

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING
JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA
MARCH 2, 2006
SUMMARY COUNCIL MOTIONS**

SNAPPER GROUPEL

AMENDMENT 14

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADD A MONITORING PLAN TO THE RESEARCH NEEDS SECTION OF AMENDMENT 14.

MOTION #2: THE COUNCIL APPROVED ADDING AN ALTERNATIVE TO LOOK AT REQUIRING VMS ONBOARD ANY VESSEL WITH A SNAPPER GROUPEL PERMIT AND LONGLINE GEAR ONBOARD.

MOTION #3: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO MOVE VMS ALTERNATIVE 1 TO THE APPENDIX UNDER CONSIDERED BUT REJECTED ALTERNATIVES (Alternative 1 would have required VMS on all commercial, for-hire and private recreational vessels.)

MOTION #4: THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE PURPOSE AND NEED STATEMENT AS MODIFIED FROM THE WORDING IN THE BRIEFING BOOK.

OCULINA EVALUATION TEAM

MOTION #5: BEN HARTIG WAS APPOINTED TO THE OCULINA EVALUATION TEAM.

AMENDMENT 15

THE COUNCIL APPROVED A NUMBER OF ITEMS BY CONSENSUS AS FOLLOWS:

- >> THE PURPOSE AND NEED SECTION PRESENTED FOR AMENDMENT 15
- >> TO REQUEST THE SSC DISCUSS HOW DATA WOULD BE COLLECTED IN ORDER TO DO AN ASSESSMENT UPDATE FOR SPECIES LIKE SNOWY GROUPEL (LOW TRIP LIMIT, INCIDENTAL CATCHES, NO DIRECTED TRIPS, ETC.).
- >> THAT IN THE REBUILDING SCHEDULE FOR SNOWY GROUPEL, YEAR 1 IS 2006.
- >> TO ADD ALTERNATIVE 5 TO THE REBUILDING STRATEGY ALTERNATIVES FOR SNOWY GROUPEL WITH F=0.
- >> FOR BLACK SEA BASS, YEAR 1 OF THE REBUILDING SCHEDULE WILL BE 2006.
- >> TO ADD AN ALTERNATIVE 6 TO THE REBUILDING STRATEGY ALTERNATIVES FOR BLACK SEA BASS WITH F=0.
- >> TO REQUEST THE MRFSS/MONROE COUNTY ISSUE AND UNCLASSIFIED SPECIES IN THE TRIP TICKET DATA BE ADDRESSED DURING THE MARCH NMFS/STATE DIRECTORS MEETING

MOTION #6: FOR THE SNOWY GROUPER REBUILDING STRATEGY, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ALTERNATIVE 4 WITH A 5 YEAR ADJUSTMENT AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

(Alternative 4 would define the modified fishing mortality (F) during 2006-2008 followed by a constant F rebuilding strategy for snowy grouper).

MOTION #7: FOR THE GOLDEN TILEFISH FISHING YEAR, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

(Alternative 2 would change the start date for the fishing year to September 1; retain the annual quota of 295,000 lbs. gutted weight (331,000 lbs whole weight) and a commercial trip limit of 4,000 lbs gutted weight (4,480 lbs whole weight), however, the trip limit would not be reduced to 300 pounds gutted weight when 75% of the quota is captured. After the commercial quota is met, all purchase and sale would be prohibited and harvest and/or possession would be limited to the bag limit).

MOTION #8: FOR THE BLACK SEA BASS REBUILDING STRATEGY, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ALTERNATIVE 5 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

(Alternative 5 would define a modified F scenario where F is decreased during 2007-2009, followed by the maximum constant landings ($F \leq F_{MSY}$) that allows rebuilding to B_{MSY} in 10 years).

MOTION #9: FOR QUEEN AND SILK SNAPPER, THE COUNCIL VOTED TO INCLUDE SILK SNAPPER IN THE SERIES OF ALTERNATIVES AND SELECTED ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

(Alternative 2 would remove the existing commercial and recreational 12" TL minimum size limit for queen snapper and silk snapper).

MOTION #10: RELATIVE TO SALE OF RECREATIONALLY CAUGHT FISH, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

(Alternative 2 would require a Federal commercial snapper grouper permit to sell snapper grouper species in or from the South Atlantic EEZ. A charterboat operator with a commercial permit would not be able to sell fish caught on that charter under the recreational bag limit.)

MOTION #11: UNDER THE PERMIT RENEWAL PERIOD ALTERNATIVES, THE COUNCIL ADOPTED ALTERNATIVE 3 AS THE PREFERRED.

(Alternative 3 would extend the renewal period on commercial snapper grouper permits to one year after the permit expires).

MOTION #12: RELATIVE TO PERMIT TRANSFERABILITY, THE COUNCIL VOTED NOT TO SPECIFY A PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AT THIS TIME.

SSC SELECTION

MOTION #1: CONTINGENT ON FUNDING, THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SCHEDULE TWO SSC MEETINGS PER YEAR DURING THE JUNE AND DECEMBER COUNCIL MEETINGS.

MOTION #2: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO CREATE A SSC COORDINATING COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF THE SSC CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, THE BIOLOGICAL SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN.

MOTION #3: THE COUNCIL APPROVED CHANGING THE SSC POLICY TO SPECIFY THE TERMS OF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN WILL BE 2 YEARS.

MOTION #4: THE COUNCIL APPOINTED DR. SETH MACINKO TO THE SSC.

ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION

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

HABITAT AP

REAPPOINTED DOUG RADER AND TERRY PRATT TO THE HABITAT AP.

KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL AP

REAPPOINTED BILL WICKERS, BOB PELOSI, ED HOLDER, ANDY HIGH AND TOM OGLE TO THE MACKEREL AP.

SHRIMP AP

APPOINTED FRED DOCKERY AND MEGAN WESTMEYER TO THE SHRIMP AP.

LAW ENFORCEMENT AP

REAPPOINTED KIM CONNOLLY AND APPOINTED MICHAEL KENNEDY TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AP

SNAPPER GROUPER AP

REAPPOINTED DANNY HOOKS, MICAH LAROCHE, ROBERT CARDIN, DON DEMARIA, BILL KELLY, AND DAN KIPNIS AND APPOINTED JIM GRAY TO THE SNAPPER GROUPER AP.