

Mackerel Committee

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Agenda Item IV: Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Landings Update

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: Mr. Peter Hood (NMFS Southeast Regional Office) will provide an update on the status of CMP landings relative to annual catch limits (ACLs). This is for information only and no action is required by the Committee.

Agenda Item V: Draft Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure and South Atlantic Recommendations

Timeline Status: Document, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will present a draft document to modify catch limits, sector allocations, possession limits, size limits, and language to the CMP framework procedure. This draft includes updated analyses and alternatives based on Council's recommendations. Council staff will provide an overview of the actions taken by the South Atlantic Council the week before this meeting. The Committee should review the draft document and provide feedback on the range of actions and alternatives, removing any alternatives the Council may not wish to consider at this time so that staff can move forward with the development of a public hearing draft.

Agenda Item VI: Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations

Timeline Status: Document, discussion, recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will present draft options to be considered in CMP Amendment 33, which examined Gulf migratory group king mackerel (Gulf king mackerel catch limits and sector allocations. The SEDAR 38 Update assessment found Gulf king mackerel to be healthy (not overfished and not undergoing overfishing), and CMP Amendment 33 was initiated by the Council in response to that stock assessment. The range of actions and alternatives to modify catch levels and sector allocations incorporate the projections and recommendations using recreational catch and effort data calibrated to the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey. The Committee should review the proposed actions and alternatives, and provide feedback for Council consideration as appropriate.

Agenda Item VII: Draft Amendment 34: Atlantic King Mackerel Catch levels and Management Measures

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: South Atlantic Council staff will present the actions and alternatives being considered in CMP Amendment 34. This plan amendment considers changes to catch levels for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel (Atlantic king mackerel), modifications to sector allocations, and management measures including recreational bag limit, size limit, and provisions requiring fish to be landed with heads and fins intact. The Committee may provide feedback and recommendations on this joint plan amendment.

Agenda Item VIII: Other Business

Timeline Status: Discussion and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: If time permits, additional items may be brought up for discussion during the adoption of the agenda to be considered at a future Committee meeting.
