Golden Crab Comments Amendment 5 to Golden Crab Fishery Management Plan
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The following is a summarization of my comments for the amendment.
Action 1. Support Alternative 1.
Action 2. Support Alternative 6.
Action 3. Support Alternative 7.
Action 4. Support Alternative 11a.
Action 5. Support Neither Alternatives Proposed, failure to allow shareholders to transfer shares to new entrants upon shareholder approval and designation. It is the reason why I do not support Alternative 2 of Action 1.
Action 6. Support Alternative 2
Action 7. Support Alternative 2
Action 8. Support Alternative 2
Action 9. Support Alternative 2
Action 10. Support Alternative 3 (55% maximum cap of quota can be owned as shares by any one entity)
Action 11. Support Alternative 3c.
Action 12. Support Alternative 2
Action 13. Support Alternative 2a.
Action 14. Support Alternative 1.
Action 15. Support Alternative 2 and 3
Action 16. Support Alternative 2
Action 17. Support Alternative 2
Action 18. Support Alternative 2
Action 19 Support Alternative 2
Action 20 Support Alternative 1
Action 21 Support Alternative 3
Action 22 Support Alternative 2a.
Action 23 Support Alternative 1.
Action 24 Support Alternative 2.

I would advise all parties including the council, advisory panel, and general public to add another action to the amendment. That action is described below,

Action 25. For experimental fishery within the Charleston Bump Complex which would be open to any current captains, crew members, vessel owners, and other associated and golden crab fishery businesses for development. A formal request to NMFS has not been made for such as exemption, but approving the action would allow exploration planning within South Atlantic fishery community. Within a potential request made to NMFS would include, full scientific observation during trips made within the Charleston Bump Complex to record, sample, and analyze biomass of Golden Crab and any other by-catch biomass. Biomass landings minus scientific sampling removals will be available for sale to dealers. Vessel limits may exist within the experimental fishery. A three year minimum in participation, unless participating vessel becomes duress due to lack of landings. If vessel limits exist then new entrant(s) with current

golden crab permits, captains, and crew member may access the experimental fishery. Any US adult citizen may collaborate in business with experimental fishery participates to promotion to use of a ‘Safe Harvest Report’ which includes an update stock assessment and projected population over area before harvesting takes place. The ‘Safe Harvest Report’ would provide some parameters to what the fishing may occur and its effects on population and maximum sustainable yield.