

**Mackerel Committee Report  
June 8, 2015  
Pam Dana-Chair**

**CMP Amendment 28**

The South Atlantic Council has directed their staff to discontinue work on CMP Amendment 28 (**Tab C, No. 6a**). The Gulf Council needs to decide whether they want to continue working on Amendment 28. Staff summarized public comments received with respect to the main purpose of the amendment, which is to split the commercial king and Spanish mackerel fishing permits into Gulf and Atlantic permits, respectively. Though not many public comments were received during scoping meetings, those which were received indicated general support for splitting the permits so long as historical fishermen were protected.

**The Gulf Committee recommends, and I so move, that staff continue work on CMP Amendment 28.**

*Motion carried 5-2.*

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.