

**Gulf Council Motions Report  
October 28-31, 2013  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**Mackerel**

**Amendment 20A**

Motion: In Action 1, that we accept the South Atlantic Council's preferred alternative, Alternative 3, Option a.

**Alternative 3:** Prohibit sale of king and Spanish mackerel caught under the bag limit. For a person to sell king or Spanish mackerel in or from the exclusive economic zone of the Gulf of Mexico or Atlantic, those fish must have been harvested on a commercial trip aboard a vessel with a commercial vessel permit/endorsement. A king mackerel permit is required to sell king mackerel and a Spanish mackerel permit is required to sell Spanish mackerel.

***South Atlantic Preferred Option a.*** The South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 1, Alternative 4, to accept the South Atlantic Council's new language recommendations and the italicized language highlighted in yellow.

**Alternative 4:** In addition to Alternative 1, 2, or 3, king or Spanish mackerel harvested or possessed under the bag limit during a fishing tournament may be donated to a dealer who will sell those fish and donate the proceeds to a charity, but only if the tournament organizers have a permit from a state to conduct that tournament, and the transfer and reporting requirements listed below are followed.

***South Atlantic / Gulf Council Preferred Option a.*** The South Atlantic Council's jurisdiction

***South Atlantic / Gulf Council Preferred Option b.*** The Gulf Council's jurisdiction

***Transfer and reporting requirements:*** A federally licensed wholesale dealer must be present to accept the donated fish directly from the anglers. The wholesale dealer sells the fish and must donate the monetary value (sale price or cash equivalent of value received for the landings) from the sale of tournament-caught fish to a charitable organization as determined by the state. The monetary value received from the sale of tournament-caught fish may not be used to pay for tournament expenses. The wholesale dealer instructs the tournament what records participating anglers must provide (according to their trip ticket or other reporting requirements) and how fish must be handled and iced according to HACCP standards. The fish are reported through normal reporting procedures by the wholesale dealer and must be identified as tournament catch.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: For the purpose of tournament-caught king mackerel and Spanish mackerel, those landings will be counted against the commercial ACL. NOAA will report back in 3 years as to the level of tournament-caught king mackerel and Spanish mackerel for a determination of reallocation of quota.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To approve Joint CMP Amendment 20A for formal secretarial review and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. To give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document/ codified text and give the Council Chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Greene	Yes	Dr. Shipp	Yes	Mr. Riley	Absent
Mr. Riechers	Yes	Ms. Bosarge	Absent	Mr. Matens	Yes
Mr. Anson	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes
Mr. Williams	Yes	Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Perret	Yes
Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes
Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes		

### **Amendment 20B**

Motion: In Action 1, to remove Alternative 2 as a preferred alternative and that Alternative 4, Option c be a new preferred alternative.

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Set the commercial hook-and-line trip limit at 1,250 lbs with no reduction.

**Option c:** For the Eastern Zone Southern Subzone

Motion carried 10 to 4.

Motion: In Action 2, to change the word “season” to the word “year.”

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 4.1, to concur with the South Atlantic’s preferred alternatives.

**Alternative 3:** Establish ACLs for Northern and Southern Zones for Atlantic migratory group king mackerel based on Options a-d below. The Northern Zone would include the EEZ off states from North Carolina north to New York. The Southern Zone would include the EEZ off South Carolina, Georgia, and the east coast of Florida. NMFS would monitor landings in both zones and close the EEZ of each zone when the respective ACL is reached.

**Option a.** Each zone ACL would be the Atlantic migratory group ACL times the average of the proportion of landings in that zone from 2007-08 through 2011-12.

**Preferred Option b.** Each zone ACL would be the Atlantic migratory group ACL times the average of the proportion of landings in that zone from 2002-03 through 2011-2012.

**Option c.** Each zone ACL would be the Atlantic migratory group ACL times the average (50% of the proportion of landings from that zone 2002-03 through 2011-2012 and 50% of the proportion of landings from that zone 2007-08 through 2011-12).

**Option d.** Each zone ACL would be the Atlantic migratory group ACL times the average of the proportion of landings in that zone from 1997-98 through 2011-12.

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Allow for transfer of quota between regions. North Carolina and Florida would be designated as the coordinating states for any transfer request, in consultation with other states.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 4.2, that we choose preferred alternatives that are consistent with the South Atlantic's preferred alternatives, Alternative 3, Option b and Alternative 4.

**Alternative 3:** Establish ACLs for Northern and Southern Zones for Atlantic migratory group Spanish mackerel based on Options a-d below. The Northern Zone would include the EEZ off states from North Carolina north to New York. The Southern Zone would include the EEZ off South Carolina, Georgia, and the east coast of Florida. NMFS would monitor landings in both zones and close the EEZ of each zone when the respective ACL is reached.

**Preferred Option b.** Each zone ACL would be the Atlantic migratory group ACL times the average of the proportion of landings in that zone from 2002-03 through 2011-2012.

**Preferred Alternative 4:** Allow for transfer of quota between regions. North Carolina and Florida would be designated as the coordinating states for any transfer request, in consultation with other states.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To approve Joint CMP Amendment 20B for formal secretarial review and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. To give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document/ codified text and give the Council Chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ms. Bosarge	Absent	Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Williams	Yes
Mr. Boyd	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes	Dr. Shipp	Yes
Mr. Perret	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Greene	Yes
Ms. Bademan	Yes	Mr. Riley	Absent	Mr. Fischer	Yes
Mr. Riechers	Yes	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Mr. Matens	Yes
Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Mr. Pearce	Yes		

### **South Atlantic CMP Framework Action 2013**

Motion: To cease work on Amendment 23 to address king mackerel tournament sales.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To accept the South Atlantic Council's language in Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Action 2013.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: That the South Atlantic Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Action 2013 be sent to the Secretary of Commerce for approval and that the regulations be deemed as necessary and appropriate. To give staff editorial license to make any necessary editorial changes to the document/codified text and give the Council Chair authority to approve the revisions and re-deem the codified text.

Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Mr. Perret	Yes	Mr. Boyd	Yes	Mr. Riley	Absent
Mr. Williams	Yes	Ms. Bosarge	Absent	Mr. Greene	Yes
Mr. Sanchez	Yes	Dr. Shipp	Yes	Mr. Riechers	Yes
Mr. Pearce	Yes	Dr. Crabtree	Yes	Ms. Bademan	Yes
Dr. Dana	Yes	Mr. Diaz	Yes	Mr. Fischer	Yes
Mr. Matens	Yes	Mr. Anson	Yes		

Motion: To request that Gulf and South Atlantic Council staff work jointly on the framework action to address Gulf and South Atlantic Spanish Mackerel ACL changes.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Reef Fish**

#### **Amendment 39 – Regional Management of Recreational Red Snapper**

Motion: In Action 1, that the preferred alternative be Preferred Alternative 2, Option a.

***Preferred Alternative 2:*** Establish a regional management program that delegates authority to a state or group of states to establish certain management measures for the harvest of an assigned portion of the recreational red snapper quota.

***Option a:*** Allow delegation to sunset after 5 calendar years of the program.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To direct the SEFSC to present cooperative SEAMAP standardized fishery independent sampling Gulf-wide.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: In Action 4, that Alternative 5 be a preferred alternative.

***Alternative 5:*** Allow individual regions to establish a maximum recreational red snapper size limit.

Motion carried with one opposition.

Motion: To instruct staff to continue working on Amendment 39 and addressing any of those issues related to the amendment.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To move Alternative 3 from the considered but rejected section back into Action 2.

Alternative 3: Establish an east (Florida, Alabama) and west (Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas) region and allow for different management measures for each region.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ Advisory Panel**

Motion: That the charge to the Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ Advisory Panel be:

To review the Red Snapper IFQ management program and to recommend to the Council management and administrative measures to improve the performance of the red snapper individual fishing quota (IFQ) program.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Scoping/Options Paper – Sector Separation**

Motion: To request that staff include a voluntary sector separation option for red snapper in the appropriate amendment.

Motion carried.

Motion: To request that Council staff and the Southeast Fisheries Science Center develop supporting material necessary for consideration of Amendment 28 by the February 2014 Council meeting.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Red Snapper Allocation Issues**

Motion: To request that SEFSC/SERO/Council staff perform an analysis of red snapper slot limits for the recreational sector. Included should be consideration of a maximum limit (for one or both fish) only with no or current minimum size limit.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To request that the SSC calculate and provide a separate ABC for red snapper for the eastern and western Gulf of Mexico that it be made available to the Council at the February 2014 meeting.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Draft Framework Action – Revise Tier 3 ACLs Using MRIP**

Motion: In Action 1, that the preferred alternative be Alternative 3.

**Alternative 3:** Revise the OFLs, ABCs, and ACLs, but do not establish ACTs or sector ACTs for stocks listed in Table 2.1.1. Data are updated with information from MRIP, commercial, and for-hire landings.

Substitute motion: In Action 1, that the preferred alternative be a revised Alternative 3.

**Alternative 3:** Revise the OFLs, ABCs, and ACLs, but remove current ACTs and do not establish new ACTs or sector ACTs for stocks listed in Table 2.1.1. Data are updated with information from MRIP, commercial, and for-hire landings.

Motion carried with no opposition.

### **Other Council Motions**

#### **2014 Committee Roster**

Motion: With regard to the Reef Fish Committee, that the Council meet as a committee of the whole.

Substitute motion: To add the State Fisheries Director from Mississippi or his designee, Harlon Pearce, and Johnny Greene to the proposed 2014 Reef Fish Committee and to remove Doug Boyd to satisfy the needs of the Council.

Motion carried with one opposition.

Motion: To adopt the administrative committees for 2014 as proposed by the Chair.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To adopt the management committees for 2014 as proposed by the Chair with the additional changes to the Reef Fish Committee as approved in a previous motion.

Substitute motion: To adopt the management committees for 2014 as proposed by the Chair with the additional changes to the Reef Fish Committee as approved in a previous motion and adding Martha Bademan to the Mackerel Committee.

Motion carried with one opposition.

## **Red Drum**

Motion: To request the SEAMAP Red Drum Workgroup to formulate a Gulf-wide red drum tagging program.

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: That sufficient analysis be performed by the Southeast Fisheries Science Center and other appropriate organizations and provided to the SSC to allow for red drum ABC determination for the Gulf of Mexico stock and that a report on the results be presented to the Council at the April 2014 Council meeting.

Motion failed 9 to 6.

Motion: To reconsider the motion setting a red drum ABC.

Motion to reconsider carried.

Substitute motion: To ask the SSC to set an ABC for red drum in the Gulf.

Substitute motion carried 9 to 5.

## **Data Collection**

Motion: To appoint John Froeschke to the Joint Charter Boat Subcommittee.

Motion carried with no opposition.

## **Other Motions**

Motion: To establish a new administrative committee to be called the Gulf SEDAR Committee, populated with the Chairs of:

- Reef Fish Committee
- Mackerel Committee
- Red Drum Committee
- Council Chairman

Motion carried with no opposition.

Motion: To hold recreational outreach listening sessions in each Gulf state.

Substitute motion: To hold recreational outreach listening sessions in each Gulf state and to seek input from the Gulf Council's Outreach and Education Advisory Panel to provide us with recommendations on how to better get input from the general public.

Motion carried with no opposition.

