

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE LAP PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEETING
Jekyll Island, Georgia
Monday, March 2, 2009**

The LAP Program Committee met on Monday, March 2, 2009 in Jekyll Island, Georgia.

The Committee

- ❖ Received a brief summary from Kate Quigley, Council staff, regarding recent implementation of new LAP programs in the Gulf of Mexico, Pacific, and New England.
- ❖ Kate Quigley provided a summary of a letter written by golden crab fishermen and sent to the Council chairman and included in the briefing book.
- ❖ Kate Quigley provided a summary of scoping comments submitted by the public regarding actions proposed to be included in Amendment 18.
- ❖ Matt Ruby of Little River Fish House in South Carolina provided a summary of a meeting he attended with other fishermen last week in Washington, D.C.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION #1: COMMITTEE RECOMMEND THE COUNCIL PROVIDE STAFF TIME TO WORK ON DEVELOPMENT OF A GOLDEN CRAB LAPP WITH THE PROVISION THAT THE SNAPPER GROUPER ECONOMIC WORK IS NOT COMPROMISED.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #2: PRIORITIZE WORK ON LAPPS INITIALLY AS SEPARATE AMENDMENTS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A COMPREHENSIVE LAPP AMENDMENT:

1. WRECKFISH - FIRST
2. GOLDEN CRAB & GOLDEN TILEFISH – WORKED ON IN CONJUNCTION WITH WRECKFISH WHERE POSSIBLE

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #3: COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS TO THE COUNCIL THAT STAFF WORK ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

1. PRIORITIZE WORK ON LAPPS INITIALLY AS SEPARATE AMENDMENTS WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF BECOMING A COMPREHENSIVE LAPP AMENDMENT:

- a. WRECKFISH – FIRST
 - b. GOLDEN CRAB & GOLDEN TILEFISH – WORKED ON IN CONJUNCTION WITH WRECKFISH WHERE POSSIBLE
2. GOLDEN CRAB AP TO MEET DURING THE JUNE 2009 COUNCIL MEETING.
 3. STAFF MAY MEET WITH THE GOLDEN CRAB INDUSTRY PRIOR TO THE JUNE 2009 MEETING.
 4. STAFF PRESENT A REVISED TIMELINE/STAFFING ANALYSIS AT FULL COUNCIL
 5. STAFF PREPARE AN ANALYSIS OF WORK REQUIRED TO PREPARE A LAPP FOR THE ENTIRE SNAPPER GROUPER FISHERY AND PRESENT RESULTS AT THE JUNE 2009 MEETING

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE