

**Migratory Species Committee
Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab M**

Agenda Item IV: Presentation on Draft Amendment 14 to the 2006 HMS Species FMP

Timeline Status: Information and discussion

Council input and next steps: Mr. Guy DuBeck from the NOAA office of Highly Migratory Species (HMS) will provide a presentation (**Tab M, No. 4**) outlining the proposed options for draft Amendment 14 (**Tab M, No. 4a**). This amendment explores options for establishing a new framework action for the establishment of acceptable biological catch (ABCs) and annual catch limits (ACLs) for Atlantic shark fisheries. Topics under consideration in Amendment 14 are creation of an ABC control rule along with options of a phase-in ABC control rules for any modifications in ABC, ACL development, options for carry-over provisions, and exploration of multi-year overfishing status determination criteria. Public comment on Amendment 14 will be accepted until December 31, 2020. The committee should review Amendment 14, ask questions, and provide input to HMS staff on how implementation of Amendment 14 would affect fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. In the past the Council has provided written letters on various HMS actions, so the committee should consider if submitting any formal public comment is necessary for Amendment 14.