

Mackerel Committee
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Agenda Item IV: Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Landings

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.

Agenda Item V: Discussion on History of CMP Permits and Sale of Recreational Cobia

Timeline Status: Presentation and discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Ms. O'Donnell will discuss the history of CMP permits and the proposed changes to the regulatory language regarding the sale of Gulf migratory group cobia. The proposed changes have been included in CMP Amendment 32. Staff will also provide an overview of each of the Gulf states regulations for the sale of cobia, as provided by each Gulf state. The Committee should ask questions and provide direction to staff.

Agenda Item VI: Final Action 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 summarize written comments and comments received during the public hearings. This amendment would modify catch limits, sector allocations, possession limits, size limits, and language to the CMP framework procedure. The Committee should review the document, provide feedback, and consider approving for final action. The South Atlantic Council will review the document and public comments at their December 2021 meeting.

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 examined Gulf migratory group king mackerel (Gulf king mackerel catch limits and sector allocations). The SEDAR 38 Update assessment found Gulf king

mackerel to be healthy (not overfished and not undergoing overfishing), and CMP Amendment 33 was initiated by the Council in response to that stock assessment. The range of actions and alternatives to modify catch levels and sector allocations incorporate the projections and recommendations using recreational catch and effort data calibrated to the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey. The Committee should review the proposed actions and alternatives, and provide feedback for Council consideration as appropriate.

Agenda Item VIII: Public Hearing Draft Amendment 34: Atlantic King Mackerel Catch levels and Management Measures

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Ms. Christina Wiegand (South Atlantic Council staff) will present the public hearing draft of CMP Amendment 34. This plan amendment considers changes to catch levels for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel (Atlantic king mackerel), modifications to sector allocations, and management measures including recreational bag limit, size limit, and provisions requiring fish to be landed with heads and fins intact. At its September 2021 meeting, the South Atlantic Council approved this draft for public hearings. This is a joint plan amendment. The Committee can provide recommendations and should discuss if this draft is approved for public hearings.

Agenda Item IX: 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.
