

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
GOLDEN CRAB COMMITTEE MEETING
Raleigh, NC
December 7, 2011**

The Golden Crab Committee met on December 7, 2011, in Raleigh, NC. The Committee reviewed draft Amendment 6 and recommendations from the SSC, the Advisory Panel, IPT, and Council staff. Howard Rau of the Golden Crab AP and Brad Whipple also participated in the discussion. Council staff presented each action in the amendment and the Committee discussed and made some changes to the amendment, which are recorded in the motions below. Additionally, staff was directed to change the language in some actions and alternatives for clarification of the intent. For a new entrants program (Action 12), the AP will meet prior to the March 2012 meeting develop alternatives for bringing new entrants into the fishery. The AP suggestions will be reviewed by the IPT and presented to the Council at the March 2012 meeting.

The Committee made the following motions for each action:

Action 1

MOTION 1: AMEND LANGUAGE OF PREFERRED ALT 4 TO “A VALID COMMERCIAL GOLDEN CRAB PERMIT AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE”.
MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 2

MOTION 2: SELECT SUB ALT 5B IN ACTION 2 AS PREFERRED AND SELECT IPT RECOMMENDED LANGUAGE CHANGE. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 3

MOTION 3: ADD SUB-ALT 2D TO SET ASIDE 2 PERCENT OF GOLDEN CRAB SHARES FOR APPEALS. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 5

MOTION 4: SELECT ALT. 5 OF ACTION 5 AS THE PREFERRED. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 9

MOTION 5: MAKE ALT. 3 OF ACTION 9 PART OF A SEPARATE ACTION WITH TWO ALTERNATIVES – NO ACTION, AND WHAT IS CURRENTLY IN ALT. 3. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION 6: PUT “OLD ALT 2 FOR FISHERMEN TO FISH IN ANY ZONE FOR WHICH THEY POSSESS A PERMIT” AS A SEPARATE ALT 3 UNDER THE REVISED ALTS FOR ACTION 9. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION 7: SELECT ALT 3 UNDER THIS ACTION AS PREFERRED. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 10

MOTION 8: ADD ALT 3 TO ACTION 10 TO ALLOW AN UNLIMITED NUMBER OF GOLDEN CRAB PERMITS ON A SINGLE VESSEL SO THAT ANY ZONES FOR WHICH THE VESSEL HAS A PERMIT CAN BE FISHED IN ONE TRIP.
MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

Action 11

MOTION 9: ADD A SUB-ALT 2C FOR “THE PURCHASE OF VMS EQUIPMENT WILL BE REIMBURSED BY THE NATIONAL OLE VMS REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT IF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE. INSTALLATION, MAINTENANCE, AND COMMUNICATIONS COSTS WILL BE PAID FOR OR ARRANGED BY THE SHAREHOLDER”. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION 10: RECOMMEND TO THE COUNCIL TO SEND THE DOCUMENT OUT TO PUBLIC HEARINGS. MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.