

June 2015 Council Motions  
Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront  
Virginia Beach, VA  
June 8-11, 2015

**Surfclam/Ocean Quahog**

Move to suspend the size limit for surfclams in 2016.

Anderson/King (17/0/1)

Motion carries

**Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish**

Move to adopt an ABC of 19,898 mt and a DAH (Domestic Annual Harvest) of 9,177 mt for 2016-2018 for Atlantic mackerel specifications as recommended by the Monitoring Committee, based on SSC recommendations and other associated measures as described in table from Monitoring Committee.

McMurray/Anderson (20/0/0/1) **Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

I move that the threshold for requiring 3 inch mesh for butterfish be raised to 5,000 pounds.

Nolan/King (19/0/1/1) **Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

I move that in the directed butterfish fishery the regulations indicate that 5-inch strengtheners (square or diamond mesh) are allowed.

Kaelin/Nolan

Carries unanimously

I move that the PTNS requirement for longfin squid fishing be suspended.

Nolan/Batsavage

Carries unanimously **Kaelin recused**

I move that the Council move forward with a squid fishery capacity amendment.

King/Nolan (19/0/2)

Motion carries

Move to improve RH/S conservation through a 1-year cap of 70 mt for 2016 as an interim measure until a biologically based cap is established.

McMurray/Young

I move to substitute that the Council establish a RH/S cap in the Atlantic mackerel fishery for 2016-2018 (unless a biologically-based cap is available first) at 82 mt.

Kaelin/Nolan (20/0/0/1) **Kaelin recused**

Motion Passes, becomes main motion

Vote on main motion (20/0/0/1) **Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

### **Deep Sea Corals**

Move to adopt the discrete boundaries for the 15 canyons that were put forth as recommended from the coral workshop (sub-alternative 3B-5).

Elliott/DiLernia (17/1/0/2) **Nolan and Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

Move to approve alternative 4C, prohibition of mobile bottom-tending gear in the discrete zones.

DiLernia/Zeman

Move to substitute to adopt alternative 4B, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in discrete zones.

McMurray/Deem

Move to amend to adopt alternatives 4B and 4B-1, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in discrete zones, with an exemption for red crab.

Luisi/Kaelin

Motion withdrawn

Move to amend to adopt alternatives 4B and 4B-1, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in discrete zones, and an exemption for the red crab fishery from gear restrictions in all 15 discrete zones, for a period of at least 2 years following implementation of the deep sea corals amendment or until the exemption is superseded by a framework action.

Luisi/Linhard (14/4/0/1) **Nolan recused**

Motion carries

Amended Substitute motion:

Move to amend to adopt alternatives 4B and 4B-1, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in discrete zones, and an exemption for the red crab fishery from gear restrictions in all 15 discrete zones, for a period of at least 2 years following implementation of the deep sea corals amendment or until the exemption is superseded by a framework action.

(16/3/0/1) **Nolan recused**

Motion carries

Substitute becomes main motion

Move to adopt alternatives 4B and 4B-1, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in discrete zones, and an exemption for the red crab fishery from gear restrictions in all 15 discrete zones, for a period of at least 2 years following implementation of the deep sea corals amendment or until the exemption is superseded by a framework action.

(16/3/0/1) Nolan recused

Motion carries

Move to approve option 4D to allow for vessel transit through or across the selected discrete zones with a requirement that the vessel's net be on the reel or fishing gear on board during transit.

McMurray/Deem (17/1/0/2) Nolan and Kaelin recused

Motion carries

Move to establish a broad zone management area using the Broad Zone Contour Approximation technique (i.e. ArcGIS / Simplify Line – point remove method as recommended by the FMAT) by establishing a true depth contour of 400 m as a hard landward boundary and true depth contour of 500m as a hard seaward boundary. The line created using this technique would focus on the center point (450m) between the hard landward and seaward boundaries and a 50 m buffer will be used to draw this line as straight as possible without crossing the hard boundaries.

Luisi/Linhard (15/3/0/2) Nolan and Kaelin recused

Motion carries

Move to amend the previous motion to change the hard landward boundary to 300m, and a hard seaward boundary of 400m, with a focus on the center point of 350m.

DiLernia/McMurray

Motion fails

Move to amend the motion to amend to change hard landward boundary to 350m and a hard seaward boundary of 450m, with a focus on the center point of 400m.

DiLernia/McMurray (7/11/0/2) Nolan and Kaelin recused

Motion fails

Move to amend the previous motion to change the hard landward boundary to 300m, and a hard seaward boundary of 400m, with a focus on the center point of 350m.

DiLernia/McMurray (2/14/1/2) Nolan and Kaelin recused

Motion fails

Move to establish discrete zones as taking priority over broad zones in areas of overlap.

Elliott/Anderson (16/0/0/2) Nolan and Kaelin recused

Motion carries

Move to substitute to adopt alternatives 2B and 2B-1, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in the broad zone, and an exemption for the red crab fishery from gear restrictions, for a period of at least 2 years following implementation of the deep sea corals amendment or until the exemption is superseded by a framework action.

Zeman/

Motion fails for lack of second

Move to adopt alternatives 2B and 2B-1, prohibition of all bottom-tending gear in the broad zone, and an exemption for the red crab fishery from gear restrictions.

Anderson/Kaelin (18/1/0/1) **Nolan recused**

Motion carries

Move to amend alternative 5C by adding “including measures directed at gear and species not currently addressed in the FMP, with the purpose of such measures being to further the FMP’s goal of protecting deep sea corals from physical damage from fishing gear or to prevent loss or damage to such fishing gear from interactions with deep sea corals.”

Anderson/Deem (17/0/1/2) **Nolan and Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

Move to adopt alternatives 5B through 5E as preferred alternatives. Such framework adjustments must be in keeping with the purpose of the amendment, to identify and implement measures that reduce to the extent practicable impacts of fishing gear on deep sea corals in the mid-Atlantic region.

Anderson/Deem (18/0/0/2) **Nolan and Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

Move to approve alternative 6B, to require VMS for illex squid moratorium vessels.

McMurray/Anderson (14/3/1/2) **Nolan and Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

Move to approve alternative 2D, requiring VMS for vessels fishing in broad zones.

McMurray/Anderson

Motion withdrawn

Move to approve option 2E to allow for vessel to transit through or across the broad zone with a requirement that the vessel’s net be on the reel or fishing gear on board during transit.

McMurray/Deem (16/1/0/2) **Nolan and Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

Move to submit amendment to NMFS for approval.

Elliott/McMurray (17/0/1/2) **Nolan and Kaelin recused**

Motion carries

### **Unmanaged Forage Fish**

Move to add “8) the ability of current scientific data and models to fully inform prospective Council action to manage the suite of forage fish species in the region” under 3) Issues for Consideration.

Kaelin/Nolan

Motion passes by consent

### **Monkfish**

I move to modify Alternative 1.2.1.2 option 2 eliminate the trip limit on a Northeast multispecies day at sea to add that the vessel must use a monkfish DAS while on that trip.

Nolan/Baum (16/0/0)

Motion carries

I move to indicate that the MAFMC supports either the modified DAS motion or no action regarding Alternative 1.2.1.2.

Kaelin/DiLernia (17/0/0)

Motion carries

For all other alternatives, the MAFMC approves all other issues in FW 9 as identified as preferred alternatives by the monkfish committee.

Kaelin/Nolan (17/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that MAFMC support option 3 to Alternative 1.1.1.3 in draft Framework 9 to Monkfish.

Approved by consent

### **New Business**

Move that before implementation of any electronic monitoring/camera program in the jurisdiction of the MAFMC, the Council recommends to the agency that a Council-approved pilot program be conducted with the affected fishery. Also, the Council recommends that all components of the equipment meet/exceed ABYC standards.

Hemilright/Kaelin

Motion carries with one objection.