

**December 2010 Motions  
Virginia Beach, VA  
December 14-15, 2010**

**Summer Flounder Recreational Management Measures for 2011**

Move conservation equivalency for 2011 summer flounder fishery with a non-preferred coastwide measure consisting of an 18.5 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1 through September 30, 2011. In addition, the precautionary default measure consisting of a 20.0 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1 through September 30, 2011.

Council: Munden/deFur (14/4/1)

Board: Munden/Augustine (8/0/1/1) passed by show of hands

Motion carries

**Scup recreational Management Measures**

Move NOAA and the MRFSS program provide a wave data report that explains the assumptions, extrapolations, and methodologies regarding the final catch data.

Zeman/no second

Motion fails

Move that states MA through NJ adopt a 9" minimum TL, 10 fish possession limit, and a 30 day bonus season with 30 fish bag limit for all anglers with no closed season. For all other states an 8" minimum TL, 10 fish possession limit with no closed season.

Board: Simpson/Augustine

Council: Augustine/Zeman

Motion

Substitute motion to reconsider 2011 Scup TAL.

Board: Augustine/Munden (9/0/1/0)

Council: Pate/Munden (18/0/1)

Motion carries

Substitute becomes main motion.

Board: 9/0/1

Council: 18/0/1

Motion carries

Move to increase 2011 TAL to a level associated with a 5.74 million pound recreational harvest limit, and maintain status quo recreational management measures in federal and state waters.

Council: Pate/Anderson (17/0/1)

Board: Augustine/Munden (9/0/1/0)

Motion carries

### **Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures for 2011**

Move to recommend status quo for the 2011 recreational black sea bass fishery in the waters of the EEZ and to direct ASMFC staff to initiate an addendum to the Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup Fishery Management Plan that will address the regional imbalance in the recreational black sea bass fishery and will provide regional and /or state specific allocation scenarios that include season, size limits, and possession limits by area for 2011.

Board: Luisi/Augustine

Council: Luisi/Augustine

Move to table above motion.

C King/Anderson (18/0)

B Augustine/Munden 10/0/0

Motion carries

Move to recommend status quo for the 2011 recreational black sea bass fishery in the waters of the EEZ. Direct ASMFC staff to initiate an addendum to the Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup Fishery Management Plan that will address the regional imbalance in the recreational black sea bass fishery and will provide regional and /or state specific allocation scenarios that include season, size limits, and possession limits by area for 2011.

Augustine

No second

Motion fails

Move to adopt a 13" minimum fish size, 25 fish possession limit, open season from 7/1 to 10/1 and 11/1 - 12/31.

Council: Augustine/Kray

Board: Augustine/Cole

Substitute above motion to adopt a 13" minimum fish size, 10 fish possession limit, and an open season of 5/30 - 9/5 and 11/1 - 12/31.

Board: Pierce/Luisi (5/13/1)

Council: King/Schafer

Motion fails

Amend to adopt the following coastwide measures for black sea bass; 13" minimum fish size, 25 fish possession limit, open season from 7/1 to 10/1 and 11/1 - 12/31.

These measures will remain in effect until such time that the ASMFC approves an addendum to the summer flounder, scup, black sea bass plan that evaluates and approves regional specifications for black sea bass that achieve the necessary reduction in fishing mortality for 2011, at which time management measures in Federal waters will revert to status quo.

Board: Augustine/Luisi (5/4/0/1)

Council: Pate/Kray (16/1/1)

Motion carries

Amended motion becomes main motion.

Council: 17/2/1

Board: motion carries by show of hands.

Motion carries

### **Executive Committee**

Move to adopt revised travel and compensation section of the SOPPSs.

Robins for Committee - no objection

Motion carries

Move to amend the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass plan to allow for spatial or regional management of the black sea bass recreational fishery.

Robins for Committee - no objection

Motion carries

### **Agreed by Consent (Executive Committee)**

Agreed by consent to move forward with a Statement of Work to initiate a roadmap process regarding strategic planning and visioning.

Agreed by consent that scup allocation becomes a priority in 2011 with a January 31, 2011 deadline for Statement of Work. We will look for a contractor to facilitate this process for a bio-economic analysis for recreational/commercial allocation and move fish from the winter period to the summer period to improve the economic performance of the fishery.

Agreed by consent that the MAFMC should have a well-developed communication program that is strategic and integrated with the communication programs of the other Councils, NOAA Fisheries, ASMFC, and our member states. We will initiate action to recruit a dedicated Communications Specialist to manage the program. As we search for the right person to manage the program, we can begin working with contractors to develop a strategic communications plan and begin several projects to enhance our image and communication activities. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee at the February 2011 meeting.

### **Dogfish Motions**

Move that the Research Set-Aside (RSA) provision be included in Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

Move that the Commercial allocation alternatives consisting of options for:  
    A. Seasonal Quota Allocation (Status Quo)  
    B. Regional Quota Allocations  
be included in Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

Move that specifying the spiny dogfish quota and/or trip limits by sex not be included in Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

Move that the limited access spiny dogfish permit be included in Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

Move that the recreational spiny dogfish fishery not be included in Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

Move that essential fish habitat designations be included in Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

Move that the rollover of annual management measures be included in  
Amendment 3.  
Munden for Committee - no objection  
Motion carries

**Business Session**

Move to approve June 2010 and October 2010 minutes  
Moved with no objection