Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council  
August 8-11, 2022  
Philadelphia, PA

MOTIONS

Monday, August 8, 2022

Bluefish 2023 Specifications
Move to revise the 2023 recreational harvest limit to 14.11 million pounds for bluefish to account for the pound for pound payback needed from the 2021 recreational ACL average of 5.59 million pounds and updated discards.

  Council: Duval/Wilke (motion carries by consent)  
  Board: Maniscalco/Meserve (motion carries by consent)  
  Motion carries

Tuesday, August 9, 2022

Summer Flounder 2023 Specifications
Move to revise the 2023 specifications for summer flounder, such that the recreational ACL=ACT=14.90 million pounds and the RHL=10.62 million pounds. In addition, the commercial ACL=ACT=18.21 million pounds and the commercial quota= 15.27 million pounds.

  Council: Cimino/Duval (motion carries by consent)  
  Board: Cimino/Hasbrouck (motion carries by consent)  
  Motion carries

Scup 2023 Specifications
Move to revise the 2023 specification for scup, such that the commercial ACL=ACT= 19.29 million pounds and the commercial quota=14.01 million pounds. The Recreational ACL=ACT=10.39 million pounds and the RHL=9.27 million pounds.

  Council: Cimino/Geer (motion carries by consent)  
  Board: Cimino/Meserve (motion carries by consent with one abstention by PRFC)  
  Motion carries

Black Sea Bass 2023 Specifications
Move to revise the 2023 black sea bass specifications, such that the recreational ACL=ACT=9.16 million pounds and the RHL=8.57 million pounds. The commercial ACL=ACT=7.50 million pounds and the commercial quota= 4.80 million pounds.

  Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (16/2/1)  
  Board: Meserve/Cimino (10/1/0/1)  
  Motion carries

Move to modify the February black sea bass recreational opening process to specify that vessels landing black sea bass in a state with an approved Wave 1 recreational fishery are subject to the state regulations during that Wave 1 fishery.

  Council: Geer/Feller (motion passes by consent with one abstention by NMFS)  
  Board: Geer/Fote (motion passes by consent with one abstention by NMFS)  
  Motion carries
**Wednesday, August 10, 2022**

**Butterfish 2023 Specifications**

I move that the Council recommend the specifications in the following table for butterfish for 2023/2024:

Hughes/Farnham  
Motion carries by consent

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Specification</th>
<th>2023</th>
<th>2024</th>
<th>Rationale Summary</th>
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<tr>
<td>OFL</td>
<td>17,631</td>
<td>16,096</td>
<td>from projections</td>
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<td>a ABC</td>
<td>17,267</td>
<td>15,764</td>
<td>from SSC, scientific uncertainty</td>
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<td>b ACT Buffer %</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>5%</td>
<td>for management uncertainty</td>
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<td>c ACT Buffer</td>
<td>863</td>
<td>788</td>
<td>a times b</td>
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<td>d ACT (a-c)</td>
<td>16,404</td>
<td>14,976</td>
<td>a-c</td>
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<td>e Butterfish Cap (longfin discards)</td>
<td>3,884</td>
<td>3,884</td>
<td>set by Council</td>
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<td>f Assumed other discards</td>
<td>1,248</td>
<td>1,248</td>
<td>2013-2021 average plus 1 SD</td>
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<td>g Total discard set-aside</td>
<td>5,132</td>
<td>5,132</td>
<td>e+f</td>
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<td>h Landings or &quot;Domestic Annual Harvest&quot; (DAH)</td>
<td>11,271</td>
<td>9,844</td>
<td>d-g</td>
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<tr>
<td>i Close primary directed at this amount, i.e. with 1,000 mt left; go to 5,000 pound trip limit</td>
<td>10,271</td>
<td>8,844</td>
<td>h-1000</td>
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**Illex 2023 Specifications**

I move that for the 2023 *Illux* specifications, ABC= 40,000 MT, IOY=DAH=DAP=38,156 MT.

Hughes/Duval  
Motion carries by consent