

# **MAFMC October 2019 Council Motions**

## **October 7-10, 2019**

### **Durham NC**

#### **Monkfish**

Move that the Council approve the same FY2020-FY2022 monkfish specifications as the New England Council, Alternatives 2 and 3 in the October 2019 briefing materials.

Nolan/Heins

Motion carries by consent

#### **Illex Permitting and MSB Goals and Objectives Amendment**

Move that ITQs not be included in this Amendment.

Hughes for Committee

Motion carries by consent with one abstention

Move to remove all the options that use a 10,000-pound single trip threshold (under any time period).

Hughes for Committee

Motion carries by consent

Move to remove qualification dates that extend through 2019.

Hughes for Committee (2/16/0)

Motion fails

Move to direct the staff and FMAT to develop a tiered approach.

Nolan/DiLernia (17/1/0)

Motion carries

#### **Bluefish Specifications with Board**

Move that the average ABC approach, no reduction for management uncertainty, terminal year estimate be used for expected recreational landings, and NEFSC estimated discards be used for 2020 and 2021 specifications. This results in an ABC of 16.2 mil lbs., a recreational harvest limit of 3.62 mil lbs., and a commercial quota of 2.77 mil lbs.

Board: Ballou/Hart

Council:

Motion fails for lack of like motion by the Council

Move that the average ABC approach, no reduction for management uncertainty, terminal year estimate for expected recreational landings, and MRIP terminal year estimated discards be used for 2020 and 2021 specifications. This results in an ABC of 16.28 mil lbs., a recreational harvest limit of 9.48 mil lbs., and a commercial quota of 2.77 mil lbs.

Board: Batsavage/Davis (Roll call vote: 10/1/0/0)

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

Motion carries

### **Bluefish FMP Review (Board Only)**

Move to approve the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan Review of the 2018 fishing year, state compliance reports, and de minimis requests for Maine, South Carolina and Georgia's commercial fisheries.

Board: Ballou/Gary

Motion carries by consent

### **Scup Specifications with Board**

Move that, based on the averaged ABCs recommended by the SSC, in 2020 and 2021 the recreational ACL = ACT = 7.31 M lb. and the commercial ACL = ACT = 25.91 M lb.

Board: Borden/Meserve

Council: DiLernia/Davidson

Move to substitute that, based on the varying ABCs recommended by the SSC, the 2020 recreational ACL = ACT = 7.87 M lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 27.90 M lb. For 2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.75 M lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 23.92 M lb.

Board: Nowalsky/Davis (7/3/1/0)

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (14/4/1)

Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion:

Move that, based on the varying ABCs recommended by the SSC, the 2020 recreational ACL = ACT = 7.87 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 27.90 mil lb. For 2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.75 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 23.92 mil lb.

Board: (Roll call vote: 8/1/2/0)

Council: (15/1/3)

Motion carries

Move that for 2020, using the 3-year average method for sector discards, the recreational harvest limit is 6.51 mil lb. and commercial quota of 22.23 mil lb. For 2021, the recreational harvest limit is 5.34 mil lb. and commercial quota of 18.06 mil lb.

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (17/0/2)

Board: Nowalsky/Davis (Roll call vote: 9/0/2/0)

Motion carries

### **Black Sea Bass Specifications**

Move that, based on the averaged ABCs recommended by the SSC and the previous MC methodology for discards, in each year 2020-2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 8.09 mil lb. and the commercial ACL = ACT = 6.98 mil lb. This results in an RHL of 5.81 mil lb. and a commercial quota of 5.58 mil lb. in each year.

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (16/1/1)

Board: Nowalsky/Reid (Roll call vote: 9/1/1/0)

Motion carries

Move to substitute that based on the averaged ABCs recommended by the SSC and the new MC methodology for discards, in each year 2020-2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.85 mil lb. and the commercial ACL = ACT = 8.22 mil lb. This results in an RHL of 5.48 mil lb. and a commercial quota of 5.26 mil lb. in each year.

Council: Batsavage/deFur

Board: Batsavage/

Motion fails for lack of a second by the Board

### **Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Sector Allocation**

Move to initiate an amendment to consider modifications to the commercial/recreational sector allocations for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

Council: deFur/Heins (13/4/0)

Board: Davis/Kane (10/1/0/0)

Motion carries

### **Black Sea Bass Commercial Issues**

Board only motion:

Move to initiate an addendum to consider adjustments to the commercial black sea bass allocations consistent with the goal statement and options developed by the Board.

Meserve/Davis (10/0/1/0)

Motion carries

Council only motions:

I move to activate the black sea bass commercial amendment in a joint action with ASMFC.

Nolan/Hughes

Move to postpone motion until December joint meeting.

Nowalsky/DiLernia

Motion carries by consent

Board only motion:

Move to nominate Justin Davis for vice chair of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board.

Cimino/Reid

Motion carries by consent