

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE ADVISORY PANEL COMMITTEE MEETING
(CLOSED SESSION)
Wilmington, NC
December 2, 2008**

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee reviewed applications for openings on the Coral AP, the Deepwater Shrimp AP, Habitat and Environmental Protection AP, the King and Spanish Mackerel AP, the Shrimp AP, and the Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel.

The Committee reviewed a request by Joanna Walczack for a transfer from the Habitat AP to the Coral AP and recommended the request be denied. If the transfer is denied, she has indicated her resignation from the Habitat AP, creating an open seat. The Committee also acknowledged that John Brock with USGS recently moved and resigned from the Coral AP. Staff will work with USGS to determine his replacement for the agency.

The Committee recommended that applicants for a media seat on the Habitat AP also be considered in the future for open seats on the I&E Advisory Panel.

The Committee recommended readvertising one open seat on the Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel, one open seat on the Habitat AP, and three open seats on the Shrimp AP specific for applicants from North Carolina and South Carolina.

The Committee discussed reporting methods for advisory panels and recommended the LAPP Golden Tilefish Workgroup report be used as an example for future reports. The report includes notes on majority and minority opinions and may include motions if necessary. The AP Chair and staff person responsible for the advisory panel will write the final report.

Orientation of new AP members will be addressed in writing, with the staff person in charge of the AP outlining the responsibilities of the AP members prior to their first meeting. The PIO will update the general information sheet for advisory panels and include the information with all application forms (both hard copies and applications accessed online). News releases advertising open seats on advisory panels will strongly encourage applicants to contact their state Council representatives to discuss their interest in a position. Cover letters for applications will also encourage applicants to contact Council members. Council members will continue to assist in soliciting applicants.

An application form and law enforcement background check will be used for all workgroups.

The Committee approved the following motions:

MOTION #1

REAPPOINT CLARK ALEXANDER, SANDRA BROOKE, HENRY FEDERN, DAVID GILLIAM AND KEN NEDIMYER TO THE CORAL AP. ADVERTISE AN OPEN SEAT ON THE CORAL AP FOR A SCIENTIST WITH LIVE BOTTOM/HARD BOTTOM EXPERIENCE.

MOTION #2

APPOINT MICHAEL MERRIFIELD TO THE DEEPWATER SHRIMP AP.

MOTION # 3

APPOINT ZACH BOWEN TO THE KING AND SPANISH MACKEREL AP.

MOTION #4

REAPPOINT SCOTT BAKER, FRED DENNIS, AND BOB JONES TO THE SHRIMP AP AND APPOINT HENRY SKIPPER, MARILYN SOLORZANO, AND JANIE THOMAS. READVERTISE THREE REMAINING SEATS SPECIFIC TO NC AND SC.

MOTION #5

REAPPOINT TOM BURGESS TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

MOTION #6

APPOINT TERRY GIBSON TO THE HABITAT AP.

MOTION #7

APPOINT KENNY FEX, PAUL FORSBERG, CHRIS DECKER, BLAIN DICKENSON, ALAN LEARY, AND RODNEY SMITH TO THE SNAPPER GROUPE AP.

MOTION #8

REMOVE ROBERT PRESTON FROM THE GOLDEN TILEFISH LAPP WORKGROUP.