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Agenda Item IV: Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP) Landings

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: SERO staff 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: Public Hearing Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Sector Allocation

Timeline Status: Review and Approval Public Hearing Draft

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will review the action and alternatives in the public hearing draft and also review the Joint FMP Objectives. Staff will present motions from the South Atlantic Council's September 2022 meeting. The Committee should discuss the action and corresponding analyses and determine if any modifications are needed. If appropriate, the Committee may select preferred alternative and direct staff to schedule public hearings after the December 2022 South Atlantic Council meeting. Staff is recommending virtual hearings and utilizing the Fish Brain and Fish Rules apps based on little to no attendance for in-person public hearings on other king mackerel related documents.

Agenda Item VI: Draft Framework Amendment: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Gillnet Fishing Season

Timeline Status: Document, Discussion, and Recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will review the action that would remove the regulatory language restricting the Gulf king mackerel gillnet component from prosecuting the fishery during weekends and observed federal holidays. Due to the fast-pace nature of the fishery, representatives of the Gulf king mackerel gillnet component requested this change to enhance the efficiency and reduce economic burdens on the fishermen. The Committee should discuss the document and select a preferred option in anticipation of a final action document in early 2023.

Agenda Item VII: 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.