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MEMORANDUM

TO: Council Members  
FROM: Bob Mahood *RM*  
SUBJECT: Summary of Motions from the September 2006 Council Session

Attached is a summary of the motions approved at the September 2006 Council session in Hilton Head, North Carolina. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Enclosure

cc: MAFMC, NEFMC, GMFMC, and CFMC  
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**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL  
MEETING  
HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2006  
SUMMARY COUNCIL MOTIONS**

**GEORGE GEIGER WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN AND DUANE HARRIS WAS ELECTED VICE-CHAIRMAN.**

**COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS**

**SCOPING DOCUMENT**

**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. THE DADE/MONROE COUNTY LINE – NORTH OF LINE 100% ATLANTIC; SOUTH OF LINE 100% GULF
3. MONROE COUNTY – 100% GULF; VOLUSIA THROUGH DADE COUNTY – 50/50 BETWEEN ATLANTIC AND GULF

**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 WOULD APPLY 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 FOR BOTH COUNCIL AREAS
2. A SEPARATE PERMIT FOR GULF AND A 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; IF/WHEN TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER INDIVIDUAL, THE DUAL PERMIT WOULD BECOME 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 FMP'S (ATLANTIC AND GULF) BASED ON THE ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED ABOVE IN MOTIONS 1-3.

**MOTION: #5** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO CEASE MOVING FORWARD ON THE KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL REGULATORY AMENDMENT AND DEVELOP A PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADDRESS THE ACTIONS THAT WERE IN THE REGULATORY AMENDMENT AND TO UPDATE THE FRAMEWORK.

**SNAPPER GROUPE**

**AMENDMENT 14**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO MOVE THE VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM (VMS) ACTION INTO THE REJECTED ALTERNATIVES APPENDIX.

**MOTION #2:** FOR THE CHARLESTON DEEPWATER ARTIFICIAL REEF MPA, THE COUNCIL VOTED ALTERNATIVE 1 AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE (ESTABLISH AN EXPERIMENTAL ARTIFICIAL REEF TYPE 2 MPA AT THE CHARLESTON DEEPWATER ARTIFICIAL REEF).

**MOTION #3:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED INCORPORATING A LIST OF RESEARCH NEEDS INTO AMENDMENT 14 AS OPPOSED TO A RESEARCH & MONITORING PLAN, HOWEVER, THE OUTREACH AND ENFORCEMENT ASPECTS OF THE PLAN WOULD BE RETAINED PENDING A REVIEW BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL.

**AMENDMENT 15**

**MOTION #4:** THE COUNCIL SELECTED ALTERNATIVE 2E AS THE PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE UNDER THE PERMIT TRANSFERABILITY ALTERNATIVE 2 (AFTER FORMING A FAMILY CORPORATION, A PERMIT SHALL NOT BE RENEWED UNLESS THE NEW SHAREHOLDER IS AN IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL INDIVIDUAL PERMIT HOLDER – THE PERMIT CAN BE TRANSFERRED ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS).

**MOTION #5:** THE COUNCIL VOTED TO ADD THE SECTION IN AMENDMENT 13C ADDRESSING SNOWY GROUPE INTO AMENDMENT 15 FOR REANALYSIS.

**MOTION #6:** THE COUNCIL RECOMMENDED THE REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR APPROVE THE THREE EXEMPTED FISHING PERMITS AS PRESENTED AT THE FULL COUNCIL SESSION.

**PERSONNEL**

**MOTION #1:** THE COUNCIL APPROVED A NEW SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE POLICY THAT STATES: SSC MEMBERS THAT ARE EMPLOYED BY NMFS CANNOT SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OR VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE SSC.

**ADVISORY PANEL SELECTION**

THROUGH A SERIES OF MOTIONS, THE COUNCIL TOOK THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

APPOINTED BOB DUNNIGAN TO THE COASTAL MIGRATORY PELAGICS ADVISORY PANEL.  
APPOINTED CRAIG WHITFIELD TO THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ADVISORY PANEL.  
APPOINTED CHARLES ADAMS TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE ADVISORY PANEL.  
APPROVED ADDING A NORTH CAROLINA SEAT TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE ADVISORY PANEL.