FINAL
SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
SHRIMP COMMITTEE MEETING
Savannah, GA
March 6, 2012

The Shrimp Committee met on March 6, 2012, in Savannah, GA. Council staff provided a presentation on the limited entry program in the rock shrimp fishery, including a description of limited entry permits and potential latent permits. Laurilee Thompson of the Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel provided additional input on concerns that the number of limited entry permits will continue to decline, and suggested that the Council consider a provision to maintain a minimum number of permits for rock shrimp. The Committee directed staff to work with the Deepwater Shrimp AP on the issue for a future amendment.

The Committee also received a presentation on the royal red shrimp fishery, including a briefing on landings and participation. The Committee discussed overlap of South Atlantic rock shrimp and royal red shrimp fishermen, and also overlap with Gulf shrimp fisheries. The Committee raised a concern that some vessels harvesting royal red shrimp may not have VMS because it is not required for Gulf royal red shrimp vessels. The Committee directed staff to work with the APs and report on how many royal red vessels also hold rock shrimp permits and Gulf shrimp permits for the purpose of determining whether all royal red vessels have VMS.

Council staff provided a summary of public comments from scoping meetings on Shrimp Amendment 9. The Committee reviewed the actions in Amendment 9 and provided staff with direction for development of alternatives. The Committee also approved appointment of Trish Murphey (North Carolina) and Aaron Podey (Florida) to the Shrimp Review Panel.

The Committee made the following motions:

<u>Action 1</u>
MOTION: Remove shrimp abundance as criteria in Part 1.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: INCLUDE AN ALTERNATIVE IN ACTION 1 THAT ALLOWS A STATE TO REQUEST A CONCURRENT CLOSURE WITH INFORMATION DEMONSTRATING A DECREASE IN SHRIMP ABUNDANCE OR INFORMATION THAT WATER TEMPERATURE HAS BEEN BELOW A SPECIFIC TEMPERATURE FOR AT LEAST ONE WEEK, WITH OPTION FOR 7, 8, AND 9 DEGREES CENTIGRADE FOR WATER TEMPERATURE.
SUBSTITUTE MOTION APPROVED BY COUNCIL
MAIN MOTION APPROVED BY COUNCIL
[ADDRESSES THE FOLLOWING MOTIONS]

DIRECTION TO STAFF TO MODIFY WORDING OF THE ACTION TO TRACK THE COUNCIL'S INTENT

MOTION: Remove the time period from table.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
MOTION: Remove 3 weeks and 4 weeks criteria from the document.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE
Shrimp Review Panel
MOTION: Appoint Aaron Podey to the Shrimp Review Panel.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE APPROVED BY COUNCIL

MOTION: Appoint Trish Murphey of NC DMF to the Shrimp Review Panel.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE APPROVED BY COUNCIL