

# OVERVIEW

## Limited Access Privilege Program Committee Meeting

June 8, 2008  
Hutchinson Island Marriott  
555 NE Ocean Boulevard  
Stuart, FL

At this meeting of the Limited Access Privilege Program Committee, the Committee needs to: (A) receive an update on the Sunday meeting between SSC members and the Golden Crab and Wreckfish APs as well as individual meetings of the Golden Crab AP and Wreckfish AP; (B) review LAP options and provide direction to staff; and (C) develop a timing and task motion for future work to be completed.

### **A. Update on SSC, Golden Crab AP, Wreckfish AP Information Gathering Workshop (Attachments 1 & 2)**

On Sunday, June 7, 2009, the SSC will meet with the Golden Crab AP and the Wreckfish AP in an information gathering workshop. The purpose of this workshop is to provide fishermen the opportunity to share their on the water knowledge about stock levels given that the available stock assessment results are older. Since the wreckfish fishery is under ITQ (LAP) management and a golden crab LAP program will likely be considered by the Council in the next couple of years at the request of several of the golden crab fishermen, assignment of an ACL is of particular importance to the individual fishermen since it strongly impacts their annual catch expectations. The fishermen want to convey to the SSC, a general understanding of each of the fisheries as well as point out that these fisheries are underutilized and that therefore, recent landings do not reflect stock abundance. Instead, recent landings reflect the economic and marketing constraints of each fishery.

At the Sunday meeting, Council staff will review the biology and life histories of each species, discuss available stock assessment data, and assist the fishermen in making a presentation to the SSC about the fishery's technical, economic and marketing aspects. Fishermen will also be available to answer questions. Attachments 1 and 2 summarize the information made by the fishermen in their presentations. This information will supplement the other information used by the SSC to make ACL determinations for these species.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide staff guidance as necessary.

**B. Review LAP Options and Provide Direction to Staff (Attachments 3 & 4)**

The Committee will review Amendment 18 actions and discuss whether there is a preference for a separate LAP Comprehensive Amendment. Amendment 18 contains a golden tilefish LAP action and a wreckfish ITQ action that allows for changes to be made to the program to bring it in compliance with the reauthorized MSA. Currently, the Council has also approved beginning work on a Golden Crab LAP Amendment as staff time allows. The Committee can discuss whether it might be preferable to combine all three LAP actions into one document. The Committee will also be presented with information about staff time available to draft a Comprehensive LAP Amendment.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide staff guidance regarding LAP options.

**C. Timing and Task Motion**

The Committee needs to develop a timing and task motion that outlines work the Committee would like to see accomplished before the next meeting of the LAP Committee and in the near future.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Make a timing and task motion.