

MAFMC Council Meeting
December 13-15, 2011 Motions
Kingsmill Resort, Williamsburg, VA

Monkfish

Move to approve the final set of sub-goals and objectives for the future management of the Monkfish fishery, recognizing that some of the objectives may be addressed through framework actions while others may need to be addressed in Amendment 6.

King for Committee

Moved by consent

Summer Flounder Management Measures for 2012 with Board

Move to adopt recommendation put forward by the SSC for an ABC = 25.58, which results in a recreational ACL = ACT = 11.58 mil lbs. and commercial ACL = ACT = 14.00 mil lbs. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 8.76 mil lbs. and a commercial quota of 13.14 mil lbs.

Council: deFur/Anderson (18/0/1)

Board: Augustine/Munden (7/4 - not 2/3 required)- MA-no, RI-no, CT=yes, NY-no, NJ-no, DE=yes, MD=yes, PRFC=yes, VA=yes, NC=yes, USFWS-absent, NMFS=yes

Motion fails

Move by Board to request an analysis to determine the 2012 specifications that would result in an F=0.28 and F=0.30.

Board: Pierce/Ballou (5/6)

Motion fails

Move to suspend rules.

Pate/Heins

Motion passes

Motion to reconsider previous Board motion.

Augustine/Travelstead (8/1/0/1)

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Council: (18/0/1)

Board: (9/0/0/1)

Motion passes

Scup Management Measures for 2012 with Board

Move to adopt recommendations put forward by the SSC and Monitoring Committee for an ABC = 40.88, which results in a recreational ACL = ACT = 8.99 mil lbs. and commercial ACL = ACT = 31.89 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 8.31 mil lb. and a commercial quota of 27.50 mil lb.

Board: Augustine/Cole (10/0/1/0)

Council: Berg/deFur (18/0/1)

Motion passes

Move to substitute for the Board the 2011 specifications for 2012.

Board: Pierce/no second

Motion fails

Summer Flounder 2012 Recreational Management Measure with Board

Move to implement conservation equivalency for summer flounder recreational measures for 2012.

Council: Himchak/Berg (14/4/1)

Board: Himchak/Augustine (9/0/1/1)

Motion passes

Move to amend the motion to use coastwide measures for summer flounder for 2012.

Augustine/no second

Motion fails

Move status quo (same as 2011) for precautionary default and non-preferred coastwide measure for summer flounder in 2012.

Council: Munden/deFur (14/4/1)

Board: Augustine/Munden (9/1/1/0)

Motion carries

Scup 2012 Recreational Management Measures with Board

Move that ASMFC use conservation equivalency for scup for 2012.

Board: Augustine/Ballou (9/0/0/2)

Motion carries

Move that the Federal waters measures for scup in 2012 be 10 inch minimum size, 10 fish possession limit, and open season all year.

Council: Berg/deFur

Move to substitute that the Federal waters measures for scup in 2012 be 10-1/2 inch minimum size, 20 fish possession limit, open season all year.

Himchak/Berg (16/2/1)

Motion passes

Substitute motion becomes main motion.

(18/0/1)

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass 2012 Recreational Measures with Board

Move to initiate an addendum to evaluate implementation of state-by-state or regional measures that would achieve the coast-wide harvest limit of 1.32 mil lbs.

Board: Gilmore/Bellevance (10/0/0/1)

Motion passes

Move that the Council adopt the Monitoring Committee and Staff recommendation for status quo in Federal waters for 2012.

Cole/Linhard

Move to substitute above motion for 2012 with an open season Jan. 1- Feb. 29 with a 12.5 inch size limit, 15 fish bag limit and
May 19 - October 14 and November 1- December 31 season with a 12.5 inch fish size limit and 25 fish bag limit.

Zeman/Himchak (16/1/1)

Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion.

16/1/1

Motion carries

Move to develop a Commission addendum to mirror the Council Amendment 17.

Board: Augustine/Travelstead (8/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Executive

Move that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to develop an Ecosystem Based Fishery Management guidance document.

Moved by consent

Move to approve 2012 priorities as presented by Chris Moore.

Moved by consent

Executive Director

Move to approve the proposed modifications to the SOPPs.

Elliott/Linhard

Moved by consent

Science Report

Move to approve 5-year research plan.

Travelstead/deFur

Motion passes

Other

The Council agreed to send a letter to the Secretary of Commerce regarding the current staffing shortage within NOAA General Counsel's office.