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MAFMC Council Motions  
Annapolis, MD  
April 14, 2011

**Ecosystems**

Move on behalf of the Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee that the Council adopts the 5 following short-term recommendations (from the December Workshop) as their priorities:  
#3 of Coordination - continue and expand these discussions (with workshop attendees and others not present) to include groups and issues not represented in our first Workshop  
#5 from Significant New Work - identify pilots for specific action using existing knowledge, staff, and funds  
#14 of Significant New Work - participate with Restoration Center staff in regional prioritization efforts  
#15 of Significant New Work - work with regional restoration center to develop funding proposals and projects of mutual interest  
#31 of Significant New Work - NMFS habitat and stock assessment scientists should work with managers to initiate demonstration project.  
Kray for Committee  
Approved by consent

**SMB**

Move that Council endorse the Committee recommendations to call for applications to SMB AP and include stock in the fishery option in AMD 14 and include option for frameworking incidental catch caps for analysis.  
Berg for Committee  
Approved by consent

**HMS**

HMS sub-committee met to discuss options in the proposed Rule to Modify the Retention of Incidentally-Caught HMS Species in Atlantic Trawl Fisheries. As a result the Committee reached consensus on the following:  
The Committee recommends to the full Council to support ISSUE A-Alternative A2. (Establish a new permit for *Illex* squid moratorium permit holders to retain up to 15 swordfish.) Preferred option  
Augustine for Committee

Move to accept the preferred alternative.  
Moved by consent

Support Alternative A4 (Establish a new permit or an exemption, as applicable, for *Loligo* squid moratorium permit holders to retain swordfish.)  
Augustine/Berg 12/3/1  
Motion carried

After reviewing Issue B - Incidental Catch of Smoothhound Sharks in all Atlantic Trawl Fisheries, the Committee reached consensus as follows.

- Support Alternative B2 - Allow for the retention of Smoothhound Sharks caught incidentally in trawl gear, in amount not to exceed 25% of the total catch, by weight, on board or offloaded from the vessel and explore a 5,000 trip limit as an alternative and as recommended by ASMFC. (Preferred Alternative)

Augustine/Kray

Approved by consent

### **Dogfish**

Move to recommend to the *Councils* that the following action alternatives be considered under the issues in Spiny Dogfish Amendment 3 and that the FMAT further analyze these alternatives:

- Under Research Set-Aside, include in the specification process an RSA provision of up to 3% of the annual TAL.

- Under Essential Fish Habitat, review and update as necessary EFH definitions and fishery impacts to EFH as required by MSA.

- Under Year-end Rollover of Mgmt. Measures, extend existing management measures into new fishing year until the measures specified for that year are implemented.

- Coastwide annual quota with no seasonal, geographic or other allocation, or regional and/or state allocation scheme as established by Addendum 3 by the ASMFC

- Under Limited Access, action alternatives for consideration:

1. Possible action alternatives to be developed by the FMAT, explore administrative solutions within the open access system and extent of spiny dogfish federal permit dropping, and

2. No action

Munden for Committee

Moved by consent

### **River Herring/Shad**

Move that the Council take a proactive approach with a letter to the Commission outlining specific reporting relationships on significant issues that impact the river herring fishery and ask the Commission to do likewise.

Zeman for the Committee

Moved by consent

### **Business Session**

Move to approve February 2011 minutes.

Moved by consent