

December 2013 Council Motions
W Annapolis, Annapolis, MD
December 9-12, 2013

Framework 9 to the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP

Move that an additional alt be added to Framework 9:

Require vessels with limited access mackerel permits to vacate a statistical area in which any slippage occurs (for the remainder of a trip). Mechanical, dogfish, and safety issues that led to a slippage would thus require leaving a statistical area but not require trip termination. In addition, if any non-exempted slippage occurs they would have to terminate the trip.

This measure would serve as an additional accountability measure related to both the general prohibition on non-exempted slippages and the river herring and shad cap.

McMurray/King (11/9/0)

Motion carries

Move that an additional alternative be added to Framework 9:

Require vessels with limited access mackerel permits to vacate a statistical area in which any slippage occurs (for the remainder of a trip). Mechanical and safety issues that led to a slippage would thus require leaving a statistical area but not require trip termination. Dogfish slippages would not require leaving a statistical area. In addition, if any non-exempted slippage occurs they would have to terminate the trip. This measure would serve as an additional accountability measure related to both the general prohibition on non-exempted slippages and the river herring and shad cap.

Luisi/Anderson (17/0/1)

Motion carries

Move to adopt MAFMC-revised draft River Herring/Shad Conservation approach, which includes Council committee which will operate and have members from other relevant groups (NEFMC, ASMFC, NERO).

McMurray/Deem (20/0/0)

Motion carries

Summer Flounder Recreational Management Measures for 2014

I move to adopt Conservation Equivalency as provided though Addendum XXV for 2014 Summer Flounder recreational fishery. Specific measure options will be developed at ASMFC board meeting.

Board: Simpson

Ruled out of order by chair

I move to approve the summer flounder portions of Addendum XXV for public comment.

Board: Nowalsky/Gilmore

Move to amend motion so that Delaware is kept in the region with Maryland and Virginia.
Board: Clark/O'Reilly (7/2/1/0)
Motion carries

Move to amend motion so that Rhode Island would be included in the options as its own region.
Board: Bellavance/Clark (3/7/0/0)
Motion fails

Move to amend to remove option 3 from the Addendum.
Board: Zeman/Ballou (2/8/0/0)
Motion fails

Motion as amended:

I move to approve summer flounder portions of Addendum XXV for public comment, modified so that Delaware is kept in the region with Maryland and Virginia.
Board: Nowalsky/Gilmore (9/1/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to approve management of summer flounder under Conservation Equivalency in 2014.
Council: O'Reilly/Anderson (18/0/1)
Board: O'Reilly/Nowalsky (10/0/0/0)
Motion carries

Move that the summer flounder non-preferred coastwide measure in 2014 consist of an 18 inch TL minimum fish size, 4 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1-September 30, 2014. In addition, the precautionary default consist of a 20 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1-September 30, 2014.
Council: Heins/DiLernia (20/0/0)
Board: Simpson/Nowalsky (10/0/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board has approved an addendum for public comment for the management of summer flounder that includes regional management options; and,

WHEREAS, the implementation of conservation equivalency in the summer flounder fishery through state-by-state management has not resulted in equitable access to a recovered summer flounder stock by Atlantic coastal anglers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council recommends adoption of regional management for the 2014 Summer Flounder fishery.

Council: DiLernia/McMurray (6/13/0)
Motion fails

Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures for 2014

I move for black sea bass federal waters measures in 2014 including a 12.5-inch TL minimum size, a 15 fish possession limit, and an open season May 19-September 18 and Oct 18-December 31, if the addendum continues as in previous years. If the addendum does not address the required reduction in state waters, the coastwide measures would include a 13-inch TL minimum size, a 5 fish possession limit, and a season from June 1-September 30 on a coastwide basis.

Council: DiLernia/Anderson (14/3/2)

Board: O'Reilly/Batsavage (8/2/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that for 2015 there be consideration of a wave 1 fishery in federal waters contingent upon additional reporting including VTR data.

Council: O'Reilly/Zeman (16/2/0)

Motion carries

Move that the possession limit be 15 fish during wave 1, 2015.

Council: O'Reilly/DiLernia (15/1/0)

Motion carries

Move that the Board approve the black sea bass portions of draft addendum XXV with options 1 and 2 and the timeline options.

Board: Augustine/Clark (8/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that the Board approve the combined package for draft addendum XXV with options as clarified today for public comment.

Board: Augustine/Clark (8/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Scup Recreational Management Measures for 2014

Move that for 2014, federal scup measures include a 9-inch TL minimum size, a 30 fish possession limit, and a season of January 1-December 31.

Council: DiLernia/Linhard (19/0/0)

Board: Nowalsky/Augustine (9/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that the Commission use the adaptive management approach to set state scup recreational measures, to be finalized at the February 2014 Board meeting.

Board: Heins/Nowalsky (9/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Committee Reports

I move that the Council, prioritize, pursuant to its strategic plan, the development of an amendment to the FMP for Summer Flounder that will review and update the goals and objectives of the plan and re-examine the fishery management strategies for the commercial and recreational fisheries.

Nolan/McMurray (12/0/0)

Motion carries

Items to re-modify the 2014 Implementation plan:

- Remove Amendments 17 & 19 to Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass from current year deliverables.
- Omnibus Amendment for observer coverage is a 2014 priority.
- Multi-year specifications framework as identified in the October Council motions.
- Framework for level 2 assessment redefinition as identified in the October Council motions.
- Amendment 4 Dogfish, remove from list for 2014.
- Bluefish - modify to 1 year specifications, not 3-year specifications.
- Include Summer Flounder Amendment as described above

Motion to approve Implementation plan with amendments as defined above.

Robins for Committee

15/0/0

Move to appoint Dr. Sunny Jardine to the SSC

Anderson/DiLernia (15/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that the Council submit comment to the National Marine Fisheries Service on the Highly Migratory Species Amendment 7 as recommended by the Highly Migratory Species Committee. Specifically, the comments will support the preferred alternatives A2a, A3a, B1c, B1d, C4b, D1b, D4a, D5a, D6a. Additionally, the comments will support the non-preferred alternative E3a. The comments will also include a recommendation that further development for the proposed Individual Bluefin Quota alternatives should be considered in an action separate from Amendment 7. Finally, the comments will acknowledge the potential benefits of a Gear Restricted Area in the Gulf of Mexico to enhance avoidance of Bluefin Tuna during traditional spawning time frames and recommend a step-wise approach to further develop and enhance electronic monitoring options.

Linhard/Deem (14/0/1)

Motion carries