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Julia-

Thank you for your efforts and leading yesterday's discussion. I'm not replying all, but please consider including. For the FPR document, a few things—

Since we know that other forage species like Atlantic herring, Atlantic mackerel, and butterfish are either overfished or trending down, can that statement be moved into the 'management issues' section, instead of 'research priorities'.

It would be good to note that the current TAL of 4.5 million pounds is well above the 2000-2019 total landings average (522,390 pounds/year) for chub mackerel.

It's also worth mentioning that while chub mackerel are an extremely data poor forage species (requiring a precautionary approach to management per the Council's EAFM Guidance Document), there is price/pound, observer and VTR data from Amendment 21 detailing that while most chub mackerel catch is kept, that when discards do occur it's often due to a lack of market. Understandably, this data is several years old, but it could provide helpful context for future decision-making.

Lastly, I want to acknowledge that yesterday's AP call could have benefited from additional attendance from other AP members and others that have a more intimate knowledge of recreational fishing and the importance chub mackerel play in that activity. I look forward to next week's SSC discussion and thanks again for all your efforts!

Best,
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Best wishes,

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