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AGENDA

MACKEREL COMMITTEE MEETING

Sheraton Atlantic Beach Hotel
2717 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC

Thursday, December 7, 2006 - 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Louis Daniel
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Louis Daniel
3. AMENDMENT 18 (**Attachment 1 & 2**)
 - A. OVERVIEW – Kate Quigley
 - B. SSC COMMENTS – SSC Member
 - C. UPDATED PROJECTIONS – NMFS SEFSC
 - D. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Louis Daniel
4. AMENDMENT 19
 - A. OVERVIEW – Gregg Waugh
 - B. SSC COMMENTS – SSC Member
 - C. DISCUSSION AND ACTION – Louis Daniel
5. OTHER BUSINESS – Louis Daniel
6. ADJOURN — Louis Daniel

Committee Members:

Louis Daniel, Chair
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David Cupka
George Geiger
Frank Gibson
Rita Merrit
Ron Smith, Mid-Atlantic Council Representative
Jack Travelstead, Mid-Atlantic Council Representative

DATE: December 5, 2006 FISHERY: Mackerel SUBJECT: Briefing Info STAFF: Quigley/Waugh SOURCE: SAFMC/NMFS

OVERVIEW

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The Mackerel Committee needs to discuss: (A) Amendment 18 and the NMFS SEFSC response to the Councils' request for analyses; and (B) Amendment 19.

A. Amendment 18

Council staff has worked with SERO staff to address comments raised about the regulatory amendment document and to transform the regulatory amendment into Amendment 18 (Attachment 1). The revised document includes updated recreational and commercial catch data. The updated king mackerel projections document (Attachment 2) may provide revised ABC numbers that should be included in Amendment 18.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Review Amendment 18, determine whether the new ABC numbers should be used, and approve for public hearings.

B. Amendment 19

The joint SAFMC/GMFMC Mackerel Committees approved items for Amendment 19. The SAFMC approved the following motions based on the recommendations from the joint committee meeting:

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. DADE/MONROE – NORTH OF LINE 100% ATLANTIC; SOUTH OF LINE 100% GULF
3. MONROE – 100% GULF; VOLUSIA THROUGH DADE – 50/50

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 applies 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 BOTH COUNCIL AREAS
2. SEPARATE PERMIT FOR GULF AND 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; WHEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL IT BECOMES 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 FMPs (Atlantic and Gulf) based on the alternatives outlined above in Motions #1-#3.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Provide guidance to Council staff on timing and direction.