

**Mackerel Committee Report  
June 3, 2025  
Mr. Ed Walker, Vice chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda (**Tab C, No. 1**) and approved the minutes (**Tab C, No. 2**) of the January 2025 meeting as written.

***Final action: Modification to the Gulf Migratory Group Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits (Tab C, Nos. 4a-c)***

The Committee reviewed draft Framework Action 14 along with the associated public comment summary and codified text. For Gulf Spanish mackerel catch limits (Action 1), the Committee decided to update catch levels to reflect those produced as a result of the most recent stock assessment (SEDAR 81) and set the acceptable biological catch equal to the stock annual catch limit (ACL). The Committee also decided to modify the accountability measures (Action 2) such that if the stock ACL is exceeded in a fishing year, then in the following fishing year the Regional Administrator will close the fishing season for Gulf Spanish mackerel for the commercial and recreational fishing sectors, if the stock ACL is reached or projected to be reached.

The Committee recommends and I so **move, to recommend the Council approve “Modifications to Spanish Mackerel Catch Limits in the Gulf of America” and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.**

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.