



Update on Amendment 33: Gulf King Mackerel Sector Allocations + Review of Joint CMP FMP Objectives

CMP AP Meeting – Dec 2022



Draft Amendment Status

- At its October 2022 meeting, the Gulf Council made a motion to cease work on this document.
- The discussion surrounding the motion centered on more recent years of landings (the 2020/2021 fishing year and preliminary landings for the 2021/2022 fishing year) relative to sector ACLs, and that the data show a decrease in that ratio for both sectors.
- Potential modifications to CMP objectives that were included in CMP Amendment 33 will be included in a future CMP plan amendment.

Gulf Council & South Atlantic Council Joint Coastal CMP FMP Objectives

- Prior to discussions in 2022, the Gulf Council and the South Atlantic Council last modified the FMP objectives in CMP Amendment 6 (1992), which brought the number of objectives from 7 to 8.
- NMFS Procedural Directive 01-119-02 (NMFS 2016) provides recommended practices during an allocation review, which includes a Council re-assessing the FMP objectives, if they are not current, clear, or measurable.

Gulf Council & South Atlantic Council Joint Coastal CMP FMP Objectives

1. The primary objective of this FMP is to achieve and maintain optimum yield, to allow recovery of overfished populations, and maintain population levels sufficient to ensure adequate recruitment.
2. To provide a flexible management system for the resource which minimizes regulatory delay while retaining substantial Council and public input in management decisions and which can rapidly adapt to changes in resource abundance, new scientific information, and changes in fishing patterns among user groups or by areas.
3. To minimize gear and user conflicts.

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5. To minimize waste and bycatch in the fishery.
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7. To optimize the social and economic benefits of the coastal migratory pelagic fisheries.

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8. To achieve robust fishery reporting and data collection systems across all sectors for monitoring the coastal migratory pelagic fishery which minimizes scientific, management, and risk uncertainty.

Questions? Other edits to objectives?

