

## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

February 8-9, 2022

Webinar Meeting

### MOTIONS

#### Tuesday, February 8, 2022

##### **2022 Recreational Management Measures for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass**

Move to rescind the December 2021 black sea bass recreational management motion and move to adopt conservation equivalency for 2022 black sea bass recreational management, with a 20.7% reduction in coastwide harvest compared to the 2018-2021 average to achieve the 2022 RHL. Non-preferred coastwide measures are: 14-inch minimum size, 5 fish possession limit, and open season of May 15-October 8. Precautionary default measures are: 16-inch minimum size, 3 fish possession limit, and open season of June 24-December 31.

Cimino/Risi

Motion passes with no objection and 2 abstentions

##### **Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addenda – Joint Meeting with the ASMFC ISFMP Policy Board (Board)**

Request that the SSC provide a qualitative evaluation, in time for final action at the June 2022 Council/Policy Board meeting, regarding the potential effect of each of the five primary alternatives in the Harvest Control Rule Addendum/Framework on the SSC's assessment and application of risk and uncertainty in determining ABCs. The intent is to provide the Council and Policy Board with information to consider the tradeoffs among the different alternatives with respect to the relative risk of overfishing, increasing uncertainty, fishery stability, and the likelihood of reaching/remaining at Bmsy for each approach at different biomass levels (e.g., for  $\frac{1}{2} B_{msy} < B < B_{msy}$ , the relative risk among alternatives is (highest to lowest) E > C > B > A > D).

Council: Duval/Hemilright

Board: Hasbrouck/Madsen

##### *Motion to Amend (Council and Board):*

Move to amend to replace "in time for final action at the June 2022 Council/Policy Board meeting" with "in time for final action by the August 2022 meeting."

Board: Reid/Cimino (2/15/0/0) Board motion to amend fails for lack of Board majority

Council: Cimino/Nowalsky (11/9/0) Council motion to amend carries

##### *Motion to Reconsider (Council Only):*

Move to reconsider the Council's motion to amend.

Council: Farnham/Cimino (17/3/0)

Motion to reconsider passes

##### *Reconsidered Motion to Amend (Council Only):*

Move to amend to replace "in time for final action at the June 2022 Council/Policy Board meeting" with "in time for final action by the August 2022 meeting."

Council: 5/15/0

Motion to amend fails

##### *Main Motion (Council and Board):*

Request that the SSC provide a qualitative evaluation, in time for final action at the June 2022 Council/Policy Board meeting, regarding the potential effect of each of the five primary alternatives in the

Harvest Control Rule Addendum/Framework on the SSC's assessment and application of risk and uncertainty in determining ABCs. The intent is to provide the Council and Policy Board with information to consider the tradeoffs among the different alternatives with respect to the relative risk of overfishing, increasing uncertainty, fishery stability, and the likelihood of reaching/remaining at Bmsy for each approach at different biomass levels (e.g., for  $\frac{1}{2} Bmsy < B < Bmsy$ , the relative risk among alternatives is (highest to lowest)  $E > C > B > A > D$ ).

Council: Motion carries with one objection and one abstention

Board: 15/0/0/1

Motion carries

*Board Only:*

Move to approve Draft Addendum XXXIV to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP and Draft Addendum II to the Bluefish FMP for public comment as presented today.

McNamee/Patterson (15/0/0/0)

Motion carries

*Council Only:*

Move to approve the range of options in the Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addenda as presented today.

Farnham/Batsavage

Motion carries by consent

**Wednesday, February 9, 2022**

I move to reappoint the list of SSC members as presented today.

Wilke/Duval

Motion carries by consent