

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
June 7-10, 2021
Webinar Meeting

MOTIONS

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Bluefish Amendment

FMP Goals and Objectives

Move to approve the proposed FMP Goals and Objectives as presented in the staff memo.

Council: Duval/DiLernia (Motion carries by consent)

Board: Gilmore/Meserve (Motion carries by consent)

Motion carries

Goal 1: Conserve the bluefish resource through stakeholder engagement to maintain sustainable recreational fishing and commercial harvest.

Objective 1.1: Achieve and maintain a sustainable spawning stock biomass and rate of fishing mortality.

Objective 1.2: Promote practices that reduce ~~discard~~ ~~release~~ mortality within the recreational and commercial fishery.

Objective 1.3: Maintain effective coordination between the National Marine Fisheries Service, Council, Commission, and member states by promoting compliance and to support the development and implementation of management measures.

Objective 1.4: Promote compliance and effective enforcement of regulations.

Objective 1.5: Promote science, monitoring, and data collection that support and enhance effective ecosystem-based management of the bluefish resource.

Goal 2: Provide fair and equitable access to the fishery across all user groups throughout the management unit.

Objective 2.1: Ensure the implementation of management measures provides fair and equitable access to the resource across all ~~user~~ groups ~~along the coast~~ ~~within the management unit~~.

Objective 2.2: Consider the economic and social needs and priorities of all groups that access the bluefish resource in the development of new management measures.

Objective 2.3: Maintain effective coordination with stakeholder groups to ensure optimization of economic and social benefits.

Rebuilding Plan

Move to approve Alternative 4d (7-years), which utilizes a constant fishing mortality approach as a rebuilding plan.

Board: Meserve/Borden

Council: Nowalsky/DiLernia

Move to substitute Alternative 4c (5-years), which utilizes the Council's p* approach as a rebuilding plan.

Board: Ware/Patterson (6/9/0/1)

Council: Pentony/Bolen

Motion to substitute fails for lack of Board majority

Return to the main motion:

Move to approve Alternative 4d (7-years), which utilizes a constant fishing mortality approach as a rebuilding plan.

Board: 12/3/0/1

Council: 13/7/0

Motion carries

Commercial/Recreational Allocations

Move to approve Alternatives 2a-3 and 2b-1, which includes an 87% recreational allocation and 13% commercial allocation with no phase-in.

Board: Miller/Gary

Council: Nowalsky/Davidson

Move to substitute to approve Alternative 2a-1: 83% recreational, 17% commercial, which is the status quo alternative.

Council: Hemilright/Farnham

Board: Hasbrouck/Reid (2/12/2/0)

Motion to substitute fails for lack of Board majority

Move to substitute to approve Alternative 2a-4 and 2b-1, which includes an 86% recreational allocation and 14% commercial allocation with no phase-in.

Council: DiLernia/Cimino (15/4/1)

Board: Cimino/Madsen (13/0/1/2)

Motion to substitute carries

Substitute becomes the main motion:

Move to approve Alternative 2a-4 and 2b-1, which includes an 86% recreational allocation and 14% commercial allocation with no phase-in.

Board: Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Council: Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Motion carries

Commercial Allocations to the States

Move to approve 3a-4 (81-89, 09-18), 3b-1 (no phase-in), 3c-1 (no trigger), and 3d-2 (0.10% minimum default allocation).

Board: Haymans/Hart

Council: Bolen/Stormer

Move to substitute 3a-3 (09-18), 3b-2 (phase-in), 3c-1 (no trigger), and 3d-2 (0.10% minimum default allocation).

Board: Gilmore/Meserve (8/7/1/0)

Council: Cimino/Farnham (11/6/2)

Motion to substitute carries

Substitute motion becomes the main motion

Move to approve 3a-3 (09-18), 3b-2 (phase-in), 3c-1 (no trigger), and 3d-2 (0.10% minimum default allocation).

Move to amend to include a review of the allocations to states in 5 years post-implementation.

Board: Ware/Borden (12/3/1/0)

Council Davidson/DiLernia (17/2/1)

Motion to amend carries

Amended motion becomes the main motion:

Move to approve 3a-3 (09-18) with a review of the allocations to states in 5 years post-implementation, 3b-2 (phase-in), 3c-1 (no trigger), and 3d-2 (0.10% minimum default allocation).

Council: Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Board: 12/3/1/0

Motion carries

Sector Transfers

Move to approve Alternatives 5a-2 and 5b-2, which allows for bi-directional transfers and a 10% transfer cap.

Council: Cimino/DiLernia (Motion carries by consent)

Board: Cimino/Meserve (Motion carries by consent)

Motion carries

Management Uncertainty

Move to approve Alternative 6b for management uncertainty, which incorporates a management uncertainty buffer after the sector split.

Council: Duval/DiLernia (18/1/0)

Board: Hasbrouck/Madsen (14/1/0/1)

Motion carries

De Minimis Provisions (Board only)

I move to approve de minimis Alternative 7c (state-selected management measures).

Board: Haymans/Bell (4/10/1/1)

Motion fails

I move to approve de minimis Alternative 7a (status quo)

Board: Patterson/Meserve (12/3/1/0)

Motion carries

Final Action

Council Motion:

Move to submit the Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment, with the identification of preferred alternatives selected today, to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

deFur/Duval

Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Board Motion:

Move to recommend to the Commission the approval of the Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment to the Bluefish Interstate Fishery Management Plan 2 as modified today. The effective date of any FMP modifications would be consistent with the effective date published in the final rule in the Federal Register.

Gilmore/Patterson (12/3/1/0, abstention by NMFS)

Motion carries

Other (Board only)

Move to approve the nomination to the ASMFC Bluefish Advisory Panel for Charles T. Locke of NC.

Board: Gorham/Cimino

Motion carries by consent

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog 2022 Specifications Review

Move to request that the regional administrator suspend the Atlantic surfclam minimum size for 2022.

deFur/Hughes

Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Illex Squid 2021-2022 Specifications

I move to adopt the following Illex specifications for 2021-2022:

ABC = 33,000MT, IOY = DAH = DAP = 31,478.7 MT to account for discards, including sending NMFS a comment letter on the current MSB specifications proposed rule that the final rule implement these updated specifications as soon as possible.

Hughes/Farnham

Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment

I move to rescind the February 1, 2021 motion to submit the Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment to NMFS.

DiLernia/deFur (19/0/1)

Motion carries

I move that the Council revisit the black sea bass commercial state allocations in coordination with the ASMFC SFSBSB Management Board.

DiLernia/Batsavage

Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS