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GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
AND
SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
JOINT WORKGROUP FOR SECTION 102
OF THE MODERNIZING RECREATIONAL FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2018
Webinar
May 18, 2020
9 AM – 12 PM, eastern time

Agenda Item I: Introductions and Adoption of Agenda

Documents: Agenda

Action: Review, modify (if necessary), and approve the Agenda

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will review, modify if necessary, and approve the agenda for the webinar.

Agenda Item II: Election of a Workgroup Chair

Action: Select a Workgroup Chair

Committee input and next steps: Mr. Rindone will assist the Workgroup in electing from its membership a Chair to lead discussions and speak on behalf of the Workgroup to the Councils.

Agenda item IV: Develop a Workgroup Charge and Work Plan and Timeline

Action: Discussion and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will develop a charge and determine how and when recommendations will be conveyed to the Councils. Generally, the Workgroup should attempt to identify alternative management strategies for recreational fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic regions, and the species for which they would be most appropriate. The same strategies may not be suitable for both Councils, nor the species to which they are applied. The Workgroup will report their recommendations to the respective Councils, who will then determine how best to proceed (regionally or jointly, as may be appropriate).

Agenda Item V: Overview of Section 102: Fishery Management Measures of the Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018

Documents: Item V: The Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Act
Section 102 – Mr. Russell Dunn

Action: Information and discussion

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive a presentation from Mr. Russell Dunn of the National Marine Fisheries Service on Section 102, which will help guide future discussion topics. The Workgroup should ask questions and seek clarification on the language of the Act as appropriate.

Agenda item VI: Review of PowerPoint presentations made to the Council Coordinating Committee in November 2019

Documents: Item VI: CCC Summary Presentation – Mr. John Carmichael

Item VI-1 Background Material: Alternative Management: An Angler's Perspective

Item VI-2 Background Material: Recreational Reform Initiative

Item VI-3 Background Material: Rebuilding West Coast Groundfish Stocks and Fisheries Presentation PFMC

Item VI-4 Background Material: ASMFC Cobia Fishery Management Presentation

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive a summary presentation from Mr. John Carmichael on the presentations received by the Council Coordinating Committee during its November 2019 meeting. These presentations were provided by the Congressional Sportsman's Foundation and the Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and make recommendations on approaches to consider when discussing alternative recreational fishery management strategies. The Workgroup should discuss these recommendations, and identify those for further consideration.

Agenda item VII: Review of proposals put forward at the 2018 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit

Documents: Item VII: Innovative Management: 2018 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit – Mr. Russell Dunn

Item VII-1 Background Material: 2018 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summary Report

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee input and next steps: The Workgroup will receive a presentation by Mr. Dunn about proposals offered at the 2018 National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit, where the recreational fishing community collaborated with the Regional Fishery Management Councils, the Interstate Marine Fisheries Commissions, and other stakeholders to improve opportunity and stability in recreational fisheries. The focus areas of the 2018 Summit were: innovative alternative recreational management strategies and approaches; socioeconomic in recreational fisheries management; angler engagement in data collection and reporting; and, expanding recreational fishing opportunity through conservation. Discussions from the 2018 Summit highlighted: building trust in management with stakeholders; prioritizing data improvements; how collaboration between stakeholders and managers is key; support for pilot programs; and, addressing discard mortality. The Workgroup should discuss these proposals, and identify and prioritize alternative recreational management strategies that the Workgroup would like to consider for further consideration at the next meeting.

Agenda Item VIII: Review of outcomes from the SAFMC workshop and regional meetings on alternative recreational management strategies

Documents: Item VIII: ASA Presentation for Joint SA-GM Alternative Management Workgroup – Ms. Kellie Ralston and Mr. Mike Waine

Item VIII-1 Background Material: ASA Recreational Management Report

Item VIII-2 Background Material: ASA Presentation Recreational Regional Meetings

Item VIII-3 Background Material: Sportfishing and Boating Input on Rec-Comm Allocation

Action: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Committee Input and Next Steps: The Workgroup will receive a presentation by Ms. Kellie Ralston and Mr. Mike Waine from the American Sportfishing Association on the outcomes of a South Atlantic workshop and regional meetings on alternative recreational management strategies. Ms. Ralston and Mr. Waine will review stakeholder input collected at these regional meetings, and the general takeaways for how to approach novel recreational management strategies. The Workgroup should discuss these proposals, and identify and prioritize alternative strategies for further consideration at the next meeting.

Agenda Item IX: Characteristics of potential candidate species for alternative management strategies

Action: Discussion

Committee Input and Next Steps: The Workgroup will have reviewed several alternative recreational fisheries management strategies in Agenda Items VI – VIII. Mr. Rindone will guide

the Workgroup in characterizing what traits might make a particular fishery a good candidate for one or some of these strategies. The Workgroup should discuss aspects like species spatial distribution, life history, the degree to which a species is targeted, harvest methods, and other aspects. Thought should be given to the specific problems which the Council(s) is/are trying to solve for a particular species. The Workgroup can recommend species for further consideration at a subsequent meeting.

Agenda Item X: Other Business

Action: Discussion

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

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