

**Mackerel Committee**  
**Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab C**

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**Agenda Item IV:** Review of Coastal Migratory Pelagics Landings

**Timeline Status:** Information only

**Council input and next steps:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Southeast Regional Office (SERO) staff will review the status of coastal migratory pelagics (CMP) landings relative to catch limits, which is provided for the Committee's information only. The landings data presented are part of an ongoing report to the Council that requires no action by the Committee.

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**Agenda Item V:** Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits and Sector Allocations

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

**Council input and next steps:** Staff will review the draft options for CMP Amendment 33, which considers modifications to Gulf migratory group king mackerel catch limits and sector allocations in response to the SEDAR 38 Update (2020) stock assessment. The SEDAR 38 Update found Gulf king mackerel to be healthy; however, the stock is above the minimum stock size threshold, but below the level corresponding to maximum sustainable yield. Further, recruitment for Gulf king mackerel has been below the long-term average for the last 10 years. The Council is considering modifications to catch limits and sector allocations, as the SEDAR 38 Update used revised recreational catch and effort data from the Marine Recreational Information Program's (MRIP) Fishing Effort Survey (FES); also, because the recreational sector has not historically landed its allocation while the commercial sector has. For Gulf king mackerel, changing sector allocations does not change the yield projections, as it does for reef fish species. At its October 2021 meeting, the Council requested modifications to the analysis for Alternative 2 of Action 2, and removed Alternative 3 of that action to Considered but Rejected. The Committee should review the new analysis and other information presented, and make recommendations to the Council as appropriate. Because this is a jointly developed amendment with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (South Atlantic Council), ultimately, both Councils will need to agree on all preferred alternatives before final action can be taken and the management measures recommended to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation.

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**Agenda Item VI:** Draft Amendment 34: Atlantic Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Levels and Atlantic King and Spanish Mackerel Management Measures

**Timeline Status:** Presentation, discussion, and recommendations

**Council input and next steps:** Ms. Christina Wiegand (South Atlantic Council staff) will present a draft of CMP Amendment 34, including a review of public comments received in

November 2021. CMP Amendment 34 considers modifications to the Atlantic migratory group of king mackerel, which stretches from New York south to the Dade/Monroe County Line in Florida. The Committee should consider the information presented, and discuss selecting preferred alternatives where it has not yet done so. The Committee should also consider actions taken by the South Atlantic Council in December 2021 to remove two actions pertaining to modifications to the minimum size limits to the Considered but Rejected appendix. Because this is a jointly developed amendment with the South Atlantic Council, ultimately, both Councils will need to agree on all preferred alternatives before final action can be taken and the management measures recommended to the Secretary of Commerce for implementation. The Committee should consider the information presented, ask questions, and make recommendations to the Councils as appropriate. This amendment is scheduled for final approval at the South Atlantic Council's March 2022 meeting and the Gulf Council's April 2022 meeting.

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**Agenda Item VII:** Other Business

**Timeline Status:** Additional items that can be brought up for discussion

**Council Input and Next Steps:** Additional items may be brought up for discussion by Committee members during the adoption of the agenda, time permitting. If the Committee wishes to pursue action, then action can be scheduled at a future Council meeting.

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