

October 2013 Council Motions
Courtyard Philadelphia
October 7-10, 2013

Dogfish

Move to adopt for spiny dogfish in 2014 an ACL/ACT of 60.695 metric lb. resulting in a commercial quota of 49.037 M lb., and to adopt for spiny dogfish in 2015 an ACL/ACT of 62.270 M lb. resulting in a commercial quota of 50.612 M lb.

Himchak/Deem (19/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to maintain a 4,000 daily trip limit, but also allow a 20,000 lb. weekly trip limit for spiny dogfish in 2014 and 2015.

Nolan/Kaelin

Motion withdrawn

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Motion carried

Move to direct the AP and staff to explore the development of cumulative trip limits or the elimination of trip limits.

Nolan/Kaelin

Approved by consent

Move to allow up to 3% RSA in 2014 and 2015 for spiny dogfish.

O'Reilly/Linhard

Approved by consent

Monkfish

Move to approve for consideration in Framework 8 to the Monkfish FMP the range alternatives described in the Sept 26 document.

Nolan for Committee (18/0/0)

Approved by consent

MSB

Move that the Council adopt a proactive coordinated approach to help the stocks of river herring and shads to recover. Specifically I propose the Council take the lead in forming a joint Council/ASMFC/State/Regional Office/Center working group to cooperatively seek to improve current management by aligning current ASMFC, individual state, and at-sea cap management measures to comprehensively address fishing mortality throughout the species range in state and federal waters, to use the Councils' SSC and other relevant scientific bodies to develop a scientific-based approach to determining the proper size of the catch cap in the mackerel and herring fisheries, and to monitor the success of current management actions by the Council and our partners, including that the Council relook at the decision to make river herring and shads stocks in the fishery in three years after we have had a chance to determine if these current efforts are working and if by assessing the proposed interim work to develop scientifically-determined caps sizes we can better justify the decision to go ahead.

McMurray for Committee (17/2/0)

Motion carries

Move to amend from 5 years to 3 years to revisit stocks in the fishery issue.

O'Reilly/Himchak (17/0/2)

Motion carries

Move to amend to comprehensively address fishing mortality throughout the species range in state and federal waters.

Anderson/O'Reilly (17/0/2)

Motion carries

Move to substitute that the Council move forward with the development of Amendment 15 DEIS, with an invitation to ASMFC to serve as cooperating entity in the development of the DEIS; development of alternatives for complementary and/or joint management with the ASMFC; and alternatives for the setting of ACLs, including review of ACL-setting for data-limited stocks in other regions.

McMurray/Linhard (9/10) – roll call vote

Motion fails for lack of majority

Summer Flounder Management Measures with Board

Move that summer flounder specifications be set for 2 years (2014 and 2015).

Council: Anderson/Batsavage (16/0/2)

Board: Augustine/Pierce (10/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move for 2014, the recreational ACL = ACT = 9.07 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 12.87 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 7.01 mil lb. and commercial quota of 10.51 mil lb. (after reduction for discards and max 3% RSA).

For 2015, the recreational ACL = ACT = 9.44 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 13.34 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 7.16 mil lb. and commercial quota of 10.74 mil lb. (after reduction for discards and max 3% RSA).

Council: O'Reilly/Linhard (12/0/6)

Board: Augustine/Himchak (7/3/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that up to 3% of the TAL be allocated for RSA in 2014 and 2015.

Council: Michels/Linhard (15/3/1)

Board: Augustine/Simpson (8/2/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to amend above motion to read that up to 3% of the TAL be allocated for RSA in 2014 and 2015 to the commercial fishery only.

Board: Pierce/

Motion fails for lack of a second

Scup Management Measures with Board

Move that the revised 2014 and 2015 specifications be set equal to 2013 specifications.

Board: Pierce/Gibson

Motion fails due to lack of like motion from Council

Move to change the scup possession limit for the Winter II commercial season to 12,000 lbs.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin (16/0/0)

Board: Himchak/Augustine (motion carries unanimously)

Black Sea Bass Management Measures with Board

Move that previously set 2014 black sea bass specifications remain unchanged, and that those same specifications be extended into 2015. For 2015, the recreational ACL = ACT = 2.90 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 2.60 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 2.26 mil lb. and commercial quota of 2.17 mil lb. (after reduction for discards and max 3% RSA).

Council: Linhard/Batsavage (15/0/0)

Board: Augustine/O'Reilly (motion carries unanimously)

Move that up to 3% of the TAL be allocated for RSA in 2014 and 2015.

Council: Nolan/Anderson (14/2/0)

Board: Augustine/Nowalsky (7/2/0/0)

Motion carries

Bluefish Mgmt Measures

Move to adopt for Bluefish in 2014:

An ACL of 24,432 M lb. equivalent to ABC, a recreational ACT of 20.278 M lb. and commercial ACT of 4.153 M lbs. corresponding to a recreational TAL of 16.927 M lbs., and a commercial TAL of 4.153 M lbs., and to allow a transfer of up to 3.340 M lbs. from the commercial TAL resulting in a recreational harvest limit of 13.587 M lbs., and a commercial quota of 7.494 M lbs.

Board: Augustine/Himchak (motion carries unanimously)

Council: Hein/Linhard (17/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to allow an RSA of up to 3%, 632,418 lbs., of the combined recreational and commercial TALS in 2014.

Council: Deem/O'Reilly (13/2/0)

Board: Augustine/Nowalsky (1 objection from NJ)

Motion carries

Research Set-Aside

Move that at least 20% of RSA funding is applied to each species generating funding for the research.

Zeman/McMurray

Motion withdrawn

Move to approve 2015 RSA program Research and Information Priorities List.
Elliott/Batsavage (16/0/0)
Motion carries

Business Session

Move to approve June 2013 and August 2013 minutes.
Moved by consent

Continuing and New Business

Move that the MAFMC prioritize planning for an Omnibus Amendment focusing on observer coverage, in regional fisheries consistent with Regional Administrator Bullard's letter to MAFMC and NEFMC on 9/20/2013.
Kaelin/McMurray
Approved by consent

Move to initiate a Framework or Amendment, as appropriate, to refine the definition of Level 2 stock assessments in the Council's ABC control rules, and to develop protocols for setting ABCs for Level 2 stocks.
Elliott/O'Reilly
Approved by consent

Move to initiate a Framework to:

1. Allow the SSC and Council to base ABC; on constant catch during a multi-year period.
2. Establish a bandwidth in multi-year specifications that would allow catches and specifications to remain constant during a multi-year period if updated OFL values are within a prescribed tolerance.

Heins/DiLernia
Approved by consent

Move to initiate a Framework to address the slippage issue in Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Amendment 14.
Anderson/Nolan (14/1/0)
Approved by consent