

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING
COCONUT GROVE, FLORIDA
JUNE 15, 2006
SUMMARY COUNCIL MOTIONS**

FISHERY ECOSYSTEM PLAN/HABITAT

MOTION 1: THE COUNCIL APPROVED INCLUDING THE NEW CORAL HAPCs RECOMMENDED BY THE HABITAT AND CORAL ADVISORY PANELS IN THE FEP COMPREHENSIVE AMENDMENT.

SNAPPER GROUPE

AMENDMENT 14

MOTION #1: FOR THE SNOWY GROUPE WRECK MPA, THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Alternative 1. Establish a Type 2 MPA that protects the Snowy Grouper Wreck off North Carolina in the area that is bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 33°25'N, 77°4.75'W; northeast corner at 33°34.75'N, 76°51.3'W; southwest corner at 33°15.75'N, 77°0'W; and the southeast corner at 33°25.5'N, 76°46.5'W (see map on page 152).

MOTION #2: FOR THE NORTHERN SOUTH CAROLINA MPA (SOUTH CAROLINA A MPA), THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 2 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Alternative 2. Establish a Type 2 MPA in the area bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 32°53.5' N, 78°16.75' W; the northeast corner at 32°53.5' N, 78°4.75' W; the southwest corner at 32°48.5'N, 78°16.75' W; and the southeast corner at 32°48.5' N, 78°4.75' W.

MOTION #3: FOR THE CENTRAL SOUTH CAROLINA MPA (SOUTH CAROLINA B MPA, SCAMP RIDGE MPA), THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND RENAMED THIS MPA THE EDISTO MPA.

Alternative 1. Establish a Type 2 MPA in the area bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 32°24'N, 79°6'W; the northeast corner at 32°24'N, 78°54'W, the southwest corner at 32°18.5'N, 79°6'W and the southeast corner at 32°18.5'N, 78°54'W.

MOTION #4: FOR THE GEORGIA MPA (TILEFISH MPA), THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Alternative 1. Establish a Type 2 MPA off Georgia in the area bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 31°43'N, 79°31'W; the northeast corner at 31°43'N, 79°21'W; the southwest corner at 31°34'N, 79°39'W; and the southeast corner at 31°34'N, 79°29'W. (see map on page 188)

MOTION #5: FOR THE NORTH FLORIDA MPA (JACKSONVILLE/ST. AUGUSTINE RIDGE MPA), THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 4 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Alternative 4. (Similar to Alternative 1 but more offshore). Establish a Type 2 MPA off north Florida in the area bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 30°xx'N, 80°xx'W; the northeast corner at 30°xx'N, 80°xx' W; the southwest corner at 30°xx'N, 80°xx'W; the southeast corner at 30°xx'N, 80°xx'W.

MOTION #6: FOR THE SEA BASS ROCKS MPA, THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE AND RENAMED THIS MPA THE ST. LUCIE HUMP MPA.

Alternative 1. Establish a Type 2 MPA protecting Sea Bass Rocks, in the area bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 27°8'N, 80°0'W; the northeast corner at 27°8'N, 79°58'W; the southwest corner at 27°4'N, 80°0'W; and the southeast corner at 27°4'N, 79°58'W. (see map on page 209)

MOTION #7: FOR THE EAST HUMP/UN-NAMED HUMP MPA, THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

Alternative 1. Establish a Type 2 MPA protecting the East Hump in the area bound by the following coordinates: The northwest corner at 24°36.50'N, 80°45.50'W; the northeast corner at 24°32.00'N, 80°36.00'W; the southwest corner at 24°32.50'N, 80°48'W; and the southeast corner at 24°27.50'N, 80°38.50'W.

MOTION #8: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO MOVE VMS ALTERNATIVE 1 (Requiring VMS on all commercial and for-hire snapper grouper vessels) TO THE APPENDIX (WILL NO LONGER BE AN ALTERNATIVE CONSIDERED).

MOTION #9: THE COUNCIL APPROVED AMENDMENT 14 FOR DEIS REVIEW AND PUBLIC HEARINGS.

MOTION #10: THE COUNCIL APPROVED FORMALLY REQUESTING THAT THE HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES DIVISION IMPLEMENT REGULATIONS TO PROHIBIT SHARK BOTTOM LONGLINES WITHIN THE SNAPPER GROUPE MPA.

AMENDMENT 15

MOTION #11: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADD REASONABLE AND PRUDENT MEASURE ALTERNATIVES SIMILAR TO THE GULF COUNCIL ALTERNATIVES INTO AMENDMENT 15.

MOTION #12: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO TAKE SNOWY GROUPER ALTERNATIVE 5 (P.26) AND BLACK SEA BASS ALTERNATIVE 6 (P. 37) OUT OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT 15 DOCUMENT.

MOTION #13: DIRECTED STAFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO SET TAC AT A RANGE OF LEVELS BELOW ABC BASED ON POST QUOTA MORTALITY AND BASED ON OTHER MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE DEEPWATER SPECIES.

MOTION #14: DIRECTED STAFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO ESTABLISH A DEEPWATER GROUPER UNIT AND ASSOCIATED QUOTA AND TRIP LIMIT ALTERNATIVES.

MOTION #15: THE COUNCIL APPROVED ACCEPTING SUB-ALTERNATIVE 4A ON PAGE 194 OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT 15 DOCUMENT.

MOTION #16: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ACCEPT RECREATIONAL SUB-ALTERNATIVE 4A ON PAGE 195 OF THE DRAFT AMENDMENT 15 DOCUMENT AND TO CHANGE THE WORD ASSESSMENT TO ANALYSIS.

MOTION #17: DIRECTED STAFF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVES TO ALLOW FISHERMEN WHO LOST TRANSFERABLE PERMITS DUE TO THE 60 DAY RENEWAL PERIOD TO REGAIN THEIR PERMITS.

MOTION #18: DIRECTED STAFF TO ADD BYCATCH ALTERNATIVES TO AMENDMENT 15 AND MAKE ALTERNATIVE 2 IN THE DRAFT AMENDMENT 15 DOCUMENT THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE.

MOTION #19: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO INCLUDE ALTERNATIVES IN AMENDMENT 15 TO SET TAC BELOW THE ABC FOR BLACK SEA BASS AND RED PORGY TO ACCOUNT FOR POST QUOTA BYCATCH MORTALITY

MACKEREL

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO DEVELOP A REGULATORY AMENDMENT TO:

- 1. SET THE ATLANTIC MIGRATORY GROUP KING MACKEREL TAC AT 7.1 MILLION POUNDS,**
- 2. SET THE ATLANTIC MIGRATORY GROUP SPANISH MACKEREL TAC AT 6.7 MILLION POUNDS, AND**

3. CHANGE THE ATLANTIC MIGRATORY GROUP SPANISH MACKEREL TRIP LIMITS TO TRACK THE NEW FISHING YEAR (MARCH 1 – END OF FEBRUARY)

MOTION #2: THE COUNCIL ESTABLISHED A CONTROL DATE OF 6/15/04 FOR THE ATLANTIC MIGRATORY GROUP KING MACKEREL FISHERY.

MOTION #3: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO CONDUCT SCOPING MEETINGS ON MACKEREL ISSUES.

EXECUTIVE/FINANCE

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

MOTION #2: THE COUNCIL APPROVED THE ACTIVITY SCHEDULE WITH THE MODIFICATIONS DISCUSSED ON THE RECORD.

SEDAR

THE COUNCIL PROVIDED THE SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS (DANIEL AND MAHOOD) WITH THE FOLLOWING DIRECTION: REQUEST THAT THE SEDAR STEERING COMMITTEE APPROVE A RED PORGY UPDATE FOR 2011, A MACKEREL BENCHMARK ASSESSMENT FOR 2011 AND DETERMINE THE TIMING OF THE RED DRUM ASSESSMENT.

OTHER MOTIONS

MOTION #1: THE COUNCIL VOTED TO SEND A LETTER TO THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR RECOMMENDING THE APPROVAL OF THE GEORGIA AQUARIUM EFP.