

October 2017 Council Motions
Hyatt Riverhead NY

Surfclam & Ocean Quahog Goals & Objectives

Move to adopt the FMAT recommendations for goals and objectives for inclusion in the Excessive Shares Public Hearing Document, as presented in the briefing book and presentation today.

deFur/O'Reilly

20/0/0 motion carries

Tilefish Motion

Move to approve that the Golden Tilefish IFQ Program 5-year Review (dated September 2017) is completed and that it meets the requirements of the MSA and is consistent with this guidance.

Baum/deFur

Move to postpone this action until the December Council meeting.

Nowalsky/Hughes

Passed by consent with 1 recusal (Nolan).

Lobster SBRM

Move the Council select Alternative 2 (Include non-VTR lobster pot vessels in the SBRM), as preferred and submit the SBRM Omnibus Framework to the National Marine Fisheries Service

Bullard/DiLernia

Motion passes by consent

EAFM

Move the list of elements as presented today to help inform the EAFM guidance/risk assessment document for further consideration by the EOP Committee.

Elliott/DiLernia 18/2/0

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery

Move to recommend NMFS open the recreational black sea bass fishery in federal waters from February 1 – 28, 2018, 12.5" and 15 fish per person possession limit. Based on staff analysis, the 2018 RHL that applies to the remainder of the fishing year will be reduced by the preliminary estimate of 100,000 pounds to account for expected catch during the February season. Adjustments to the 2018 recreational measures to account for this estimated February catch will be required only of states that participate in the February fishery.

Nowalsky/Hughes (12/6/2 abs)

Motion passes

Continuing and New Business

Move to send a letter to the NEFMC requesting that the Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Access Program Framework action remain a 2018 priority.

Nowalsky/Mann 18/0/1

Motion carries