

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
December 14-17, 2020
Webinar Meeting

MOTIONS

Monday, December 13, 2020

2021 Implementation Plan

Move to add to the 2021 workplan initiation of an action to implement a possession limit for frigate and bullet mackerel in the Mid-Atlantic.

DiLernia/deFur (12/8/0)

Motion carries

Move to approve the 2021 Implementation Plan with the revisions approved today.

deFur/Duval (18/2/0)

Motion carries

Tuesday, December 15, 2020

SSC Economic Work Group Report

Move to recommend proceeding with the river herring/shad catch cap SSC Economic Work Group project as proposed for development in 2021.

deFur/Winslow

Move to substitute to use the RSA Redevelopment Workshop as the case study.

Nowalsky/Pentony (15/4/1)

Motion to substitute carries

Substitute motion becomes the main motion:

Move to recommend proceeding with the RSA Redevelopment Workshop SSC Economic Work Group project as proposed for development in 2021.

(19/0/1)

Motion carries

Scup 2021 Recreational Specifications

Move to maintain status quo state and federal waters recreational measures for scup in 2021, including a federal waters minimum size limit of 9 inches, a 50 fish federal waters possession limit, and open federal waters season of January 1 through December 31.

Board: Fote/Meserve (Motion carries by consent without abstention)

Council: Cimino/Risi (19/0/0)

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass 2021 Recreational Specifications

Move to maintain status quo state and federal waters recreational measures for black sea bass in 2021, including a federal waters minimum size limit of 12.5 inches, a 15 fish federal waters possession limit, and open federal waters seasons of Feb 1-28 and May 15-Dec 31.

Council: Lenox/Bolen (18/0/1)

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

Motion carries

Summer Flounder 2021 Recreational Specifications

Move to adopt status quo management based on conservation equivalency, utilizing the same regional management structure and measures established for 2020, for 2021 summer flounder recreational management, with non-preferred coastwide measures including a 19-inch minimum size, 4 fish possession limit, and open season from May 15-September 15. In addition, the precautionary default measures would include a 20-inch minimum size, 2 fish possession limit, and open season from July 1-August 31.

Board: Hasbrouck/Borden (Motion carries by consent without abstention)

Council: Davidson/Cimino (20/0/0)

Motion carries

Bluefish 2021 Recreational Specifications

Move to maintain status quo state and federal waters recreational measures for bluefish in 2021, including a 3-fish and 5-fish bag limit for private and for-hire anglers, respectively. This includes conservation equivalency measures for Georgia state waters, which includes a 15 fish bag limit, minimum size of 12 inches, and a closed season of March 1st through April 30th.

Board: Davis/Clark (14/0/0/0)

Council: Pentony/Risi (16/2/0)

Motion carries

Wednesday, December 16, 2020

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment

Move to approve the Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment public hearing document and Commission draft amendment document for public comment as modified today.

Council: DiLernia/Duval (15/5/0)

Board: Meserve/Davis (10/2/0/0)

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment and Draft Addendum XXXIII

Move that the Council and Board adopt option B under 3.2.2 as the preferred alternative (coastwide federal in-season closure at quota plus a buffer of up to 5%).

Council: Pentony/DiLernia (18/0/0)

Board: Borden/Meserve (11/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to adopt option B under 3.2.1 (allocations in both FMPs) and sub-option B1 (states only pay back overages if coastwide quota is exceeded).

Council: Cimino/Hughes

Board: Cimino/Batsavage

Move to postpone until the February 2021 Commission meeting.

Board: Gilmore/Fote

Council: deFur/DiLernia (10/10/0)

Motion to postpone fails for lack of Council majority

Move to substitute option A (allocations remain only in Commission FMP) for option B under 3.2.1.

Board: Reid/Hasbrouck

Council: Farnham/Pentony (5/15/0)

Motion to substitute fails for lack of Council majority

Return to the main motion:

Move to adopt option B under 3.2.1 (allocations in both FMPs) and sub-option B1 (states only pay back overages if coastwide quota is exceeded).

Council: (15/5/0)

Board: (6/5/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to postpone further action until the next joint meeting hosted by the Commission.

Council: Bolen/deFur (20/0/0)

Board: Davis/Fote (Motion carries by consent without abstention)

Motion carries

Thursday, December 17, 2020

Continuing and New Business

I move that the Council send a letter to NOAA Fisheries recommending the agency clarify guidance on the use of the Ecosystem Component species designation, particularly how measures intended to protect the ecosystem roles of such species may be implemented across jurisdictions and fishery management plans.

Duval/DiLernia

Motion carries by consent with abstention by NMFS