

Staff have proposed the following structure as the Committee considers reorganizing the structure of the I&E AP.

To see the current structure of the AP, please see the following link: https://safmc.net/download/InfoEdAP_May2020.pdf.

Over the last few years, it's become apparent that it might be helpful to have more flexibility in the seat designations, as well as additional seats for partners we collaborate with often. Based on those needs, staff have proposed the following structure. It does expand the AP from 16 to 21 Members. However, these suggested modifications are expected to help drive additional feedback, new ideas, and better communication.

Proposed I&E AP Structure

- 4 Sea Grant Seats (1 from each state)
 - Note: We currently have one designated Sea Grant seat on the AP. In addition, a representative of FL Sea Grant holds a general Outreach/Research Seat
- 4 State Agency Seats (1 from each state)
- 4 Peer Seats (1 for Gulf Council, 1 for Mid-Atlantic, 1 for ASMFC, 1 for Caribbean Council)
 - Note: As it stands now, only the Gulf Council and Caribbean Council have designated seats on the AP
- 1 Coast Guard seat
- 1 SERO seat
- 1 Media Seat
- 4 Fishermen Seats (1 commercial, 1 for-hire, 1 private rec, 1 at-large)
 - Note: Right now the AP has 1 commercial and 1 recreational seat
- 2 At-Large Seats
 - Note: Currently seats are designated for the USFWS and Marine Sanctuaries. We thought it might be helpful to leave these seats more flexible given changing needs over time.

In addition, Committee Members might consider changing the name of the Committee and the Advisory Panel to better reflect the role both entities serve in communications and outreach.