

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAM
COMMITTEE MEETING
Orlando, FL
June 10, 2008**

The Limited Access Privilege Program Committee met on June 10th in Orlando, FL.

The Workgroup received presentations:

Kate Quigley, Council staff, presented the results of an informal survey of commercial golden tilefish fishermen.

Bruce Irwin presented the Committee with a summary of discussions being conducted by a group of Florida Keys fishermen. He requested Council staff support in future meetings of the group.

Eileen Dougherty presented the Committee with an overview of “Sector Allocation” programs.

Kim Iverson presented the Committee with an overview of LAP outreach efforts already undertaken by Council staff and Sea Grant.

The Committee had the following discussions:

The Committee discussed convening a Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup, the task for that Workgroup, and a timeline for Workgroup formation. The Committee agreed to choose Workgroup members at the September 2008 Council meeting.

The Committee discussed the need for further LAP outreach efforts. The Committee decided that no further LAP outreach efforts were needed at this time.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: BEGIN THE PROCESS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF A SNAPPER GROUPER AMENDMENT THAT WOULD INCLUDE DEVELOPMENT OF A LAP PROGRAM FOR THE GOLDEN TILEFISH FISHERY.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: CONVENE A GOLDEN TILEFISH LAP WORKGROUP TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF A GOLDEN TILEFISH LAP PROGRAM.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION APPROVED
MAIN MOTION APPROVED

The Committee provided staff with the following guidance:

1. The LAP Committee asserted that the Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup should convene as soon as feasible.
2. The LAP Committee plans to assign members to a Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup at the September 2008 Council meeting. The Committee asserted that the Workgroup should have a cross-section of members with different harvest levels and gear sectors, regional representation, processors, etc.
3. The LAP Committee stated that the Golden Tilefish LAP WG be tasked with discussing and designing a LAP program and/or other management tools appropriate for improvement of the golden tilefish fishery.
4. The LAP Committee recommended that council staff contribute time for one meeting (two if necessary) with the FL Keys fishermen group that recently formed to discuss some sort of property rights management for specific species caught in the FL Keys. Some of the programs under consideration by the fishermen's group include sector allocation, RFAs under LAPs, and regional quota.
5. The LAP Committee stated that no further LAP outreach is needed at this time.