

Mackerel Committee

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

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: NMFS Southeast Regional Office 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: Draft Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits

Timeline Status: Document, discussion, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will present Framework Amendment 11, which would modify catch levels for Gulf migratory group king mackerel (Gulf king mackerel). The SEDAR 38 update assessment and Scientific and Statistical Committee review found Gulf king mackerel healthy, not overfished or undergoing overfishing. This document includes an alternative that would modify catch levels to reflect the recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee. These revised catch levels use recreational catch and effort data calibrated to the Marine Recreational Information Program's Fishing Effort Survey. The Committee should review the document, provide feedback, and consider selecting a preferred alternative in Action 1. Staff will plan to bring a final draft of the document to the June 2022 Council meeting for consideration.

Agenda Item VI: Final Action: Amendment 34: Atlantic King Mackerel Catch Levels and Management Measures

Timeline Status: Final Action

Council Input and Next Steps: Ms. Christina Wiegand (South Atlantic Council staff) will present the management changes included 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, and provisions requiring fish to be landed with heads and fins intact. Ms. Wiegand will also summarize the South Atlantic Council's rationale. The Committee should review the information provided and consider approving for final action.

Agenda Item VII: Other Business: Discussion on Gulf King Mackerel Southern Zone Gillnet Fishing Restrictions on Weekends

Timeline Status: Discussion and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will discuss the current fishing regulations associated with the Gulf king mackerel gillnet fleet in the Southern Zone as it pertains to restrictions on weekend harvest. Additional items may be brought up for discussion during the adoption of the agenda.
