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History of Exploring Requirements for Sale of Cobia

CMP Am. 19 which turned into CMP Am. 20A

Considered but Rejected Action 2, Sale of Cobia, Alternative 5.

Alternative 5: Prohibit sale of cobia caught under the bag limit.

Option a: South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. Gulf Council's jurisdiction.

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Considered but Rejected Action 2. Sale of Cobia

Preferred Alternative 1: No Action - No federal permit requirement to sell cobia. Sale of cobia harvested under the possession limit is allowed for persons that possess the necessary state permits. However, if a closure has been implemented, the sale or purchase of cobia of the migratory group, subzone, or gear type, is prohibited, including any cobia taken under the possession limit.

Alternative 2: Create a new commercial cobia permit. For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ, those fish must have been harvested under a commercial quota aboard a vessel with a commercial cobia vessel permit.

Option a. The South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. The Gulf Council's jurisdiction

Alternative 3: For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic, those fish must have been harvested under a commercial quota aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel king mackerel or Spanish mackerel permit.

Alternative 4: For a person to sell cobia in or from the EEZ of the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico, those fish must have been harvested under a commercial quota aboard a vessel with at least one of the following commercial vessel permits: king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, Gulf reef fish, South Atlantic snapper/grouper, or South Atlantic dolphin/wahoo.





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Action 1. Sale of King and Spanish Mackerel

Preferred Alternative 2: Prohibit sale of king mackerel caught under the bag limit in or from the EEZ of the Gulf or Atlantic, with the exception of for-hire trips in which the vessel also holds a federal king mackerel commercial permit. Prohibit sale of Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit in or from the EEZ of the Gulf or Atlantic, with the exception of for-hire trips in which the vessel also holds a federal Spanish mackerel commercial permit. All sales of king and Spanish mackerel during a commercial closure are prohibited.

Option a. The South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Preferred Option b. The Gulf Council's jurisdiction

Preferred Alternative 3: Prohibit sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit. For a person to sell king or Spanish mackerel in or from the EEZ of the Gulf or Atlantic, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel permit/endorsement. A king mackerel permit is required to sell king mackerel and a Spanish mackerel permit is required to sell Spanish mackerel.

Preferred Option a. The South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

Option b. The Gulf Council's jurisdiction



Generic Dealer Reporting Amendment

Action 1. Dealer Permits Required

Preferred Option 2b. Require a single dealer permit to purchase the following federally-managed species or species complexes, except South Atlantic coral, South Atlantic *Sargassum*, Gulf of Mexico coral and coral reefs, and penaeid shrimp species.

- Atlantic Dolphin-Wahoo
- South Atlantic Golden Crab
- South Atlantic Rock Shrimp
- South Atlantic Snapper Grouper (including wreckfish)
- Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish
- *Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagic*
- *Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Spiny Lobster*
- *Gulf of Mexico Red Drum*

(Note: Italics designate additional new species that currently do not require dealer permits.)

Note: It was the Councils' intent that the generic dealer permit requirements apply to any dealer purchasing South Atlantic Council or Gulf Council managed species and to all federally permitted vessels that sell South Atlantic Council or Gulf Council managed species. This would require that permitted vessels can only sell to permitted dealers in those fisheries where a dealer permit exists. This will also apply to for-hire vessels with a for-hire Coastal Migratory Pelagic Permit and to vessels with a federal spiny lobster tailing or spiny lobster permit.

