

MAFMC Council Motions
June 14-16, 2016
Newark, DE

SC/OQ

Move that the surfclam ACL=ABC is 44,469 mt for 2017 and 45,524 mt for 2018, and for each year the ACT=29,364 mt, resulting in a commercial quota of 26,218 mt (3.4 mil bushels).

Anderson/Nolan (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that the Regional Administrator suspend the minimum size (shell length) for surfclams for 2017.

Anderson/Nolan (17/0/1)

Motion carries

Move that the ocean quahog ACL=ABC is 26,100 mt for 2017 and 26,100 mt for 2018, and for each year the Maine ACT = 524 mt and Non-Maine ACT = 25,511 mt, resulting in a Maine quota = 499 mt (100,000 ME bushels) and the Non-Maine quota = 24,296 mt (5.3 million bushels).

Anderson/deFur (18/0/0)

Motion carries

eVTR

Move to develop a range of alternatives to address the timeliness issue for the eVTR Framework.

Luisi/DiLernia

Approved by consent

IFM

Move for new IFM programs to use an equal weighting scheme for funding prioritization.

Kaelin/Nolan (19/0/0)

Motion carries

Move under item #2 create a subset of alternatives that would allow additional biological information to be collected (kept and discarded catch).

King/Anderson (19/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that slippage consequences would apply for ASM but not for EM, to be further reviewed after completion of the EM pilot project and clarify that slippage consequences are frameworkable.

Kaelin/King (18/1/0)

Motion carries

Move to substitute:

Extend uniform slippage consequences of 15 nm move-alongs for Electronic IFM, and slippage consequences would be frameworkable.

Anderson/McMurray (1/16/1)

Motion fails, back to main motion

Move to approve the draft EA for public hearings as modified today.

Kaelin/Linhard (17/0/0)

Motion carries

Regarding the following:

DRAFT Herring Committee Motion

Motion (Pierce/Kaelin): That the Council add an alternative to Section 2.0: Would apply a combination of monitoring coverage based on permit category or gear type:

- “Would apply ASM coverage on Category A and B vessels using midwater trawl, purse seine and small mesh bottom trawl gear. Choose an ASM coverage target of 25%, 50%, 75%, or 100%.”
- “After the goals of the sea herring/mackerel electronic monitoring pilot program are reached, midwater trawl and purse seines can choose to continue with ASM or use EM/portside sampling. The EM/portside sampling would be at a rate of 50% or 100%.”

Move that if NE adopts adding the above or a similar motion, then the Mid-Atlantic Council would approve adding similar flexibility for mid-water trawl mackerel fishing related to Alternative 2.2.

Nolan/Kaelin (15/1/2)

Motion carries

Blueline Tilefish

I move that we initiate a framework to consider recreational blueline tilefish specifications.

Nowalsky/Kaelin (17/1/1)

Motion carries