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Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Advisory Panel and Committee Meeting

DATE

May 15, 2018; 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

LOCATION

Double Tree by Hilton Baltimore –BWI Airport, 890 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD, 21090

MEETING OBJECTIVE

To review development of the Chub Mackerel Amendment, develop a fishery performance report (AP only), and develop recommendations to the Council on various aspects of the amendment (see discussion questions below).

DRAFT AGENDA

(Times are approximate and subject to change.)

- 10:00 a.m.** Development of fishery performance report (AP only)
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch on your own
- 1:00 pm** AP and Committee discussion of amendment development to date and development of recommendations for management alternatives.
- 4:00 pm** Adjourn

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For development of AP fishery performance report:

1. What factors influence catch and landings of chub mackerel?
 - a. Market or economic issues? (e.g. fish prices, fuel prices, overall economy)
 - b. Environmental or ecological issues? (e.g. temperature, weather, abundance of other species)
 - c. Management or regulatory issues? (e.g. quotas or gear restrictions in other fisheries)
 - d. Other fishing behavior or operational issues? (e.g. participation in other fisheries, vessel characteristics)
 - e. Other factors?
2. What research recommendations should the Council consider for chub mackerel?
3. What other issues or concerns should the Council be aware of?

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For discussion of management alternatives:

1. Do you recommend any modifications to the goals and objectives developed by the FMAT?
2. What recommendations do you have for the Council and SSC regarding the management unit?
3. What factors should the SSC consider when they discuss ABCs?
4. What recommendations do you have for management alternatives?