

Motions – December 2015
O’Callaghan Hotel
Westin Annapolis

Monday, December 7, 2015

Comprehensive 5-year Research Priority Plan

Move to approve the Comprehensive 5-year Research Priority Plan.

Heins/deFur

Moved by consent

Non-Fishing Activities that Impact Fish Habitat

Motion to approve Non-Fishing Impact policies.

deFur/Linhard

Moved by consent

Golden Tilefish Framework – Meeting 2

In section 5.1, move alternative 5.1.2 (alternative 2), modification to the GTF catch and landings limits flow chart as the preferred alternative.

Council: Nolan/Linhard (17/0/0/1) - **Recusal by Laurie Nolan**

Motion carries

In section 5.2, move alternative 5.2.2 (alternative 2), eliminate the IVR reporting requirement as the preferred alternative.

Council: Nolan/King (17/0/0/1) - **Recusal by Laurie Nolan**

Motion carries

In section 5.3, move alternative 5.3.2 (alternative 2), prohibit vessels from fishing more than one allocation at a time as the preferred alternative.

Council: O’Reilly/Heins (17/0/0/1) - **Recusal by Laurie Nolan**

Motion carries

In section 5.4, move alternative 5.4.2 (alternative 2), prohibit vessels from landings GTF with the “*head –off*” as the preferred alternative.

Council: Nolan/DiLernia (17/0/0/1) - **Recusal by Laurie Nolan**

Motion carries

In section 5.5, move to add to section 5.5 the following alternative “that the council restricts the recreational golden tilefish fishery to a rod and reel fishery only (with a five hook limit).”

Council: DiLernia/Nolan (18/0/0/1) - **Recusal by Laurie Nolan**

Motion carries

Move that there is no designated preferred alternative for section 5.6.
King/Elliott (18/0/0/1) - **Recusal by Laurie Nolan**
Motion carries

Blueline Tilefish Alternatives

Move that the Council select 2a as preferred (NC/VA line).
O'Reilly/Anderson (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to add to objectives:

5. Management would reflect blueline tilefish's susceptibility of overfishing and the need of an analytical stock assessment.

O'Reilly/deFur (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Move that a 750 pound trip limit be added to the range of alternatives.
Hemilright/Batsavage (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Spiny Dogfish

Move to revise the spiny dogfish ABCs for 2016-2018 (2016:23,617 mt, 2017: 23,045 mt, 2018: 22,635 mt) and associated management measures.
Batsavage/Hemilright (20/0/0)
Motion carries

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Unmanaged Forage Fish Amendment

Move to amend the Purpose and Need proposed by the FMAT to: "Use the Council's discretionary authority to prohibit the expansion of existing or development of new directed fisheries on unmanaged forage species in the Mid-Atlantic until adequate scientific information is available to promote ecosystem sustainability."

McMurray/Anderson

Move to table motion until Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee meeting.
Kaelin/DiLernia (15/3/0)
Motion carries

Scup GRA Framework – Meeting 1

Move to add to range of alternatives for scup GRAs the Hank Lackner proposal with modifications for the western boundaries of the discrete and broad coral zones where needed on the eastern boundary of the GRA.

Nolan/Kaelin (20/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to remove draft alternatives 4 and 5 from the document.

Heins/DiLernia (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Summer flounder, scup, black sea bass commercial measures review

Move to change the scup incidental possession limit for November-April from 500 to 1000 lb and to change May – Oct from 200 to 500 lb.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin

Board: Heins/Baum

Move to divide above motion.

Board: Borden/Simpson (9/0/0/1)

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

Motion carries

Move to change the scup incidental possession limit for November-April from 500 to 1000 lb.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin (19/0/0)

Board: Heins/Baum (Motion carries with one abstention from PRFC)

Motion carries

Move to change the scup incidental possession limit for May – Oct from 200 to 500 lb.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin (6/13/1)

Board: Heins/Baum

Motion fails

Summer Flounder Recreational Measures

Move to approve the summer flounder portions of the ASMFC Addendum XXVII for public comment.

Board: Heins/Baum (11/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to manage summer flounder under Conservation Equivalency in 2016.

Council: Heins/Batsavage (19/0/1)

Board: Heins/Batsavage (10/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that the summer flounder non-preferred coastwide measure in 2016 consist of an 18-inch TL minimum fish size, 4 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1-September 30. In addition, the precautionary default would consist of a 20-inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1-September 30.

Council: Nowalsky/Kaelin (19/1/0)

Board: Nowalsky/Hasbrouck (11/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to approve the black sea bass portion of the ASMFC Addendum XXVII for public comment.

Board: Simpson/Grout (11/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to approve the full Draft ASMFC Addendum XXVII for public comment as modified today.

Board: Simpson/Hasbrouck

Motion carries by consent

Move that black sea bass federal measures in 2016 include a 12.5-inch TL minimum size, a 15 fish possession limit, and an open season May 15-September 21 and Oct 22-December 31, if the ad-hoc regional measures in the northern states address the required reduction. If the northern states' adjustments do not address the required reduction in state waters, the coastwide measures would include a 14-inch TL minimum size, a 3 fish possession limit, and a season from July 15-September 15 on a coastwide basis.

Council: Heins/King (15/3/2)

Board: Borden/Grout (9/3/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that the Council and ASMFC move forward with an amendment to address accountability and issues highlighted today in the commercial black sea bass fishery as well as investigate the recreational issues brought forward today.

Council: O'Reilly/DiLernia (19/1/0)

Board: O'Reilly/Borden (9/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Scup Recreational Measures

Move that for 2016, federal recreational scup measures remain *status quo*, including a 9-inch TL minimum size, a 50 fish possession limit, and an open season of January 1-December 31.

Council: Heins/DiLernia (20/0/0)

Board: Heins/Nowalsky (7/0/0/1)

Motion carries

Move that the Commission continue the regional approach to management in state waters, with state measures to be finalized at the February 2016 Board meeting.

Board: Heins/O'Reilly (7/0/0/1)

Motion carries

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Implementation Plan

Move to adopt the 2016 Implementation Plan as amended.

deFur/Elliott (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Executive Director's Report

Move to approve changes to SOPPs.

deFur/Anderson (17/0/0)

Committee Reports

I move to approve research priority list and publish an RFP.

King/deFur

Moved by consent