Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

October 3-5, 2023
New York, NY

MOTIONS

Tuesday, October 3, 2023

Executive Committee

Move to approve the draft 2024 Proposed Actions and Deliverables, with the revisions adopted today, for development as the 2024 Implementation Plan.

Luisi/Davidson
Motion carries by consent

Monkfish and Dogfish Framework to Reduce Sturgeon Bycatch

Move to approve the range of alternatives for monkfish as discussed today and approved by the NEFMC on 9/28.

Pentony/Hughes
Motion carries by consent

Move to approve the range of alternatives for spiny dogfish as discussed today and approved by the NEFMC on 9/28.

Hughes/Gwin
Motion carries by consent

Move that the Council adds the following research to their research priorities when next reviewed:

- Explore future use of data loggers as a tool to enforce gillnet soak times.
- Explore use of low-profile gillnet gear in the spiny dogfish fishery and in the Southern New England region for monkfish as a potential future management tool.

Hughes/Gwin
Motion carries by consent

Illex Hold Framework

I move that the Council adopt Alternatives 3 and 4.

Hughes for Committee
Motion carries by consent

I move that the Council adopt Alternative 2a as a preferred alternative (a permit in Confirmation of Permit History (CPH) that had an existing certified volumetric hold baseline measurement

immediately prior to entering CPH, could use that measurement to establish a vessel hold baseline for that vessel's Illex permit within the 12-month implementation period).

Duval/Luisi
Motion carries by consent

Move to submit the *Illex* Hold Framework to GARFO.

Hughes/Luisi
Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

NEFSC Federal Surveys

The Council requests the Northeast Fishery Science Center (NEFSC) to develop a white paper to be submitted to the Council by January 12, 2024, outlining an industry-based survey that is complementary to the spring and autumn Bottom Trawl Survey.

Hughes/Farnham
Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention by NMFS