Tuesday, October 6, 2015

**Blueline Tilefish**

Move that the Council request that the service publish a control date for all sectors for blueline tilefish.
Nowalsky/Nolan (12/7/0)
Motion carries

**Spiny Dogfish**

Move to set the 2016 ABC at 16,765 mt.
Nowalsky/King (18/6/0)
Motion carries

Move to accept the other management measures defined in table 1 of the staff memo from J. Didden to Dr. Chris Moore.
O’Reilly/deFur (21/1/1)
Motion carries

Move to request an analysis to substitute that the catch limit for 2016 be based on a 3-year average of the mature female biomass for 2015, 2013, and 2012/2011 combined (average 184,000 mt.) and not based on a 2-year (2013 & 2015) average of 135,500 mt).
Pierce/DiLernia
Ruled out of order by chair

Move that the Council request that the SSC, with guidance from the NEFSC, determine the OFL and the ABC for 2016 using a 3-yr average of mature female biomass for 2015, 2013, and 2012/2011 combined and any other options that the SSC/Center consider appropriate.
Pierce/Batsavage (24/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to eliminate the federal trip limit.
Hemilright/Luisi (7/15/1)
Motion fails
Wednesday, October 7, 2015

**Black Sea Bass**

Move that the Council revise its recommendations to GARFO on black sea bass for 2016 and 2017 to an ABC of 6.67 million lb, a commercial quota of 2.71 million lb, and a recreational harvest limit of 2.82 million lb.
DiLernia/Luisi (18/0/0)
Motion carries

**NEFMC Framework for Surfclams & Quahogs**

To ask the NEFMC to prioritize the Framework adjustment to Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 (OHA2), to consider hydraulic clam dredge access within the Great South Channel and Georges Shoal Habitat Management Areas approved by the NEFMC in OHA2.
Kaelin/Anderson
Approved by consent

**Unmanaged Forage Fish**

Move to initiate an omnibus amendment that adds unmanaged forage species as Ecosystem Component species to the relevant mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Plans and prohibits the development of new, and expansion of existing, commercial and recreational fisheries in the Mid-Atlantic federal waters that would direct on those unmanaged species using any gear type.
McMurray/Anderson (16/3/0)
Motion carries

I move that the motion be amended to add state waters after federal waters.
Kaelin/Nowalsky (2/16/1)
Motion fails

Thursday, October 8, 2015

**Industry Funded Observer Amendment**

I move that we task the PDT/FMAT with continuing to refine cost assumptions and economic analysis of mackerel coverage target alternatives and consider a monitoring set-aside as an omnibus alternative in the IFM Amendment.
Bullard/Heins (19/0/0)
Motion carries
Continuing and New Business

Move that the MAFMC ask the NMFS HMS Division to hold public meetings to review the results of the smooth dogfish SEDAR and review Amendment 9 alternatives.
Kaelin/Hemilright
Motion approved by consent