

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: Amendment 32: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group Cobia Catch Limits, Possession Limits, Size Limits, and Framework Procedure and South Atlantic and CMP AP Recommendations

Timeline Status: Presentation, 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. Proposed catch limits for Gulf cobia have been modified based on the recent SEDAR 28 stock assessment update and adjusted to account for changes in recreational data collection to MRIP-FES. Since Gulf cobia is jointly managed with the South Atlantic Council, modifications to the ACL apportionment to the Florida East Coast Zone (FLEC), and to modify sector allocations therein, are considered. Additionally, modifications to minimum size limits and possession limits are also being considered to reduce fishing mortality and end overfishing. This draft includes preferred alternatives by the Gulf and South Atlantic Councils, and recommendations by the Gulf CMP AP. The Committee should review the draft document and provide feedback on the range of actions and alternatives.

Agenda Item VI: Remaining Coastal Migratory Pelagics AP Recommendations

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: The CMP AP also reviewed a summary of joint CMP Amendment 34, which will modify catch levels and management measures for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel. Additionally, the CMP AP discussed the proposed commercial electronic logbook requirements and provided recommendation to the Council. The recommendations on the commercial electronic logbook requirements will be discussed during the Data Collection Committee.

Agenda Item VII: Discussion of Individual Fishing Quota for Gulf King Mackerel for the Gulf Southern Zone-Gillnet

Timeline Status: Discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will discuss the implementation of an individual fishing quota program for Gulf migratory group king mackerel in the Gulf Southern Zone for commercial fishermen with a valid king mackerel gillnet endorsement. The Committee should provide direction to staff.

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.
