Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council April 6-8, 2021 Webinar Meeting

MOTIONS

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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

In order to prioritize work on the Recreational Reform Initiative, I move to postpone final action on this amendment until the December 2021 joint Council/Commission meeting, with an understanding of a January 2023 implementation date.

Council: DiLernia/deFur 16/2/1

Board: Borden/Gilmore Motion passes with no objection and 2 abstentions (USFWS and NMFS)

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Blueline Tilefish 2022-2024 Specifications

Move that the blueline tilefish ABC = 100,520 pounds for the 2022-2024 fishing years with status quo management measures. This results in status quo ACLs of 73,380 pounds and 27,140 pounds for the recreational and commercial sectors, respectively. Council: Hemilright/Hughes

Motion carries by consent with no abstentions.

Golden Tilefish Framework

In section 5.1, move alternative 5.1.2 (alternative 2): specifications to be set for maximum number of years needed to be consistent with the Northeast Regional Coordinating Council (NRCC) approved stock assessment schedule as the preferred alternative. Council: Farnham/DiLernia Motion carries by consent with no abstentions

In section 5.2, move alternative 5.2.2 (alternative 2): the golden tilefish fishing year is the 12month period beginning with January 1, annually, as the preferred alternative. Council: Farnham/DiLernia Motion carries by consent with no abstentions