

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAM
COMMITTEE MEETING
Jekyll Island, GA
March 3-4, 2008**

The Limited Access Privilege Program Committee met jointly with the Limited Access Privilege Program Exploratory Workgroup on March 3rd and as a Committee on March 4th in Jekyll Island, GA.

The Workgroup received presentations from:

Ben Hartig, chair of the LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup, and **Kate Quigley**, Council staff, in a presentation of the LAP Workgroup Working Document. In the presentation, Kate Quigley provided the LAP Committee with the results of an anonymous survey to the LAP Workgroup and voting members of the LAP Workgroup gave their rationale for their preferences expressed through the survey.

Kate Quigley also presented the Workgroup with a summary of comments and letters submitted during scoping for Amendment 18.

The Committee discussed:

Addressing four high priority questions the LAP Workgroup stated they needed answered before they could fully support a LAP program. The questions they wanted answered included: 1) details on possible enforcement regulations implemented under a LAP; 2) details regarding funding for possible video monitoring of the fleet under a LAP; 3) commitment from the Council to establish hard allocations for both the commercial and recreational fishery with accountability measures imposed on the recreational fishery; and 4) the ability for permit owners to obtain the catch history associated with their permits (without having to obtain currently required signatures from former permit owners).

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: DEVELOP AN OUTREACH PROGRAM ON LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAMS AND ENCOURAGE FISHERMEN TO SUBMIT LAP PROGRAM IDEAS FOR CONSIDERATION.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

The above motion on outreach was made due to the LAP Committee's understanding that there was no clear mandate from the LAP Workgroup or scoping meeting comments to move forward with the amendment at this time.

MOTION: CONTACT MEMBERS OF THE GOLDEN TILEFISH FISHERY AND EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAM FOR THAT FISHERY

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

The above motion was made based on the thought that tile fishers may welcome discussion of limited access privileges, sector allocation, or other similar program due to the high probability that the fishery is experiencing a derby and that a new type of management might aid that fishery.

The Committee directed staff to:

Contact members of the tilefish fishery to see if there is interest in discussing the possibility of a LAP program, sector allocation, regional LAPs, or other similar program for the tilefish fishery that would help alleviate the problems associated with a derby fishery.