

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
GOLDEN CRAB COMMITTEE MEETING
ST SIMONS ISLAND, GA
March 5, 2013**

The Golden Crab Committee met on March 5, 2013. The Committee received an update on the status of commercial landings. The Committee discussed the report of the Golden Crab AP meeting of January 31, 2013, including the "Other Business" issues brought up by AP members. The Committee discussed the future status of Golden Crab Amendment 6.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION#1: Direct staff to work with the relevant APs regarding examination of modifying the northern limit of the northern zone golden crab fishing area.

Motion approved by committee.

MOTION#2: Move for the Council to stop work on Amendment 6, including both the catch share and non-catch share actions.

Motion approved by committee.

The Committee gave the following direction to staff:

1. Gather information on data that are available that could possibly be used for a future golden crab stock assessment.
2. Follow up with the appropriate federal agencies to determine what needs to be done to notify fishermen when activities occur in federal waters that might affect the fisheries. Contact the State Department and others, including the US State Department representative who recently made a presentation to the Council to voice concerns over the entanglement of golden crab fishing gear with a submerged buoy in the Straits of Florida in September of 2012.