

# **SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

## **GOLDEN CRAB COMMITTEE**

**Charleston Marriott Hotel  
Charleston, SC**

**September 16, 2010**

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The Golden Crab Committee of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council convened in the Topaz Room of the Charleston Marriott Hotel, Charleston, South Carolina, September 16, 2010, and was called to order at 11:32 o'clock a.m. by Chairman David Cupka.

MR. CUPKA: All right, I'll call the Golden Crab Committee to order. We'll go ahead and get down to our business here on the agenda. The first order of business is approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none, then that is approved. I don't believe we have any minutes from the last meeting so we'll dispense with that.

The next item of business are the golden crab actions in the Comprehensive ACL Amendment, and I'm going to ask Kate to go over that. There are two items under that, the ABC recommendation from the SSC, and we've covered that already during the meeting earlier. We've also taken some action relative to the ACL Amendment. I'm going to ask Kate if she has anything she wants to add to either of those items.

MS. QUIGLEY: I don't have anything to add. We were just going to make the committee aware of the SSC recommendation of 2 million pounds.

MR. CUPKA: Okay, and we went through the Comprehensive ACL Amendment yesterday and went over some things on golden crab. I guess the most important thing is to bring everybody up to date. There has been a meeting of the Golden Crab AP since our last council meeting, and I believe Kate has taken some of their recommendations from that meeting and further incorporated them into Amendment 5 that we're working on. Kate, do you want to bring everybody up to date on the AP meeting and where we are relative to Amendment 5.

MS. QUIGLEY: The Golden Crab AP met the day after the SSC meeting. It was a rather short meeting, but they came up with two motions. The first was the Golden Crab AP accepts the SSC recommendation for a 2 million pound ABC for golden crab, and that was unanimous. They had one more motion, and that was in order to improve the comfort level and confidence of fishermen, the council and SSC, we request that a stock assessment of golden crab resource be scheduled as soon as possible. That is currently scheduled for 2012.

Those were the motions that the Golden Crab AP had. Here we have the Draft Amendment 5. We were not able to put an analysis into the document, but the Golden Crab IPT did hold a meeting about three weeks ago, and now we have a Golden Crab IPT. We actually have a team with people on it.

We intend to do an analysis between now and December. Of course, the Comprehensive ACL will take priority as well as a few other amendments, but we'll get working on the analysis for this. The last time you saw this draft amendment we had actions and alternatives directly from the Golden Crab AP. The council had asked a subpanel of the Golden Crab AP to get together and to devise some catch share type actions and alternatives.

They did that; these are in the document. Also, we have additional actions and alternatives that Myra and I worked on to make the document consistent with Amendment 20, Amendment 21 and Gulf Catch Share Documents, so now everything is consistent. It's pretty much the same

actions and alternatives again and again; but for these actions and alternatives – this is PDF Page 20 in the Draft Golden Amendment 5 – we have details from the Golden Crab AP of what they would like the structure of the catch share to be.

I'll let you just go over those. We have no analysis so I'm not going to go over these in too much detail. They're pretty much exactly in line with Amendment 20 and Amendment 21. Just a heads-up, we'll be working on that between now and December, and we hope to have quite a bit done, quite a bit more done.

MR. CUPKA: Thank you, Kate. You'll remember at our last council meeting we passed a motion to make golden crab catch share program our number one priority relative to catch share program development. Now that we've got this further input from the AP, we'll be seeing this document again in December. I really don't think there is any need to run through it now. We'll be covering that in December after we have some analysis to get with it. That's basically where we are relative to Amendment 5. Are there any questions for Kate? Yes, Mac.

MR. CURRIN: David, no questions, I just have a series of comments after going through that and I'll be happy to just give those to Kate just asking for some clarification and one issue regarding the one-pound qualification that we discussed to some degree in the Snapper Grouper Committee as a level of qualification.

I have a hard time imagining that there is anybody that caught one pound. It just seemed like certainly a piddling amount for somebody to qualify as a substantial participant. It's just a comfort level thing. I have some other suggestions and comments that I'll just share with Kate and we can review all of that, and I'll discuss it with her if she has any problems.

MR. CUPKA: Okay, thank you, Mac, I had some questions and comments for Kate as well after going through this document, and I've already made arrangements to sit down with her at the office and go over those rather than bring them up before the committee and waste time. If you're willing to do the same, we would very much appreciate that. Other questions or comments? Seeing none, then that brings us down to other business. Is there any other business to come before the committee at this time? Seeing none, we are adjourned.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 o'clock a.m., September 16, 2010.)

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