

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

December 12 - 15, 2022

Annapolis, MD

MOTIONS

Monday, December 12, 2022

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog (SC/OQ) Species Separation Amendment

Move to delay final action on the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements Amendment and task the FMAT with defining a percentage of mixing tolerance/allowance for both species in cages for an upcoming 2023 Council meeting. This action should be considered for inclusion on the 2023 Council Implementation Plan.

Hughes on behalf of the SC/OQ Committee

Motion to amend:

Move to delay final action on the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements Amendment and remand the amendment to the Committee and FMAT to continue to develop alternatives for a possible 2023 Council meeting. This action should be considered for inclusion on the 2023 Council Implementation Plan.

Pentony/Hughes

Motion to amend carries by consent

Amended motion becomes the main motion:

Move to delay final action on the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements Amendment and remand the amendment to the Committee and FMAT to continue to develop alternatives for a possible 2023 Council meeting. This action should be considered for inclusion on the 2023 Council Implementation Plan.

Motion carries by consent

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

Scup Recreational Measures

Move to adopt status quo scup recreational management measures for 2023.

Board: Nowalsky/Kane

Council: Nowalsky/Risi

Motion to substitute:

Move to adopt a 10% harvest reduction for 2023 scup recreational management and adopt a 10 inch minimum size limit, 40 fish possession limit, and May 1- December 31 open season for 2023 recreational scup measures in federal waters, with the states to further modify state measures through the Commission process to achieve a 10% coastwide harvest reduction.

Board: Meserve/Hasbrouck (8/1/1/1)

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

Motion to substitute carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion:

Move to adopt a 10% harvest reduction for 2023 scup recreational management and adopt a 10 inch minimum size limit, 40 fish possession limit, and May 1- December 31 open season for 2023 recreational scup measures in federal waters, with the states to further modify state measures through the Commission process to achieve a 10% coastwide harvest reduction.

Motion to amend:

Move to adopt a 10% harvest reduction for 2023 scup recreational management and adopt a 10 inch minimum size limit, 40 fish possession limit, and January 1- December 31 open season for 2023 recreational scup measures in federal waters, with the states to further modify state measures through the Commission process to achieve a 10% coastwide harvest reduction.

Council: Nowalsky/Risi

Board: Nowalsky/Miller (4/6/1/0)

Motion to amend fails for lack of Board majority

Back to the main motion:

Move to adopt a 10% harvest reduction for 2023 scup recreational management and adopt a 10 inch minimum size limit, 40 fish possession limit, and May 1- December 31 open season for 2023 recreational scup measures in federal waters, with the states to further modify state measures through the Commission process to achieve a 10% coastwide harvest reduction.

Council: 16/4/0

Board: 9/1/1/0

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures

Move to adopt conservation equivalency for 2023 black sea bass recreational management, with a 10% reduction in coastwide harvest compared to expected 2023 harvest under 2022 measures. Non-preferred coastwide measures are: 15 inch minimum size, 5 fish possession limit, May 15 – September 8 open season. Precautionary default measures are: 16 inch minimum size, 2 fish possession limit, June 1 – August 31 open season.

Council: Davidson/Cimino (18/1/0)

Board: Maniscalco/Clark (12/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to approve Virginia's proposal for a Wave 1 black sea bass recreational fishery for February 1-28, 2023, with a 13 inch minimum size limit and 15 fish bag limit

Geer/Hasbrouck

Motion carries by consent

Summer Flounder Recreational Measures

Move to adopt regional conservation equivalency for 2023 summer flounder recreational management, based on the outputs of the Recreational Demand Model. Non-preferred coastwide measures would include an 18-inch minimum size, 3 fish possession limit, and open season from May 15-September 22. Precautionary default measures would include a 20-inch minimum size, 2 fish possession limit, and open season from July 1-August 31.

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

Board: Nowalsky/Clark (10/1/1/0)

Motion carries

Wednesday, December 14, 2022

Monkfish Framework 13

For Action 3 (Gillnet Mesh), Alternative 2 (increasing mesh size) should be revised to have the implementation of this measure delayed until FY 2026 (i.e., not FY 2025 as stated in the Framework). The Council recommends that Alternative 2, Option B (12" minimum) be the preferred alternative.

Hughes on behalf of Monkfish Committee
Motion carries by consent

I move that the Council support the NEFMC remand request and delay final monkfish action.

Hughes/Farnham
Motion carries by consent

2023 Implementation Plan

Move to approve the 2023 Implementation Plan with the revisions approved by the Council today.

Duval/Feller
Motion carries by consent

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary Discussion

Move to recommend to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries that additional fishing regulations are not necessary to implement the proposed sanctuary designation.

Nowalsky/Lenox
Motion carries by consent

MSB Committee Report

Move that the Council request a more detailed explanation of the amendment rejection in terms of all 10 national standards and what NMFS recommends for future amendment development.

Hughes on behalf of MSB Committee

Motion to substitute:

That the Council request a more detailed explanation of the Amendment decision relative to all 10 NS and MSB Amendment 20's approval (longfin squid permits) and what NMFS recommends for future Amendment development on fish hold provisions and consideration of historic participants with limited flexibility to pursue other fisheries.

Nowalsky/Duval (14/1/2)
Motion to substitute carries

Substitute motion becomes the main motion:

That the Council request a more detailed explanation of the Amendment decision relative to all 10 NS and MSB Amendment 20's approval (longfin squid permits) and what NMFS recommends for future Amendment development on fish hold provisions and consideration of historic participants with limited flexibility to pursue other fisheries.

16/0/2

Motion carries

That the Council explore options/requirements for a framework or amendment to implement a fish hold measurement and baseline limitation for the Illex fishery.

Hughes on behalf of MSB Committee

I move to postpone action Until the April Council Meeting.

Nowalsky/Farnham

Motion carries by consent