

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

SEPTEMBER 20, 2006

SUMMARY COUNCIL MOTIONS

GEORGE GEIGER WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND DUANE HARRIS WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN.

COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS

SCOPING DOCUMENT

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING THREE ALTERNATIVES FOR BOUNDARIES/MIXING RATES FOR KING MACKEREL TO TAKE TO PUBLIC SCOPING:

1. NO ACTION
2. THE DADE/MONROE COUNTY LINE – NORTH OF LINE 100% ATLANTIC; SOUTH OF LINE 100% GULF
3. MONROE COUNTY – 100% GULF; VOLUSIA THROUGH DADE COUNTY – 50/50 BETWEEN ATLANTIC AND GULF

MOTION #2: RELATIVE TO AN ATLANTIC/GULF BOUNDARY FOR OTHER COASTAL MIGRATORY SPECIES, THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE FOLLOWING TO TAKE TO PUBLIC SCOPING: DEVELOP SEPARATE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC FMPS FOR THE ATLANTIC AND GULF COUNCILS AND ESTABLISH A FIXED BOUNDARY AT THE DADE/MONROE COUNTY LINE ON THE FLORIDA EAST COAST TO CORRESPOND TO THE SPANISH MACKEREL FIXED BOUNDARY. THIS BOUNDARY WOULD APPLY TO CERO, COBIA, KING MACKEREL, SPANISH MACKEREL, AND LITTLE TUNNY; AS NEW SPECIES ARE ADDED, THEY WOULD BE INCLUDED WITH THIS FIXED BOUNDARY.

MOTION #3: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING PERMIT ALTERNATIVES TO TAKE TO PUBLIC SCOPING:

1. NO ACTION – ONE PERMIT FOR BOTH COUNCIL AREAS
2. A SEPARATE PERMIT FOR GULF AND A SEPARATE PERMIT FOR ATLANTIC
3. FOR KING MACKEREL, GRANDFATHER IN ALL EXISTING PERMIT HOLDERS WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY LANDED IN BOTH AREAS TO GET A DUAL PERMIT; IF/WHEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, THE DUAL PERMIT WOULD BECOME EITHER A GULF OR ATLANTIC PERMIT.

MOTION #4: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO TAKE TO SCOPING A JOINT AMENDMENT TO CREATE TWO SEPARATE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGIC FMP'S (ATLANTIC AND GULF) BASED ON THE ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED ABOVE IN MOTIONS 1-3.

MOTION: #5 THE COUNCIL VOTED TO CEASE MOVING FORWARD ON THE KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL REGULATORY AMENDMENT AND DEVELOP A PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS THE ACTIONS THAT WERE IN THE REGULATORY AMENDMENT AND TO UPDATE THE FRAMEWORK.

SNAPPER GROUPE

AMENDMENT 14

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO MOVE THE VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS) ACTION INTO THE REJECTED ALTERNATIVES APPENDIX.

MOTION #2: FOR THE CHARLESTON DEEPWATER ARTIFICIAL REEF MPA, THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (ESTABLISH AN EXPERIMENTAL ARTIFICIAL REEF TYPE 2 MPA AT THE CHARLESTON DEEPWATER ARTIFICIAL REEF).

MOTION #3: THE COUNCIL APPROVED INCORPORATING A LIST OF RESEARCH NEEDS INTO AMENDMENT 14 AS OPPOSED TO A RESEARCH & MONITORING PLAN, HOWEVER, THE OUTREACH AND ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF THE PLAN WOULD BE RETAINED PENDING A REVIEW BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL.

AMENDMENT 15

MOTION #4: THE COUNCIL SELECTED ALTERNATIVE 2E AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE UNDER THE PERMIT TRANSFERABILITY ALTERNATIVE 2 (AFTER FORMING A FAMILY CORPORATION, A PERMIT SHALL NOT BE RENEWED UNLESS THE NEW SHAREHOLDER IS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL PERMIT HOLDER – THE PERMIT CAN BE TRANSFERRED ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS).

MOTION #5: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADD THE SECTION IN AMENDMENT 13C ADDRESSING SNOWY GROUPE INTO AMENDMENT 15 FOR REANALYSIS.

MOTION #6: THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR APPROVE THE THREE EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS AS PRESENTED AT THE FULL COUNCIL SESSION.

PERSONNEL

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL APPROVED A NEW SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE POLICY THAT STATES: SSC MEMBERS THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY NMFS CANNOT SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SSC.

ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION

THROUGH A SERIES OF MOTIONS, THE COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

APPOINTED BOB DUNNIGAN TO THE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS ADVISORY PANEL.

APPOINTED CRAIG WHITFIELD TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL.

APPOINTED CHARLES ADAMS TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.

APPROVED ADDING A NORTH CAROLINA SEAT TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER ADVISORY PANEL.