

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**ORLANDO, FLORIDA**

**JUNE 9-11, 2010**

**SUMMARY OF APPROVED COUNCIL MOTIONS**

**SNAPPER GROUPE**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to Snapper Grouper:**

***AMENDMENT 17A***

**MOTION #1: CHANGE THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED MSY PROXY TO ALTERNATIVE 1 (30%).**

*Alternative 1. MSY equals the yield produced by FMSY. F30%SPR is used as the FMSY proxy.*

**MOTION #2: UNDER THE RED SNAPPER REBUILDING STRATEGY, OPTIMUM YIELD AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACTION, CHANGE THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO ALTERNATIVE 9 USING F REBUILD.**

*Alternative 9. Define a rebuilding strategy for red snapper that sets FOY equal to 98% FMSY (98%F30%SPR) and rebuilds in 35 years. The ACL (total removals) specified for 2010 would remain in effect beyond 2010 until modified. The Council will review ACL and management measures following the next scheduled assessment for red snapper. OY at equilibrium would be 2,464,000 lbs whole weight. Under this strategy, the fishery would have a 53% chance of rebuilding to SSBMSY by 2044.*

**MOTION #3: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 9A AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE, WHERE THE ACL WILL BE BASED ON LANDINGS.**

*Sub-alternative 9A. Establish an ACL based on landings. The ACL in 2010 would equal 0. Establish three AMs:*

- 1. Track CPUE of red snapper via a fishery-independent monitoring program to track changes in biomass and take action to end overfishing if assessment indicates progress is not being made.*
- 2. Track the biomass and CPUE through fishery-dependent sampling as proposed.*
- 3. CPUE would be evaluated every three years and adjustments would be made by the framework action.*

**MOTION #4: APPROVE ONLY CONSIDERING SCENARIOS IN THE SPATIAL CLOSURE MODEL WITH COMPLIANCE RATES LESS THAN 90%.**

**MOTION #5: ADOPT NEW ALTERNATIVE 3 AS PREFERRED IN ATTACHMENT 14A FOR 98-240 FEET.**

*Alternative 3. Prohibit all commercial and recreational fishing for, harvest, and possession of red snapper year-round in the South Atlantic EEZ. Prohibition of red snapper applies in the South Atlantic on board a vessel for which a valid Federal charter vessel/headboat or commercial permit for South Atlantic snapper grouper has been issued, without regard to where such species were harvested, i.e., in state or Federal waters. Prohibit commercial and recreational fishing for, harvest, and possession, of all species in the snapper grouper fishery management unit (FMU) year-round in an area that includes commercial logbook grids 2880, 2980, and 3080 from 98 feet (16 fathoms; 30 m) to 240 feet (40 fathoms; 73 m), using coordinates shown in Table 2-11 to define the area (4,827 mi<sup>2</sup> of the South Atlantic EEZ).*



Table 2-11. Waypoints used to delineate Alternative 3E.

Waypoint Number	Latitude	Longitude
1	28° 00' 00"	80° 00' 00"
2	28° 00' 00"	80° 10' 57"
3	29° 31' 40"	80° 30' 34"

4	30° 02' 03"	80° 50' 45"
5	31° 00' 00"	80° 35' 19"
6	31° 00' 00"	80° 00' 00"
7	30° 52' 54"	80° 00' 00"
8	30° 27' 19"	80° 11' 41"
9	29° 54' 31"	80° 15' 51"
10	29° 24' 24"	80° 13' 32"
11	28° 27' 20"	80° 00' 00"

**MOTION #6: UNDER RED SNAPPER MANAGEMENT MEASURES, MAKE ALTERNATIVE 5 (TO ALLOW BLACK SEA BASS POT FISHING IN THE CLOSED AREA) AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 5. Allow fishing for, harvest and possession of snapper grouper species (with exception of red snapper) in the closed area if fish were harvested with black sea bass pots with endorsements.*

**MOTION #7: REMOVE THE LANGUAGE “NON-OFF SET” FROM ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3.**

*Alternatives 2 and 3 would now read as follows:*

*Alternative 2. (Preferred). Require the use of non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing for snapper grouper species with hook and line gear north of 28 degrees. It is unlawful to possess snapper grouper species without possessing non-stainless steel circle hooks. Applies to the use of natural baits only.*

*Alternative 3. Require the use of non-stainless steel circle hooks when fishing for snapper grouper species with hook and line gear within the South Atlantic EEZ. It is unlawful to possess snapper grouper species without possessing non-stainless steel circle hooks. Applies to the use of natural baits only.*

**MOTION #8: MODIFY THE LANGUAGE IN ALTERNATIVE 2 TO READ “SAMPLING WOULD INCLUDE GEAR SUCH AS DEPLOYMENT OF CHEVRON TRAPS, CAMERAS, AND HOOK AND LINE AT RANDOMLY SELECTED STATIONS IN A MANNER DETERMINED BY THE SEFSC IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COUNCIL”.**

*Alternative 2 would now read as follows:*

*Alternative 2. (Preferred). Establish fishery-independent monitoring program to track progress of red snapper. Sampling would include gear such as deployment of chevron traps, cameras, and hook and line at randomly selected stations in a manner determined by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center in consultation with the South Atlantic Council.*

**MOTION #9: APPROVE SENDING AMENDMENT 17A TO THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE FOR FORMAL REVIEW BY A VOTE OF 9 TO 4.**

**MOTION #10: ALLOW THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO DEEM THE AMENDMENT COMPLETE FOR REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY.**

**MOTION #11: APPROVE THE PROPOSED RULE FOR AMENDMENT 17A AND ALLOW THE STAFF TO MAKE APPROPRIATE CHANGES BASED ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE COUNCIL.**

**MOTION #12: ALLOW THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN TO DEEM THE PROPOSED RULE COMPLETE FOR REVIEW BY THE SECRETARY.**

***AMENDMENT 18***

**MOTION #13: DESIGNATE EFH FOR SNAPPER GROUPEL SPECIES IN THE NORTHERN EXTENSION USING THE MAFMC DESIGNATIONS AS PROXIES, WHERE APPROPRIATE.**

**MOTION #14: REMOVE THE CHANGE IN START DATE FROM ALTERNATIVE 2.**

*Alternative 2 would now read as follows:*

*Alternative 2. Limit golden tilefish effort through a golden tilefish gear endorsement program: Distribute golden tilefish gear specific endorsements for snapper grouper permit holders that qualify under the eligibility requirements stated below. Only snapper grouper permit holders with a golden tilefish longline endorsement or a golden tilefish hook and line endorsement associated with their snapper grouper permit will be allowed to possess golden tilefish. The commercial quota would be allocated as 10% to those holding golden tilefish hook and line endorsements and 90% to those holding golden tilefish longline endorsements. Logbooks to check catch history and trip tickets to verify.*

**MOTION #15: REMOVE THE PERCENTAGE ALLOCATIONS AMONG THE GEAR TYPES IN ALTERNATIVE 2.**

*Alternative 2 would now read as follows:*

*Alternative 2. Limit golden tilefish effort through a golden tilefish gear endorsement program: Distribute golden tilefish gear specific endorsements for snapper grouper permit holders that qualify under the eligibility requirements stated below. Only snapper grouper permit holders with a golden tilefish longline endorsement or a golden tilefish hook and line endorsement associated with their snapper grouper permit will be allowed to possess golden tilefish. Also, change the start date to August 1st. Logbooks to check catch history and trip tickets to verify.*

**MOTION #16: TO RECEIVE A GOLDEN TILEFISH LONGLINE ENDORSEMENT, THE INDIVIDUAL MUST HAVE CAUGHT A TOTAL OF 2,000 POUNDS GUTTED WEIGHT OF GOLDEN TILEFISH (CAUGHT WITH LONGLINE GEAR) BETWEEN 2006 AND 2008.**

**MOTION #17: ADD ACTION 4 TO AMENDMENT 18 AS FOLLOWS:**

*Action 4: Allow for Transferability of Golden Tilefish Endorsements (intent is that the endorsement is separate from the commercial permit). Direct staff to develop two sets of alternatives (1) where commercial is only unlimited and (2) where commercial is unlimited and trip-limited.*

**MOTION #18: ADD A NEW ALTERNATIVE LIMIT TAG DISTRIBUTION TO BLACK SEA BASS POT FISHERMEN WITH VALID FEDERAL COMMERCIAL SNAPPER GROUPER PERMITS THAT LANDED AT LEAST 1 POUND OF BLACK SEA BASS CAUGHT WITH POT GEAR BY THE CONTROL DATE OF 12/31/09.**

**MOTION #19: CHANGE THE DATES IN ACTION 8, ALTERNATIVES 7 AND 8 TO 12/31/09.**

*Alternatives 7 and 8 would now read:*

*Alternative 7. Annually issue tags to individuals based on a 10% reduction in the number of tags they were issued as of 12/31/09.*

*Alternative 8. Annually issue tags to individuals based on a 25% reduction in the number of tags they were issued as of 12/31/09.*

**MOTION #20: INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE IN ACTION 10 (IMPROVEMENTS TO DATA REPORTING) TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCSP QUOTA MONITORING MODULE FOR THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR.**

**MOTION #21: INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE IN ACTION 10 (IMPROVEMENTS TO DATA REPORTING - UNDER FOR-HIRE) TO IMPLEMENT THE ACCSP QUOTA MONITORING MODULE FOR THE FOR-HIRE SECTOR.**

**MOTION #22: ADD AN ACTION 11 TO AMENDMENT 18.**

*Action 11: Change in the Black Sea Bass Fishing Year*

*Alternative 1 (No Action). Maintain the current black sea bass fishing year of June 1st – May 31st.*

*Alternative 2. Change the black sea bass fishing year so that there is a split season with November 1st - April 30th and May 1st - October 31st and apportion the catch based on average landings from the last 5 years.*

*Alternative 3. Change the black sea bass fishing year so that there is a split season with Jan 1st - June 30th and July 1st - December 31st and apportion the catch based on average landings from the last 5 years.*

**MOTION #23: ADD AN ACTION 12 TO AMENDMENT 18 LOOKING AT A SPAWNING SEASON CLOSURE FOR BLACK SEA BASS.**

*(Intent is the spawning season closure would apply to both recreational and commercial jointly or to each separately; staff to examine dates throughout range and dates of spawning, while being consistent with other closures for other species)*

**AMENDMENT 20**

**MOTION #24: INCLUDE NEW ALTERNATIVES 6 AND 7 OF THE REAPPORTIONMENT OF ITQ SECTOR SECTION INTO THE AMENDMENT 20 OPTIONS PAPER.**

*Alternative 6: Equally redistribute shares belonging to deceased shareholders to remaining shareholders.*

*Alternative 7: Equally redistribute shares belonging to deceased shareholders and shareholders who cannot be contacted to remaining shareholders.*

**MOTION #25: ADD A NEW ALTERNATIVE FOR A NEW CONTROL DATE, IF NEEDED, WHEREBY FISHERMEN WOULD NEED LANDINGS TO QUALIFY**

**MOTION 26: DIRECT STAFF TO ADD THE ALTERNATIVES FROM THE WORKGROUP INTO AMENDMENT 20 OPTIONS PAPER.**

**MOTION 27: INCLUDE ANOTHER OPTION TO CONSIDER REMOVAL OF WRECKFISH FROM THE AGGREGATE BAG LIMIT.**

**COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT**

**MOTION #28: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 5 AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR AN ACTION TO REMOVE SPECIES FROM THE FMU.**

*Alternative 5. Remove all of the following snapper-grouper species under the Florida Marine Life Species Rule:*

- 1. Queen triggerfish*
- 2. Porkfish*
- 3. Puddingwife.*

**MOTION #29: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 4 AS ANOTHER PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE TO REMOVE SPECIES FROM THE FMU.**

*Alternative 4. Remove snapper-grouper species with 80% (or greater) of landings in state waters.*

**MOTION #30: ESTABLISH ALTERNATIVE 5 (ECOSYSTEM COMPONENT SPECIES) AS A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 5. Designate snapper-grouper species with state and federal (combined) landings that are less than, or equal to 10,000 lbs, as Ecosystem Component species.*

**MOTION #31: REJECT THE SSC ABC CONTROL RULE FOR DATA POOR SPECIES AND MOVE IT TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

**MOTION #32: COUNCIL DIRECTS THE SSC TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE WHEN CONSIDERING AN ALTERNATIVE CONTROL RULE FOR UN-ASSESSED STOCKS:**

- (1) DETERMINATION OF SPECIES AS ECOSYSTEM COMPONENTS AND INCREASING BUFFERS ABOUT OFL FOR SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES IS BEYOND THE SCOPE OF ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTY AND SHOULD THEREFORE NOT BE PART OF AN ABC CONTROL RULE.
- (2) THE COUNCIL BELIEVES THAT STOCK STATUS IS AN OUTCOME AND NOT AN ASSESSMENT UNCERTAINTY APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER IN AN ABC CONTROL RULE.
- (3) THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE SSC CONFIGURE THE DATA POOR CONTROL RULE TO PROVIDE A REDUCTION DOWNWARD FROM OFL, AS DESCRIBED IN THE GUIDELINES, AND DOES NOT BELIEVE IT IS APPROPRIATE TO START AT AN ASSUMPTION THAT ABC=0. (Number 3 is missing in the minutes page 164)
- (4) THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE SSC CONSIDER A TIERED APPROACH THAT DIFFERENTIATES BETWEEN LEVELS OF DATA DEFICIENCY, AND TAKES INTO CONSIDERATION SOURCES OF INFORMATION BEYOND LANDINGS STREAMS THAT MAY INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, PRIOR ASSESSMENTS, EFFORT TRENDS, SURVEY AND MONITORING TRENDS.

**MOREOVER, THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDS THAT THE SSC REVIEW, COMPARE AND CONTRAST AND COMMENT ON THE UTILITY OF:**

- (1) THE ANALYTICAL APPROACHES FOR DEVELOPING ABCS IN DATA POOR SITUATIONS AND FOR UN-ASSESSED STOCKS THAT WERE

- PROVIDED FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE APRIL 2010 MEETING (E.G., DCAC AND COOPER APPROACHES);**
- (2) THE ALTERNATIVE ABC CONTROL RULES DEVELOPED BY THE COUNCIL AND INCLUDED IN CURRENT DRAFT AMENDMENTS; AND**
  - (3) THE PROPOSED DATA POOR CONTROL RULE DEVELOPED AT THE APRIL 2010 MEETING.**

**THE SSC SHOULD COMMENT ON WHICH OF THESE APPROACHES IS MOST ROBUST TO UNKNOWN INFORMATION AND MOST APPROPRIATE FOR USE IN DERIVING ABC FROM OFL. [INTENT THAT THIS APPLIES TO ALL SPECIES; USE ANY ASSESSMENT, NOT JUST PEER REVIEWED ASSESSMENTS].**

**MOTION #33: ESTABLISH AN ABC CONTROL RULE FOR DATA POOR (NO P\* ANALYSIS) SNAPPER GROUPE SPECIES WHERE ABC = 75% OF OFL (ALTERNATIVE 3B) EXCEPT FOR WRECKFISH.**

**MOTION #34: MAKE ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVE 2 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 2. Divide allocations among two sectors, commercial and recreational. Use the following equation: Allocation by sector = (0.5 \* catch history) + (0.5 \* current trend) whereby, catch history = 1986 onward, current trend = 2006-2008 for this amendment, and 3 years rolling forward for future amendments.*

**MOTION #35: REMOVE GREATER AMBERJACK TRIP LIMITS FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT AND INITIATE A FRAMEWORK ACTION TO ADDRESS TRIP LIMITS FOR GREATER AMBERJACK, VERMILION SNAPPER, BLACK SEA BASS & GAG.**

***RED GROUPE***

**MOTION #36: MOVE THE RED GROUPE REBUILDING PROGRAM AND MEASURES INTO A SEPARATE AMENDMENT.**

**MOTION #37: ACCEPT MSY ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR RED GROUPE.**

*Alternative 2. MSY equals the yield produced by FMSY or the FMSY proxy. MSY and FMSY are recommended by the most recent SEDAR/SSC.*

**MOTION #38: MAKE ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVE 2 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

**Alternative 2.** *Divide allocations among two sectors, commercial and recreational. Use the following equation: Allocation by sector = (0.5 \* catch history) + (0.5 \* current trend) whereby, catch history = 1986 onward, current trend = 2006-2008 for this amendment, and 3 years rolling forward for future amendments.*

**MOTION #39: SELECT ALTERNATIVES 4 AND 6 AS ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES FOR THE RECREATIONAL SECTOR AND AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

**Alternative 4.** *Compare recreational ACL with recreational landings over a range of years. For 2011, use only 2011 landings. For 2012, use the average landings of 2011 and 2012. For 2013 and beyond, use the most recent three-year running average.*

**Alternative 6.** *If the recreational sector ACL is exceeded, the Regional Administrator shall publish a notice to reduce the recreational sector ACL in the following season by the amount of the overage.*

**MOTION #40: ADD TO ALTERNATIVE 6: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR SHALL PUBLISH A NOTICE TO CLOSE THE RECREATIONAL FISHERY WHEN THE ACL IS PROJECTED TO BE MET AND REDUCE THE ACL FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR BY THE AMOUNT OF THE OVERAGE.**

**MOTION #41: SELECT ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES FOR THE COMMERCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES.**

**Alternative 2.** *After the commercial ACL is met, all purchase and sale of red grouper is prohibited and harvest and/or possession is limited to the bag limit.*

**Alternative 3.** *If the commercial sector ACL is exceeded, the Regional Administrator shall publish a notice to reduce the commercial sector ACL in the following season by the amount of the overage.*

**BLACK GROUPE**

**MOTION #42: ACCEPT A P\* OF 33% AS THE RISK OF OVERFISHING FOR BLACK GROUPE.**

**MOTION #43: ACCEPT THE 5 YEAR ABC LEVELS FROM THE GMFMC SSC APPLYING A P\* OF 33%.**

**MOTION #44: ADOPT THE CONTROL RULE USED FROM THE GULF SSC FOR BLACK GROUPE AND MAKE THAT THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

**MOTION #45: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 2 FOR ALLOCATIONS FOR BLACK GROUPER AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 2. Divide allocations among two sectors, commercial and recreational. Use the following equation: Allocation by sector = (0.5 \* catch history) + (0.5 \* current trend) whereby, catch history = 1986 onward, current trend = 2006-2008 for this amendment, and 3 years rolling forward for future amendments. (As per Council motion from September, 2008).*

**MOTION #46: ADOPT BY REFERENCE THE SAME SUITE OF ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AS APPROVED FOR RED GROUPER.**

**MOTION #47: PROPOSE TO THE GULF COUNCIL (IN A LETTER) THAT SECTOR ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVE 2 BE USED TO ALLOCATE BLACK GROUPER BETWEEN COUNCIL JURISDICTIONS.**

*Alternative 2. Divide allocations among two sectors, commercial and recreational. Use the following equation: Allocation by sector = (0.5 \* catch history) + (0.5 \* current trend) whereby, catch history = 1986 onward, current trend = 2006-2008 for this amendment, and 3 years rolling forward for future amendments. (As per Council motion from September, 2008).*

**MOTION #48: INCLUDE BLACK GROUPER MEASURES IN THE SAME AMENDMENT AS RED GROUPER.**

**WRECKFISH**

**MOTION #49: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 3 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FOR MSY FOR WRECKFISH.**

*Alternative 3. MSY = 1.946 million pounds. This figure is the average landings from 1988-1994 which represent the years of high landings.*

**MOTION #50: ADD A NEW ALTERNATIVE FOR MSY BASED ON A PREVIOUS LETTER ADDRESSING WRECKFISH MSY FROM JOE POWERS WHEN HE WAS ACTING SEFSC DIRECTOR.**

**MOTION #51: MOVE ABC CONTROL RULE ALTERNATIVE 5 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 5. ABC = Amount equal to that calculated with the use of the ABC control rule developed by the SSC.*

**MOTION #52: SET OFL = MSY AND ABC = 75%OFL FOR WRECKFISH.**

**MOTION #53: DO NOT INCLUDE WRECKFISH ALTERNATIVE 11 (SPAWNING SEASON CLOSURE FOR THE RECREATIONAL FISHERY THAT IS COMPATIBLE WITH THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR) IN THE DOCUMENT.**

*Alternative 11. Implement a spawning season closure for the recreational fishery that is compatible with the current one for the commercial sector.*

**MOTION #54: UNDER THE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE RECREATIONAL SECTOR, REMOVE ALTERNATIVES 6-10 AND PUT THEM IN THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 6. Implement a 5 wreckfish per angler per day bag limit for the recreational fishery.*

*Alternative 7. Implement a 10 wreckfish per vessel per day bag limit for the recreational fishery.*

*Alternative 8. Implement a 10 wreckfish per angler per day bag limit for the recreational fishery.*

*Alternative 9. Implement a 20 wreckfish per vessel per day bag limit for the recreational fishery.*

*Alternative 10. Implement a 20 wreckfish per angler per day bag limit for the recreational fishery.*

### ***SHRIMP***

**MOTION #55: REMOVE ALL ACTIONS FOR SHRIMP FROM THE COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT.**

### ***BLACK SEA BASS***

**MOTION #56: ADD A NEW ALTERNATIVE TO ALLOW THE BLACK SEA BASS POT FISHERY TO REMAIN OPEN UNTIL ALL BUT 100,000 POUNDS OF THE COMMERCIAL QUOTA IS PROJECTED TO BE HARVESTED AND THEN CLOSE THE POT FISHERY. REOPEN THE POT FISHERY ON JANUARY 1ST UNTIL THE COMMERCIAL QUOTA IS PROJECTED TO BE HARVESTED. THE HOOK AND LINE FISHERY WOULD REMAIN OPEN UNTIL THE COMMERCIAL QUOTA IS PROJECTED TO BE HARVESTED. IF THERE IS MORE THAN 100,000 POUNDS OF THE COMMERCIAL QUOTA REMAINING BY DECEMBER 31, THERE WOULD BE NO CLOSURE OF THE POT FISHERY UNTIL THE QUOTA IS PROJECTED TO BE MET.**

**MOTION #57: ADD BLACK SEA BASS TRIP LIMIT ALTERNATIVES 1, 2, 3 & 5 TO THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT [ADD 4 & 6 IF NOT INCLUDED IN AMENDMENT 18].**

*Alternative 1 (No Action).* Quota is 309,000 lbs gutted weight. There is no trip limit.

*Alternative 2.* Establish a trip limit for the black sea bass fishery (all gear)

*Alternative 2a.* Establish a 500 lb gw (590 lb ww) trip limit.

*Alternative 2b.* Establish a 750 lb gw (885 lb ww) trip limit.

*Alternative 2c.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,180 lb ww) trip limit.

*Alternative 2d.* Establish a 1,250 lb gw (1,475 lb ww) trip limit.

*Alternative 2e.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,180 lb ww) trip limit; reduce to 500 lbs gutted weight (590 lb ww) when 75% of the quota is met.

*Alternative 2f.* Establish a 2,000 lb gw (2,360 lb ww) trip limit.

*Alternative 2g.* Establish a trip limit that will keep the fishery open all year (340 lbs gw).

*Alternative 3.* Establish separate trip limits for the pot and other fisheries (hook and line, spear).

*Alternative 3a.* Establish a 500 lb gw (590 lb ww) trip limit for pot fishery and a 50 lb gw (59 lb ww) trip limit for other fisheries.

*Alternative 3b.* Establish a 750 lb gw (885 lb ww) trip limit for pot fishery and a 75 lb gw (89 lb ww) trip limit for other fisheries.

*Alternative 3c.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,180 lb ww) trip limit for pot fishery and a 100 lb gw (118 lb ww) trip limit for other fisheries.

*Alternative 3d.* Establish a trip limit for the pot (340 lb gw) and other fisheries (17 lb gw) that will keep the fishery open all year.

*Alternative 4.* Establish a split season for black sea bass.

*Alternative 4a.* Separate quotas for June-November and December-May based on historical proportions of landings.

*Alternative 4b.* Separate quotas for June-December and January-May based on historical proportions of landings.

*Alternative 4c.* Carry over unused portion from first part of fishing year to second portion of season.

*Alternative 4d.* Carry over unused portion from second part of fishing year to next fishing year.

*Alternative 5.* Close the pot fishery when 90% of the commercial quota is met.

*Alternative 6.* Establish a spawning season closure for black sea bass.

**VERMILION SNAPPER**

**MOTION #58: AMEND VERMILION SNAPPER SUBALTERNATIVE 3A TO ESTABLISH A 750 LB GUTTED WEIGHT (833 LB WHOLE WEIGHT) AND REDUCE TO 250 LB GUTTED WEIGHT WHEN 75% OF QUOTA IS PROJECTED TO BE MET.**

**MOTION #59: ADD VERMILION SNAPPER TRIP LIMIT ALTERNATIVES 1-5 TO THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT.**

*Alternative 1 (No Action).* Quota is 315,523 lbs gw (350,231 lbs ww) during January-June and 302,523 lbs gw (335,800 lbs ww) during July-December. There is no trip limit.

*Alternative 2.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,110 lb ww) trip limit. (Snapper Grouper AP preferred alternative from June 2008).

*Sub-Alternative 2a.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,110 lb ww) trip limit and reduce to 500 lbs gw (555 lbs ww) when 75% of the quota is met.

*Alternative 3.* Establish a 750 lb gw (833 lb ww) trip limit.

*Sub-Alternative 3a.* Establish a 750 lb gw (833 lb ww) trip limit and reduce to 400 lbs gw (444 lbs ww) when 75% of the quota is met.

*Alternative 4.* Establish a 500 lb gw (555 lb ww) trip limit.

*Alternative 5.* Establish a 400 lb gw (444 lb ww).

**GAG GROUPE**

**MOTION #60: INCLUDE TRIP LIMIT ALTERNATIVE 1-3A FOR GAG IN THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT.**

*Alternative 1 (No Action).* Quota is 352,940 lbs gw. Seasonal closure occurs during January-April. There is no trip limit.

*Alternative 2.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,180 lb ww).

*Sub-Alternative 2a.* Establish a 1,000 lb gw (1,180 lb ww) trip limit and reduce to 100 lbs gw (118 lbs ww) when 75% of the quota is met.

*Alternative 3.* Establish a 750 lb gw (885 lb ww) trip limit.

*Sub-Alternative 3a.* Establish a 750 lb gw (885 lb ww) trip limit and reduce to 100 lbs gw (118 lbs ww) when 75% of the quota is met.

**SEA TURTLES**

**MOTION #61: ADD THE SEA TURTLE ACTIONS IN ATTACHMENT 26 TO THE FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT.**

**GOLDEN CRAB**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to Golden Crab:**

**MOTION #1: MOVE ACTIONS 1-4 TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ACL AMENDMENT.**

*Action 1. Establish Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.*

*Action 2. Establish an Overfishing Level (OFL) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.*

*Action 3. Establish an Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.*

*Action 4. Establish an Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.*

**MOTION #2: DELETE ALTERNATIVE 4 FROM ACTION 3.**

*Action 3. Establish an Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.*

*Alternative 4. 336,905 pounds (recommendation from the SSC)*

**MOTION #3: REMOVE 336,905 POUNDS FROM ACTION 4, ALTERNATIVE 2 AND LEAVE IT BLANK.**

*Alternative 2 would read as follows:*

*Action 4. Establish an Annual Catch Limit (ACL) for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic region.*

*Alternative 2. ACL=ABC= \_\_\_\_\_ pounds*

**MOTION #4: MAKE THE GOLDEN CRAB CATCH SHARES PROGRAM THE COUNCIL'S NUMBER 1 PRIORITY IN DEVELOPING CATCH SHARE PROGRAMS.**

**DOLPHIN/WAHOO**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to Dolphin/Wahoo:**

**MOTION #1: DO NOT INCLUDE MSY AS AN ACTION ITEM.**

**MOTION #2: WITHDRAW THE MFMT AS THE MEASURE OF OVERFISHING AND USE THE OFL OF 11,882,898 POUNDS.**

**MOTION #3: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 6C AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED FOR DOLPHIN**

*Alternative 6c. ABC=85%OFL*

**MOTION #4: MOVE OPTION 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Option 4. Establish ABC based on the SSC's Data Poor ABC control rule.*

**MOTION #5: ADOPT ALTERNATIVE 2 (OY = ABC) AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

**MOTION #6: MAKE ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVE 4 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED FOR DOLPHIN.**

*Alternative 4. Define allocations for dolphin based upon landings from the ALS (annual landings), MRFSS, and headboat databases. The allocation would be based on the following formula for each sector: Sector apportionment = (50% \* average of long catch range (lbs) 1999 -2008) + (50% \* average of recent catch trend (lbs) 2006-2008). The allocation would be 8% commercial and 92% recreational. Beginning in 2011, the commercial allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight and the recreational allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ fish (\_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight). The commercial and recreational allocation specified for 2011 would remain in effect beyond 2011 until modified.*

**MOTION #7: MOVE ALTERNATIVE 6 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 6. Split the allocations for dolphin equally among the two sectors. The allocation would be 50% commercial and 50% recreational. Beginning in 2011, the commercial allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight and the recreational allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ fish (\_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight). The commercial and recreational allocation specified for 2011 would remain in effect beyond 2011 until modified.*

**MOTION #8: REMOVE OPTIONS 2-4 FROM THE AMENDMENT.**

*Option 2. ACL = 17,541,414 pounds based on 65% of MSY Option 2 and would apply for dolphin in the Atlantic, U.S. Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico.*

*Option 3. ACL = 20,240,093 pounds based on 75% of MSY Option 2 and would apply for dolphin in the Atlantic, U.S. Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico.*

*Option 4. ACL = 22,938,772 pounds based on 85% of MSY Option 2 and would apply for dolphin in the Atlantic, U.S. Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico.*

**MOTION #9: REMOVE "THIS EQUALS THE ABC RECOMMENDED BY THE SSC" IN OPTION 5.**

*Option 5 would read as follows:*

*Option 5. Specify ACL separately for the Atlantic at 8,912,174 pounds.*

**MOTION #10: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 1 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 1. Do not specify commercial sector Annual Catch Targets for dolphin.*

**MOTION #11: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 4 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE USING THE 5-YEAR AVERAGE 2005 THROUGH 2009**

*Alternative 4. The recreational sector ACT equals the sector ACL[(1-PSE) or 0.5, whichever is greater].*

**MOTION #12: SELECT OPTION 3 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Option 3. The commercial Accountability Measures (AMs) for this stock is to prohibit harvest, possession, and retention when the quota is met. All purchase and sale is prohibited when the quota is met. Implement Accountability Measures for the recreational sector for this stock. If the ACL is exceeded, the Regional Administrator shall publish a notice to reduce the bag limit by the amount necessary to ensure landings do not exceed the sector ACL for the following fishing year. Compare recreational ACL with recreational landings over a range of years. For 2011, use only 2011 landings. For 2012, use the average landings of 2011 and 2012. For 2013 and beyond, use three-year running average.*

**MOTION #13: MOVE ALTERNATIVES 4 & 5 UNDER ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Option 4. Pay back for commercial?*

*Option 5. Pay back for recreational?*

**MOTION #14: MOVE OPTION 7 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Option 7. Examine harvest by powerheads and evaluate whether it should continue to be allowed*

**MOTION #15: REVISE OPTION 3 TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM SIZE LIMIT OFF SOUTH CAROLINA.**

*Option 3. Establish minimum size limits off NC & SC.*

**MOTION #16: MOVE OPTION 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Option 4. Establish minimum size limits in NEFMC and MAFMC.*

**MOTION #17: TREAT MSY & STATUS CRITERIA FOR WAHOO THE SAME AS WAS DONE FOR DOLPHIN.**

**MOTION #18: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 4 AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 4.* Define allocations for Wahoo based upon landings from the ALS, MRFSS, and headboat databases. The allocation would be based on the following formula for each sector: Sector apportionment = (50% \* average of long catch range (lbs) 1999-2008) + (50% \* average of recent catch trend (lbs) 2006-2008). The allocation would be 5% commercial and 95% recreational. Beginning in 2011, the commercial allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight and the recreational allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ fish (\_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight). The commercial and recreational allocation specified for 2011 would remain in effect beyond 2011 until modified.

**MOTION #19: MOVE ALTERNATIVE 6 TO CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 6.* Split the allocations for wahoo equally among the two sectors. The allocation would be 50% commercial and 50% recreational. Beginning in 2011, the commercial allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight and the recreational allocation would be \_\_\_\_\_ fish (\_\_\_\_\_ lbs gutted weight). The commercial and recreational allocation specified for 2011 would remain in effect beyond 2011 until modified.

**ECOSYSTEM-BASED MANAGEMENT**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to Ecosystem-Based Management:**

**MOTION #1: EVALUATE THE REMOVAL OF OCTOCORALS FROM THE CORAL FMP TO ALLOW THE STATE OF FLORIDA TO MANAGE OCTOCORALS.**

**MOTION #2: MOVE ACTION 6 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Action 6.* Modify the existing Live Rock Aquaculture program to allow harvest of octocorals.

**MOTION #3: ADD A NEW ACTION TO EVALUATE THE SAFMC EXTENDING THE FMU FOR OCTOCORALS THROUGHOUT THE GMFMC'S AREA OF JURISDICTION.**

**MOTION #4: REMOVE THE ACTION ADDRESSING *TUBASTRAEA* CORAL SPECIES FROM COMPREHENSIVE ECOSYSTEM BASED AMENDMENT 2.**

**MOTION #5: DIRECT STAFF TO SPLIT THE INVASIVE SPECIES POLICY INTO A MARINE AND ESTUARINE STATEMENT, MAKE EDITORIAL CHANGES, AND BRING BACK TO THE COUNCIL AT THE SEPTEMBER 2010 MEETING.**

**MACKEREL (COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS)**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to Coastal Migratory Pelagics:**

**MOTION #1: REMOVE ALTERNATIVES 2 AND 3 FROM ACTION 1 AND MOVE THEM TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX**

*Alternative 2. Retain only Gulf and Atlantic group king and Spanish mackerel and cobia in the management unit and designate all other species as ecosystem component species.*

*Alternative 3. Retain only Gulf and Atlantic group king and Spanish mackerel and cobia in the management unit, remove dolphin in the Atlantic, and designate all other species in the CMP FMP management plan as ecosystem component species.*

**MOTION #2: ADD INDIVIDUAL ALTERNATIVES OR OPTIONS TO REMOVE THE INDIVIDUAL SPECIES THAT ARE CURRENTLY LISTED IN THE MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR DATA COLLECTION PURPOSES.**

**MOTION #3: ANY OF THOSE SPECIES CURRENTLY LISTED IN THE MANAGEMENT UNIT FOR DATA COLLECTION PURPOSES SHOULD BE ASSESSED BY A SEDAR ASSESSMENT BEFORE THEY ARE ADDED TO THE FMP.**

**MOTION #4: APPROVE THE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED FOR MODIFYING THE FRAMEWORK PROCEDURE.**

**MOTION #5: APPROVE THE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR ESTABLISHING SEPARATE ATLANTIC AND GULF MIGRATORY GROUPS OF COBIA.**

*Alternative 1. No action - Maintain one group of cobia.*

*Alternative 2. Separate the two migratory groups at the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line.*

*Alternative 3. Separate the two migratory groups at the SAFMC/GMFMC boundary.*

**MOTION #6: ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED FOR THE ABC AND ABC CONTROL RULE WITH DIRECTION TO STAFF TO LOOK AT COMBINING ALTERNATIVES 4 AND 5.**

*Alternative 1. No Action. Do not establish an ABC Control Rule for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel.*

*Alternative 2. Establish ABC based on the SSC's ABC control rule. The Council is also considering the following non-SSC Control Rules:*

*Alternative 3. Establish an ABC Control Rule where ABC equals OFL.*

*Alternative 4. Establish an ABC Control Rule where ABC equals a percentage of OFL.*

*Alternative 4a. ABC=65%OFL.*

*Alternative 4b. ABC=75%OFL.*

*Alternative 4c. ABC=85%OFL.*

*Alternative 5. Establish an ABC Control Rule where ABC equals a percentage of the yield at MFMT.*

*Alternative 5a. ABC=yield at 65%MFMT.*

*Alternative 5b. ABC=yield at 75%MFMT.*

*Alternative 5c. ABC=yield at 85%MFMT.*

*Alternative 6. Establish an ABC Control Rule where ABC is a percentage of OFL. The percentage is based upon the level of risk of overfishing (P\*).*

*Alternative 6a. ABC=X% of OFL. The X% is based upon P\* equals .20.*

*Alternative 6b. ABC=X% of OFL. The X% is based upon P\* equals .30.*

*Alternative 6c. ABC=X% of OFL. The X% is based upon P\* equals .40.*

*Alternative 6d. ABC=X% of OFL. The X% is based upon P\* equals .50.*

**MOTION #7: ADOPT THE ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED FOR OPTIUM YIELD (OY).**

*Alternative 1. No action. Currently OY = yield at F40%SPR with no poundage estimated. However, using the updated projections yields a range of 8.40 – 9.20 million pounds.*

*Alternative 2. OY = 65% of the yield at F30%SPR = 7.96 – 8.36 million pounds based on projections of expected median yields under a constant fishing mortality rate over the years 2011 through 2021.*

*Alternative 3. OY = 75% of the yield at F30%SPR = 8.46 – 9.37 million pounds based on projections of expected median yields under a constant fishing mortality rate over the years 2011 through 2021.*

*Alternative 4. OY = 85% of the yield at F30%SPR = 8.80 – 10.46 million pounds based on projections of expected median yields under a constant fishing mortality rate over the years 2011 through 2021.*

*Alternative 5. OY = yield at F30%SPR = 9.36 – 12.84 million pounds based on projections of expected median yields under a constant fishing mortality rate over the years 2011 through 2021.*

**MOTION #8: ADOPT THE ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED FOR ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT (ACL), EXCEPT MOVE ALTERNATIVE 2 OR 4 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 1. No action. Currently TAC or ACL = 10.0 million pounds based on an ABC of 8.9 - 13.3 million pounds.*

*Alternative 2.*  $ACL = ABC = 10.46$  million pounds which is the average of the ABC values for 2011-2013 recommended by the SSC.

*Alternative 3.*  $ACL = ABC = 10.06$  million pounds which is the lowest value within the 2011-2013 recommendations (10.06 – 10.95 million pounds).

*Alternative 4.*  $ACL = ABC = 10.36$  million pounds which is near the middle value within the 2011-2013 recommendations (10.06 – 10.95 million pounds).

*Alternative 5.*  $ACL = ABC = 10.95$  million pounds which is the highest value within the 2011-2013 recommendations (10.06 – 10.95 million pounds).

*Alternative 6.*  $ACL = X\%$  of  $ABC = \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$  million pounds.

**MOTION #9: ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED FOR THE COMMERCIAL SECTOR ANNUAL CATCH TARGET.**

*Alternative 1.* Do not specify commercial sector ACTs for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel.

*Alternative 2.* The commercial sector ACT equals the commercial sector ACL.

*Alternative 3.* The commercial sector ACT equals 90% of the commercial sector ACL.

*Alternative 4.* The commercial sector ACT equals 80% of the commercial sector ACL.

**MOTION #10: ACCEPT THE 4 ALTERNATIVES PRESENTED FOR RECREATIONAL SECTOR ANNUAL CATCH TARGET.**

*Alternative 1 (no action).* Do not specify recreational sector ACTs for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel.

*Alternative 2.* The recreational sector ACT equals 85% of the recreational sector ACL.

*Alternative 3.* The recreational sector ACT equals 75% of the recreational sector ACL.

*Alternative 4.* The recreational sector ACT equals  $sector\ ACL[(1-PSE)$  or 0.5, whichever is greater].

**MOTION #11: MODIFY ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE ALTERNATIVE 7 INTO TWO ALTERNATIVES: (1) PROHIBIT TOURNAMENT SALES IF THEY ARE COUNTED AGAINST THE COMMERCIAL QUOTA AND (2) PROHIBIT BAG LIMIT SALES.**

**MOTION #12: ACCEPT THE ALTERNATIVES AS MODIFIED FOR ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES.**

*Add the following:*

*Alternative 9.* Commercial payback of any overage.

*Sub-alternative a.* Payback regardless of stock status.

*Sub-alternative b.* Payback only if overfished.

*Alternative 10.* Recreational payback of any overage from one year to the next.

*Sub-alternative a.* Payback regardless of stock status.

*Sub-alternative b. Payback only if overfished.*

**MOTION #13: ADD A NEW ALTERNATIVE THAT WOULD ALLOW ROLL-OVER OF UNDERAGES OF 100% AND OF 50% BUT NOT TO EXCEED ABC.**

**MOTION #14: FOR SPANISH MACKEREL ACCEPT AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE OFL = UNKNOWN.**

**MOTION #15: FOR SPANISH MACKEREL ACCEPT ALTERNATIVE 4B AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE: ABC=75%OFL.**

**MOTION #16: FOR SPANISH MACKEREL INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES 1-6 FOR CONSIDERATION FOR OPTIMUM YIELD.**

*Alternative 1. No action. Currently OY = yield at F40%SPR with no poundage estimated. Based on the SEDAR 17 assessment, the yield at F40%SPR is 11,458,000 pounds.*

*Alternative 2. OY = 65% of the yield at FMSY = 10.608 million pounds.*

*Alternative 3. OY = 75% of the yield at FMSY = 11.051 million pounds.*

*Alternative 4. OY = 85% of the yield at FMSY = 11.320 million pounds.*

*Alternative 5. OY = the yield at F30%SPR = 10.565 million pounds.*

*Alternative 6. OY = the yield at Fmax = 6.598 million pounds.*

**MOTION #17: FOR SPANISH MACKEREL INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES 1-3 (ANNUAL CATCH LIMIT) FOR CONSIDERATION TO INCLUDE SUBALTERNATIVES FOR ACL=75%, 85% & 95% OF ABC.**

*Alternative 1. No action. Currently TAC or ACL=7.04 million pounds based on an ABC of 5.7 - 9.0 million pounds.*

*Alternative 2. ACL=ABC=4.91 million pounds which is the ABC recommended by the SSC.*

*Alternative 3. ACL=X% of ABC= \_\_\_\_\_ million pounds.*

**MOTION #18: FOR SPANISH MACKEREL INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES 1-4 FOR ACTION 15 FOR ANNUAL CATCH TARGETS.**

**Action 15a. Commercial Sector ACT**

*Alternative 1. Do not specify commercial sector ACTs for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel.*

*Alternative 2. The commercial sector ACT equals the commercial sector ACL.*

*Alternative 3. The commercial sector ACT equals 90% of the commercial sector ACL.*

*Alternative 4. The commercial sector ACT equals 80% of the commercial sector ACL.*

**Action 15b. Recreational Sector ACT**

*Alternative 1 (no action). Do not specify recreational sector ACTs for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel.*

*Alternative 2. The recreational sector ACT equals 85% of the recreational sector ACL.*

*Alternative 3. The recreational sector ACT equals 75% of the recreational sector ACL.*

*Alternative 4. The recreational sector ACT equals sector ACL[(1-PSE) or 0.5, whichever is greater].*

**MOTION #19: MAKE SUBALTERNATIVE 3B UNDER ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES THE COUNCILS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Sub-Alternative 3b. Set a maximum bag limit of 60 Spanish mackerel per boat for charter boats.*

**MOTION 20: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 4 AS ANOTHER PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 4. Prohibit bag limit sales of Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel.*

**MOTION #21: REMOVE SUBALTERNATIVES 3C-3E TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Sub-Alternative 3c. Option c. Set the individual bag limit at 15 per person with a maximum of 60 per boat.*

*Sub-Alternative 3d. Option d. Status Quo - Individual Bag limit for Atlantic group Spanish mackerel remains at 15 NY-FL. (Note: This bag limit was approved at the June 1999 Council meeting, published as a final rule on July 3, 2000, and effective August 2, 2000.)*

*Sub-Alternative 3e. Option e. Reduce the individual bag limit at from 15 to 10 per person.*

**MOTION #22: REQUEST THE SSC TO DEVELOP AN OVER FISHING LEVEL CONTROL RULE FOR DATA POOR SPECIES.**

**MOTION #23: MOVE COBIA ABC ALTERNATIVE 2 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 2. Establish ABC based on the SSC's Data Poor ABC control rule.*

**MOTION #24: ACCEPT THE SUITE OF COBIA ABC ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION.**

**MOTION #25: INCLUDE COBIA OPTIMUM YIELD ALTERNATIVES: OY=ACL AND OY=ACT.**

**MOTION #26: SELECT COBIA ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVE 3 AS THE COUNCILS PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Alternative 3. Define allocations for Atlantic migratory group cobia based upon landings from the ALS, MRFSS, and headboat databases. The allocation would be based on the following formula for each sector: Sector apportionment = (50% \* average of long catch*

*range (lbs) 1986-2009??) + (50% \* average of recent catch trend (lbs) 2007-2009??). The allocation would be xx% commercial and yy% recreational. Beginning in 2011, the commercial allocation would be xxxxx lbs gutted weight and the recreational allocation would be yyyy fish (xxxxx lbs gutted weight). The commercial and recreational allocation specified for 2011 would remain in effect beyond 2011 until modified.*

**MOTION #27: MOVE COBIA ALLOCATION ALTERNATIVE 5 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 5. Split the allocations for Atlantic migratory group cobia equally among the two sectors. The allocation would be 50% commercial and 50% recreational. Beginning in 2011, the commercial allocation would be xxxxx lbs gutted weight and the recreational allocation would be yyyy fish (xxxxx lbs gutted weight). The commercial and recreational allocation specified for 2011 would remain in effect beyond 2011 until modified.*

**MOTION #28: INCLUDE ACL ALTERNATIVES 1-3 FOR COBIA WITH SUBALTERNATIVES FOR ACL EQUAL TO 65%, 75% & 85% OF ABC.**

*Alternative 1. No action. Currently there is no TAC or ACL for cobia.*

*Alternative 2. ACL = ???? thousand pounds based on the SSC recommendation.*

*Alternative 3. ACL = X% of ABC = ???? thousand pounds.*

**MOTION#29: ACCEPT THE RECREATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SUITE OF COBIA ANNUAL CATCH TARGET ALTERNATIVES.**

**Action 17a. Commercial Sector ACT**

*Alternative 1. Do not specify commercial sector ACTs for Atlantic migratory group cobia.*

*Alternative 2. The commercial sector ACT equals the commercial sector ACL.*

*Alternative 3. The commercial sector ACT equals 90% of the commercial sector ACL.*

*Alternative 4. The commercial sector ACT equals 80% of the commercial sector ACL.*

**Action 17b. Recreational Sector ACT**

*Alternative 1 (no action). Do not specify recreational sector ACTs for Atlantic migratory group cobia.*

*Alternative 2. The recreational sector ACT equals 85% of the recreational sector ACL.*

*Alternative 3. The recreational sector ACT equals 75% of the recreational sector ACL.*

*Alternative 4. The recreational sector ACT equals sector ACL[(1-PSE) or 0.5, whichever is greater].*

**MOTION #30: MAKE COBIA ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURE ALTERNATIVE 5 THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED.**

*Alternative 5. Prohibit bag limit sales of Atlantic migratory group cobia.*

**MOTION #31: ACCEPT THE SUITE OF ALTERNATIVES FOR COBIA ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES.**

*Alternative 1 (Status Quo).* There is no quota for cobia and there are no AMs in place for cobia. This would retain the following regulations that apply to both recreational and commercial fishermen: (a) 33” fork length minimum size limit, (b) 2 per person bag limit (Note: Florida state regulations only allow 1 per person FOR RECREATIONAL AND 2 FOR COMMERCIAL), (c) one day possession limit, (d) must be landed with heads and fins intact, and (d) charter/headboats require a permit for Coastal Migratory Pelagics.

*Alternative 2.* The commercial AM for this stock is to prohibit harvest, possession, and retention when the quota is met. All purchase and sale is prohibited when the quota is met. Do not implement ACLs or AMs for the recreational sector.

*Alternative 3.* The commercial AM for this stock is to prohibit harvest, possession, and retention when the quota is met. All purchase and sale is prohibited when the quota is met. Implement Accountability Measures (AMs) for the recreational sector for this stock. If the ACL is exceeded, the Regional Administrator shall publish a notice to reduce the length of the following fishing year by the amount necessary to ensure landings do not exceed the sector ACL for the following fishing year. Compare recreational ACL with recreational landings over a range of years. For 2011, use only 2011 landings. For 2012, use the average landings of 2011 and 2012. For 2013 and beyond, use three-year running average.

*Alternative 4.* Reduce the bag limit to 1 per person.

*Alternative 5.* Prohibit bag limit sales of Atlantic migratory group cobia.

*Alternative 6.* Specify a commercial trip limit.

*Sub-Alternative 6a. Status Quo.* Currently the commercial sector is included under the bag limit of 1 per person.

*Sub-Alternative 6b.* Specify a commercial trip limit of 1 cobia per person.

*Alternative 7.* Establish a spawning season closure: April-September or April-June or some other time period (Council to specify).

*Alternative 8.* Establish a spawning season area closure: April-September or April-June or some other time period (Council to specify).

*Alternative 9.* Establish a boat limit of 1 per boat/vessel during: April-September or April-June or some other time period (Council to specify).

*Alternative 10.* Commercial payback of any overage.

*Sub-alternative a.* Payback regardless of stock status.

*Sub-alternative b.* Payback only if overfished.

*Alternative 11.* Recreational payback of any overage from one year to the next.

*Sub-alternative a.* Payback regardless of stock status.

*Sub-alternative b.* Payback only if overfished.

## **SPINY LOBSTER**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to Spiny Lobster:**

**MOTION #1: MOVE ACTION 1 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Action 1: Delegate management of the Spiny Lobster FMP to Florida FWC.*

**MOTION #2: SELECT ALTERNATIVE 3 UNDER ACTION 2 AS THE COUNCIL'S PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.**

*Action 2: Other species in the Spiny Lobster FMP*

*Alternative 3: List species as ecosystem component species*

*Option a: smoothtail spiny lobster, Panulirus laevicauda*

*Option b: spotted spiny lobster, Panulirus guttatus*

*Option c: Spanish slipper lobster, Scyllarides aequinoctialis*

*Option d: ridged slipper lobster, Scyllarides nodifer*

**MOTION #3: MOVE OVERFISHED THRESHOLD ALTERNATIVE 2 TO THE CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED APPENDIX.**

*Alternative 2: Adopt the Gulf Council overfished threshold definition for the South Atlantic.*

*The Gulf of Mexico definition: proxy for MSST of 15% transitional SPR, with the additional modification to static SPR.*

**MOTION #4: ADD AN ALTERNATIVE 7 UNDER ACTION 4: DO NOT SUBDIVIDE THE COMMERCIAL ALLOCATION.**

*Action 4: Establish sector allocations for Caribbean spiny lobster in State and Federal waters from North Carolina through Texas.*

## **SEDAR**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to SEDAR:**

**MOTION #1: FOR SEDAR 23 (GOLITH GROUPE): APPOINT ANNE LANGE TO THE ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP, CAROLYN BELCHER TO REVIEW WORKSHOP AND ASSIGN LUIZ BARBIERI AS THE REVIEW PANEL CHAIRMAN.**

**MOTION #2: APPOINT ANNE LANGE TO ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP AND CAROLYN BELCHER AND L UIZ BARBIERI TO THE SPINY LOBSTER REVIEW WORKSHOP AS PANELISTS.**

**MOTION#3: DIRECT STAFF TO CONTACT NELSON EARHART TO DETERMINE HIS INTEREST AND AVAILABILITY TO PARTICIPATE IN SPINY LOBSTER AND IF HE IS INTERESTED, APPOINT HIM TO PARTICIPATE.**

**SSC SELECTION**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to SSC selection:**

**MOTION #1: APPROVE THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE SSC AS PRESENTED TO THE COUNCIL.**

**MOTIONS #2-8: REAPPOINTED DRS. LUIZ BARBIERI AND JEFF BUCKEL TO THE SSC; AND APPOINTED NEW SSC MEMBERS DRS. JIM BERKSON, STEVEN CARDIN, CHURCHILL GRIMES, JOHN HOENIG, GEORGE SEDBERRY AND ERIC JOHNSON.**

**MOTION #9: APPOINTED DR. JASON MURRAY TO THE COUNCIL'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUBPANEL.**

**MOTION #10: STAFF WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONVENE THE SSC PRIOR TO THE SEPTEMBER COUNCIL MEETING TO DISCUSS THE APPLICATION OF THE ABC CONTROL RULE FOR DATA-POOR SPECIES AND OTHER MATTERS APPROPRIATE.**

**OTHER COUNCIL MOTIONS**

**The Council approved the following motions relative to other items:**

**MOTION #1: RECOMMEND TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE THE DEMARIA EFP APPLICATION**