel) based on the recent SEDAR 81 stock assessment and the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) recommendations. SEDAR 81 transitioned the recreational catch and effort data to the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey (MRIP-FES) and determined the stock was not overfished or undergoing overfishing as of 2021. This version of the document includes an additional action to modify the in-season accountability measure for Gulf Spanish Mackerel. The Committee should consider the actions and select preferred alternatives as appropriate.

Agenda Item VII: Gulf Migratory Group King Mackerel Discussion

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: Dr. Larkin (SERO) will provide an overview of recent landings of Gulf king mackerel by sector and fishing zones. The Committee should ask any clarifying questions.

Next, Council staff will provide the Committee with information on the recent management changes for Gulf king mackerel and the Council's motion from October 2023 that directed staff to consider a document that would consider modifying catch limits. The presentation will lay out other ongoing Council activities, including the ongoing CMP Special Engagement Sessions provided earlier in the agenda, as well as other activities that may intersect with this motion. The Committee should review the information presented and provide feedback to staff on the range of actions they would like to see considered and a general timeline for these efforts.

Agenda Item VIII: Remaining Items from CMP AP February 2024 Meeting

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will review the remaining agenda items from the CMP AP meeting on February 2024. The AP Chair may also chime in on any addition details from the meeting. The Committee should ask any questions regarding the meeting and provide direction to staff, as warranted.

Agenda Item IX: Other Business

Timeline Status: Discussion and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion during the adoption of the agenda to be considered at a future Committee meeting.
