Presentation Outline

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Overview of Issue

• 2020 scheduled review of Kingfishes FMP
• Annual Stock Overview Report
• No changes necessary
• Division recommends MFC approve fishery management plan (FMP) update (fulfilling scheduled review)
Fishery Overview

3 Common Kingfish Species

Gulf Kingfish
Menticirrhus littoralis
- uniform grey on top, white silver on bottom
- black spot at end of tail

Northern Kingfish
Menticirrhus saxatilis
- elongated dorsal spine
- "mottled" sides

Southern Kingfish
Menticirrhus americanus
- "mottled sides"
- often has dark yellowish colored fins underneath

Distribution of Southern kingfish
Fishery Overview

Recreational
Commercial

Year

Landings Weight (pounds)
0 500,000 1,000,000 1,500,000 2,000,000 2,500,000
Management Strategy

2007 Kingfishes FMP
• Implemented trend analysis and management triggers

2015 Kingfishes FMP Information Update
• Refined and modified to better assess population trends
• Trend analysis and management triggers
  ▪ Updated annually
  ▪ Alerts managers to the potential need for management action
  ▪ Two triggers two years in a row required
Monitoring Programs

Fishery-Independent Monitoring
- Pamlico Sound Survey
- Independent Gill Net Survey
- Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP)

Fishery-Dependent Monitoring
- DMF Trip Ticket Program
- Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)
## Management Triggers

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DMF Recommendation

Division recommends the 2020 Kingfishes FMP annual update serve as the scheduled review of the NC Kingfishes FMP.

- All current management strategies will be maintained
- Stock conditions will be monitored and reported in annual FMP update.
- MFC will continue to receive FMP review schedule
- Next scheduled review → 2025
Next Steps

Action Item
Vote on final approval of Kingfishes FMP Update