

## **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:** Ms. Kelli O'Donnell (NMFS Southeast Regional Office) 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:** Public Hearing Draft Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure

**Timeline Status:** Document, discussion, and recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Council staff will present a public hearing draft for CMP Amendment 32 which would modify catch limits, sector allocations, possession limits, size limits, and language to the CMP framework procedure. The Committee should review the draft document and considering approve for public hearings after the South Atlantic Council concurs. The Committee and Council should consider the final list of proposed public hearing locations which include: Naples/Ft. Myers, Tampa Bay, Pensacola, Mobile, Biloxi/Gulfport, New Orleans/Kenner, Corpus Christi/Port Aransas, and Galveston. Staff is planning to hold these meetings in-person and one virtual meeting, recognizing that safety guidelines associated with the COVID-19 pandemic might require a change from in-person to virtual public hearings.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Clarification on Gulf King Mackerel Commercial Historical Landings

**Timeline Status:** Information and discussion

**Council Input and Next Steps:** The SSC Representative and Council staff will briefly review the SEFSC's investigation into the disparities between the commercial landings data used in CMP Amendment 26 and Amendment 33, based on the commercial landings data from the SEDAR 38 and SEDAR 38 Update stock assessments for Gulf king mackerel. The Committee may ask questions or seek any clarifications as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations

**Timeline Status:** Document, discussion, recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Council staff will present draft options to be considered in CMP Amendment 33, which proposes modifications to catch limits and sector allocations for Gulf king mackerel based on the results of the SEDAR 38 Update stock assessment. The stock assessment found that Gulf king mackerel was not overfished or undergoing overfishing. However, recruitment has been low over the last 10 years, and the spawning stock biomass (SSB) is below the SSB at maximum sustainable yield. A draft of the amendment was presented to the CMP Advisory Panel (AP) at its July 2021 meeting and recommendations were provided. The Committee should review the proposed actions and alternatives, CMP AP recommendations, and provide feedback for Council consideration as appropriate.

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**Agenda Item VIII:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Discussion and recommendations

**Council Input and Next Steps:** If time permits, additional items may be brought up for discussion during the adoption of the agenda to be considered at a future Committee meeting.

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