

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 Document: Coastal Migratory Pelagics Amendment 32

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will present a draft document to modify catch limits, size limits, possession 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 the recreational data collection to MRIP-FES. Since Gulf cobia is jointly managed with the South Atlantic Council, modifications to the ACL apportionment to the east coast of Florida are also considered. Modifications to size and possession limits are also being considered to reduce fishing mortality and end overfishing. Additionally, modifications to the CMP framework procedures are being considered to clarify the language about the responsibilities of each Council in the management of Gulf cobia. The Committee should review the draft document and provide feedback on the range of actions and alternatives.

Agenda Item VI: Gulf of Mexico King Mackerel Presentation

Timeline Status: Presentation, discussion, recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will summarize the most recent changes to king mackerel management measures, including a summary of recent landings and the results of the recent 2020 SEDAR 38 Update assessment. The Committee should consider the proposed options outlined in the presentation, including considerations for modifying sector allocations and size limits. The Committee should provide direction to staff for a. a possible CMP Amendment 33.

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.
