

**SUMMARY REPORT  
FROM THE GOLDEN CRAB COMMITTEE**

**St Simons, Georgia**

**March 5, 2015**

The Golden Crab Committee met March 5, 2015 in St. Simons, Georgia. Chairman Hartig appointed Charlie Phillips and Jack Cox to the Committee. Mark Brown rotated off the Committee. Additionally, the Committee received an update on the status of commercial catches, received an update on Golden Crab Amendment 9, and reviewed recommendations made by the Golden Crab AP to consider the possibility of starting a new golden crab FMP amendment that would look into making modifications to the Northern Allowable Golden Crab Fishing Zone.

**The Committee made the following motion.**

**MOTION 1:** BEGIN IDENTIFYING DATA AND HABITAT CHARACTERIZATION TO DETERMINE WHEN A NEW GOLDEN CRAB AMENDMENT SHOULD BEGIN THAT WILL CONSIDER REVISIONS TO THE NORTHERN GC ALLOWABLE FISHING ZONE TO BE DISCUSSED AGAIN BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE.

MOTION APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: BEGIN IDENTIFYING DATA AND HABITAT CHARACTERIZATION FOR EVALUATING A POTENTIAL EXTENSION OF THE NORTHERN ZONE FOR GOLDEN CRAB TO BE DISCUSSED AGAIN BY THE COUNCIL IN JUNE.

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