SUMMARY REPORT FROM THE LAP PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING Charleston, SC

Monday, September 14, 2009

The LAP Program Committee met on Monday, September 14, 2009.

The Committee received the following presentations and conducted the following discussions.

- ❖ The Committee Chair welcomed four additional Committee members (Ben Hartig, Charlie Phillips, David Cupka, Robert Boyles) and announced that Tom Swatzel had been named as the Vice Chair of the LAP Program Committee.
- Scott Baker of North Carolina Sea Grant gave a presentation of the usage of text messaging technology in fisheries management.
- Scott Baker and Eileen Dougherty (Environmental Defense) gave a presentation on a video monitoring pilot project taking place in the South Atlantic.
- ❖ Matt Ruby (Little River Fish House of Little River, SC) and Phil Conklin (Seven Seas Seafood of Murrell's Inlet, SC) gave a presentation on the results of a sign on letter and mail survey they administered to determine support for catch shares for the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery.
- ❖ Wayne Mershon (Kenyon Seafood of Murrell's Inlet, SC) gave a presentation on trip limits and a petition he administered in support of trip limits as an alternative to catch shares for the South Atlantic snapper grouper fishery.
- * Kate Quigley provided a summary of presentations given in a catch shares symposium at this year's American Fisheries Society meetings.
- George Geiger summarized the work of the National Catch Shares Task Force.
- * Kate Quigley provided an overview of the draft Wreckfish ITQ Program Program Review
- ❖ Kate Quigley reviewed the catch shares design options developed by the Golden Crab AP in August 2009.
- ❖ The Committee discussed changing the name of the LAP Program Committee to the Catch Shares Committee.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION 1. RECOMMEND EXPLORATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE CATCH SHARE AMENDMENT FOR THE SNAPPER GROUPER FISHERY. MOTION CARRIES

MOTION 2. TRANSFER THE GOLDEN CRAB PRESENTATION INFORMATION TO THE GOLDEN CRAB COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION MOTION CARRIES

MOTION 3. CHANGE THE NAME OF THE LIMITED ACCESS PRIVILEGE PROGRAM COMMITTEE TO THE CATCH SHARES COMMITTEE MOTION CARRIES

MOTION 4. WRT AMD 20, STAFF SHOULD

- PROVIDE LANGUAGE ON RECREATIONAL ALLOCATION OF WRECKFISH IN THE PROGRAM REVIEW
- PROVIDE LANGUAGE ON RESOURCE RENT IN THE PROGRAM REVIEW
- PROVIDE THE COMMITTEE WITH A DRAFT AGENDA FOR A POSSIBLE SHAREHOLDER MEETING AND INFORMATION ON WHETHER SUCH A MEETING CAN BE COVERED BY THE 2010 BUDGET
- STAFF TO PROVIDE A PRESENTATION ON EXCESSIVE SHARES IN DECEMBER 2009 OR MARCH 2010

MOTION CARRIES