

August 2015 Motions
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Election of Officers

Move to accept nominations for the position of a second Vice-Chair in addition to Chair and Vice-Chair.

Nolan/Anderson (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Industry Observer Amendment

I move that the MAFMC adopt the NEFMC Committee language as the problem statement for this amendment.

Kaelin/Nolan

Move to substitute the following:

That the problem statement for the herring and mackerel components of this action is as follows: The public questions the accuracy of catch (landings and discards) estimates in the fishery; and there is a need to accurately estimate catch of incidental species for which catch caps apply. There is a need to develop a program that addresses an effective and affordable monitoring program for the fishery.

McMurray/deFur (12/6/0)

Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion:

That the problem statement for the herring and mackerel components of this action is as follows: The public questions the accuracy of catch (landings and discards) estimates in the fishery; and there is a need to accurately estimate catch of incidental species for which catch caps apply. There is a need to develop a program that addresses an effective and affordable monitoring program for the fishery.

13/5/0

Motion carries

I move that a 25% coverage option be added to the mackerel 2.2 and 2.3 permit-based at-sea monitoring alternatives.

Kaelin/Nolan (17/0/0)

Motion carries

I move that the 100% NEFOP observer coverage alternative be removed from mackerel alternative 2.1.

Kaelin/Nolan (5/10/2)

Motion fails

Blueline Tilefish

I move that the Council start an Amendment to the golden tilefish FMP to address blueline tilefish management issues.

Anderson/DiLernia (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Bluefish Management Measures for 2016, 2017, and 2018

Move to adopt a 15 fish recreational bag limit for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

Council: DiLernia/King (18/0/0)

Board: Fote/Ballou (10/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to adopt catch and landing limits for 2016, 2017, and 2018 using the methodology presented in Table 1 of the revised staff memo (dated 23 July 2015) with a modification to the transfer amount from the recreational fishery to the commercial fishery. Transfers are to be calculated so that the expected recreational landings are not exceeded and the resulting commercial quota = 2015 commercial quota = 5.24 m lb. (as specified in the bluefish final rule of 5 August 2015). This will result in a CQ of 5.24 m lbs. for 2016, 2017, and 2018; and a RHL of 11.22, 12.41, and 13.58 m lbs. for 2016, 2017, and 2018 respectively.

Council: Nowalsky/Kaelin

Board: Nowalsky/Hasbrouck

Move to amend to set ABCs for 2016, 2017, and 2018 at 19.45, 20.64, 21.81 m lb, respectively. Use the terminal year estimate for recreational landings projections, and allow the Service to transfer the maximum amount allowable from the recreational fishery to the commercial fishery without exceeding the RHLs.

Council: Nowalsky/Kaelin (17/0/1)

Board: Nowalsky/Hasbrouck (9/1/0)

Motion carries

Amended motion becomes main motion:

Move to amend to set ABCs for 2016, 2017, and 2018 at 19.45, 20.64, 21.81 m lb, respectively. Use the terminal year estimate for recreational landings projections, and allow the Service to transfer the maximum amount allowable from the recreational fishery to the commercial fishery without exceeding the RHLs.

Council: 17/0/1

Board: 9/1/0

Motion carries

Summer Flounder Management Measures

Move that the Council return the summer flounder ABC recommendation to the SSC, with the intent that the Committee consider setting the ABC at the OFL for 2016, given the severe social and economic impacts to the recreational and commercial fisheries in the region, following the SSC's July 27, 2015 ABC recommendation.

Council: Kaelin/Hemilright (5/12/3)

Board: Fote/Hasbrouck (1/8/0/0)

Motion fails

Move that for 2016, the summer flounder commercial ACL = ACT = 9.42 million pounds and the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.84 million lb. This results in a commercial quota of 8.12 million lb and a recreational harvest limit of 5.42 million lb for 2016.

For 2017, the commercial ACL = ACT = 9.19 million lb and the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.67 million lb. This results in a commercial quota of 7.91 million lb and a recreational harvest limit of 5.28 million lb for 2017.

For 2018, the commercial ACL = ACT = 9.10 million lb and the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.58 million lb. This results in a commercial quota of 7.89 million lb and a recreational harvest limit of 5.26 million lb for 2018.

Council: Anderson/McMurray (17/3/0)

Board: Batsavage/Simpson (6/3/0/0)

Motion passes

Black Sea Bass Management Measures

Move that for 2016 and 2017, the black sea bass commercial ACL = ACT = 2.60 million pounds and the recreational ACL = ACT = 2.90 million pounds. The resulting commercial quota for 2016 and 2017 is 2.24 million pounds and the resulting recreational harvest limit for 2016 and 2017 is 2.33 million pounds. This decision shall be reviewed at the October Council meeting and the November Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board meeting, pending the outcome of September SSC meeting.

Council: Nowalsky/Linhard (20/0/0)

Board: Nowalsky/Simpson (11/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Scup Management Measures

Move that the scup commercial ACTs be set equal to the ACLs at 24.26 million pounds for 2016, 22.15 million pounds for 2017, and 21.10 million pounds for 2018, and that the recreational ACTs be set equal to the ACLs at 6.84 million pounds for 2016, 6.25 million pounds for 2017, and 5.95 million pounds for 2018. The resulting commercial quotas are 20.47 million pounds for 2016, 18.38 million pounds for 2017, and 17.34 million pounds for 2018. The resulting recreational harvest limits are 6.09 million pounds for 2016, 5.50 million pounds for 2017, and 5.21 million pounds for 2018.

Council: Kaelin/deFur (19/0/0)

Board: Simpson/Hasbrouck (8/0/0)

Motion carries

Continuing & New Business

Move that the SSC evaluate the potential of establishing an ABC for Black Sea Bass by calculating the ABC implied by setting a recreational possession limit, a size limit, and a season of: 15 fish, May 15 – Sept 17 and October 18 – Dec. 31, and a minimum size of 12.5 inches.

DiLernia/deFur

Move to table until October 2015.

Nowalsky/McMurray (15/2)

Motion carries

Move that the Council send a letter to ASMFC encouraging the Commission to initiate a review of developing a landing flexibility process amongst the states for summer flounder.

DiLernia/Nolan (7/6/1)

Motion carries