

Mackerel Committee

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

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: SERO 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: Final Action: Framework Amendment 11: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Catch Limits

Timeline Status: Discussion and consider final action

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). SEDAR 38 update assessment found Gulf king mackerel to not be overfished and not undergoing overfishing. This framework action considers modifying the catch limits for Gulf king mackerel. The spawning stock biomass, while above the minimum stock size threshold, is estimated to be below the spawning stock biomass at maximum sustainable yield. The Committee should review the document, select a preferred alternative, review public comments, and codified text, and consider approving for final action.

Agenda Item VI: Research Set Aside

Timeline Status: Presentation and discussion

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff from the Mid-Atlantic and the New England Fishery Management Councils will present an overview of the use of research set aside programs by their respective Councils. A motion requesting these presentations was passed at the Gulf Council's January 2022 meeting. The Committee should consider the presentations, ask questions, and discuss any potential applications to species managed by the Gulf Council.

Agenda Item VII: Draft Amendment 33: Modifications to the Gulf of Mexico Migratory Group King Mackerel Sector Allocation

Timeline Status: Discussion, feedback, and recommendations

Council Input and Next Steps: Council staff will present draft Amendment 33, which would modify sector allocations of Gulf king mackerel. The Committee should review and discuss the

Purpose and Need statements, draft alternatives, and the Joint CMP Fishery Management Plan Objectives. The Committee should then provide feedback to Council staff if any revisions are needed. Next steps will be contingent upon the Committee's feedback, and the draft amendment may be reviewed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at its next meeting in September 2022 and is anticipated to come back to the Gulf Council in October as a public hearing draft. The Council should determine if in-person public hearings are necessary for this action or if virtual hearings and utilization of Fish Rules apps will suffice. If in-person hearings are needed, staff anticipates these occurring in early 2023.

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.
