

Sustainable Fisheries Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab E

Agenda Item IV: Final Action: Framework Action: Modification of For-hire Multi-day Trip Possession Limits

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council input and next steps: The Committee will review the updated analyses in the document and the current preferred alternative, and make any modifications if appropriate. The Committee will also review public comments received and the draft codified text for the proposed regulations. If the Committee agrees that the proposed regulations are necessary and appropriate, it may recommend that the Council approve and submit the proposed regulations to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation.

Agenda Item V: Draft Amendment Reef Fish 48/Red Drum 5: Status Determination Criteria and Optimum Yield for Reef Fish and Red Drum

Timeline Status: Draft Amendment

Council input and next steps: Staff will present the revised actions and alternatives in the amendment as well as the SSC recommendations on this Amendment. The Committee should review the range of alternatives in each action. The Committee should advise staff about necessary modifications to the document before developing a public hearing draft. Staff will bring back a revised draft for Committee review at a subsequent Council meeting.

Agenda Item VI: Council Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020 – 2024

Timeline Status: Discussion and Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will review the Council’s Research and Monitoring Priorities for 2020 – 2024, and recommend any modifications to the Council. These priorities cover large subjects such as data collection, estimation of bycatch and discards, ecosystem-based management, episodic mortality events, priorities specific to individual species, and socioeconomic issues. Generally, these priorities help inform the Council’s research partners and regulatory collaborators of the most pressing challenges facing the Council’s marine resource management obligations. The SSC has provided input on these priorities. Once approved by the Council, the document will be posted on the Council website as final and submitted to the Southeast Regional Office.

Agenda Item VII: Eye on the Gulf: An Electronic Monitoring Presentation on the Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery

Timeline Status: Presentation and Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: The Mote Marine Laboratory, Center for Fisheries Electronic Monitoring at Mote, with partners in the snapper grouper industry, an electronic monitoring (EM) equipment and software provider, state and federal management agencies, and other collaborators are spearheading EM as an effective method to monitor and document catch including bycatch, and discards in this fishery, with particular emphasis on documenting shark bycatch. Ms. Neidig will present an overview of the principal objectives, EM equipment, general methods, experimental approach for acquisition of data relevant to fisheries management, and examples of essential data summaries. The Committee may ask questions following the presentation.

Agenda Item VIII: Presentation on Allocation Review Criteria

Timeline Status: Presentation, Discussion, and Feedback

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will present expected start dates for the initial allocation reviews in the Gulf of Mexico and give a progress report on the work of the Allocation Review workgroup. The presentation will include steps, procedures and criteria suggested for inclusion in the allocation review process. The Committee is expected to discuss the suggestions made by the Allocation Review workgroup, suggested modifications, and provide recommendations. The Committee is also expected to determine next steps, as warranted.

Agenda Item IX: SSC Summary Report

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will hear a summary of the remaining items discussed during the September 17-18, 2019 SSC meeting that were not previously covered.

Agenda Item X: Committee Discussion on Allocation Issues

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: This is the third instalment of the ongoing discussion on allocation the Council initiated during the June 2019 meeting. Committee members are expected to continue to discuss allocation-related issues and consider the future characteristics of well allocated fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Following the discussion, the Committee will determine next steps, as warranted.

Agenda Item XI: Other Business

Timeline Status: Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Additional items may be brought up for discussion by the Committee, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.
