

# OVERVIEW

## Limited Access Privilege Program Committee Meeting

September 18, 2008  
The Charleston Marriott Hotel  
170 Lockwood Boulevard  
Charleston, SC

At this meeting of the Limited Access Privilege Program Committee, the Committee needs to: (A) discuss wreckfish ITQ; (B) hear a presentation by Gregg Swanson on the results of a survey of the Snapper Grouper LAP Exploratory Workgroup; (C) appoint members to the Golden Tilefish Limited Access Privilege Program Workgroup; and (D) discuss a timeline for meetings of the Golden Tilefish Limited Access Privilege Program Workgroup.

### A. Wreckfish ITQ Program (Attachments 1-3)

The Committee needs to hear information regarding the Wreckfish ITQ program and discuss future monitoring options for the wreckfish ITQ program. First, Council staff will provide the Committee with an overview of the Wreckfish ITQ program (Attachments 1 & 2). Next, NOAA General Counsel will provide the Committee with details of the MSFCMA requirements for monitoring LAPP programs. Lastly, NOAA Southeast Regional Office staff will summarize monitoring activities conducted for other LAPP Programs in the southeast region.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires limited access privilege programs to include provisions for the regular monitoring and review by the Council and the Secretary of the operations of the program. The Act reads:

Any limited access privilege program to harvest fish submitted by a Council or approved by the Secretary under this section shall— (G) include provisions for the regular monitoring and review by the Council and the Secretary of the operations of the program, including determining progress in meeting the goals of the program and this Act, and any necessary modification of the program to meet those goals, with a formal and detailed review 5 years after the implementation of the program and thereafter to coincide with scheduled Council review of the relevant fishery management plan (but no less frequently than once every 7 years).

The intent is for the Council to receive the formal and detailed review of the wreckfish ITQ program at a future Council meeting.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Review timing and whether the wreckfish ITQ program should be modified.

**B. Hear a Presentation of the Results of a Survey of the Snapper Grouper LAP Exploratory Workgroup (Attachment 4)**

Gregg Swanson, a College of Charleston Graduate Student will provide the LAP Committee with an overview of the results of a survey she distributed to Snapper Grouper LAP Workgroup members. The presentation should provide the LAP Committee with guidance in creating another LAP Workgroup.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** None

**C. Appointment of Members to the Golden Tilefish LAP Program Workgroup (Attachment 5)**

The Committee needs to nominate individuals from the list of interested fishery participants (Attachment 3) to the Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup. In June 2008 the LAP Committee stated that they would attempt to choose people to serve on the LAP Workgroup that are representative of the four states. As evident from viewing Attachment 1, this will not be possible since there are no golden tilefish fishermen located from Georgia and very few in North Carolina. An alternative strategy would be to choose individuals from the geographic areas in proportion to landings data or number of fishermen. Another goal might be to ensure representation of both gear groups in proportion to their representation in the fishery and to make sure that both harvesters and dealers are represented. Table 1 provides information about landings of golden tilefish based on logbook data. Table 2 provides ALS landings and fishery participant data (gathered from logbook data) by state.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Nominate golden tilefish fishery participants to serve on the Golden Tilefish LAP Program Workgroup.

**Table 1.** Historical Participation in the Golden Tilefish Fishery, 1999-2006.

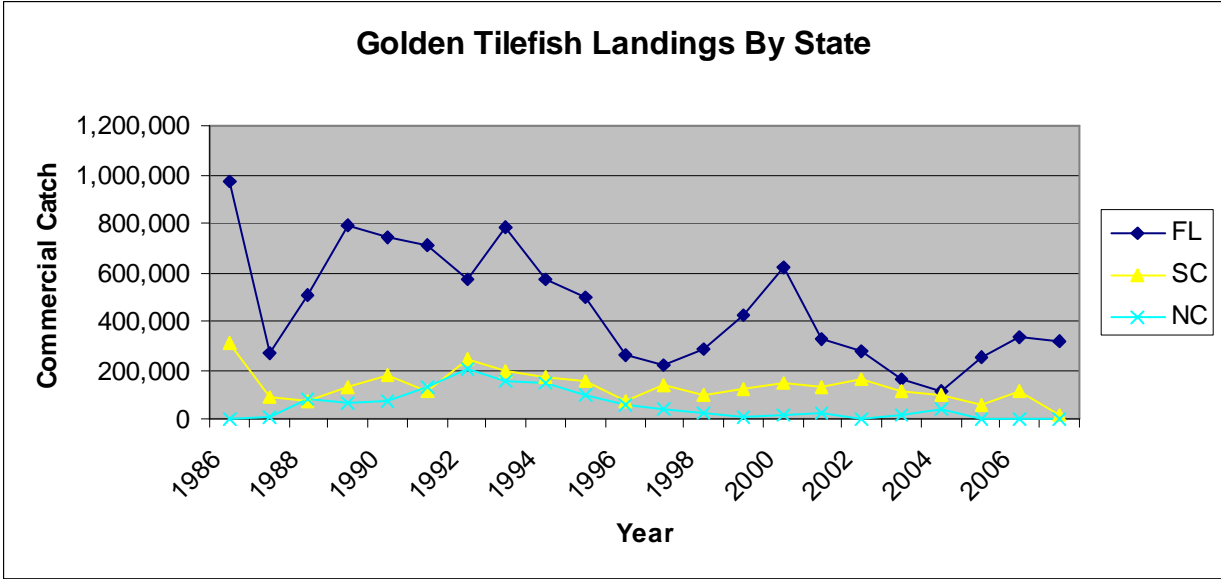
	<b>1999</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
Longline participants	23	17	20	15	15	14	11	9
Longliners as a percentage of total participation	49%	40%	54%	39%	52%	50%	39%	<b>45%</b>
Hook and Line participants	24	26	17	23	14	14	17	11
Hook and Liners as a percentage of total participation	51%	60%	46%	61%	48%	50%	61%	<b>55%</b>
Total Participants with landings over 400lbs/yr	47	43	37	38	29	28	28	20
Total longliner harvest	482,664	692,128	449,999	383,090	323,894	236,727	269,237	342,119
Longliner harvest as a percentage of total	90%	89%	93%	89%	94%	89%	90%	<b>92%</b>

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Average longliner harvest	20,985	40,713	22,500	25,539	21,539	16,909	24,476	38,013
Total hook and liner harvest	55,227	84,782	33,009	45,335	21,052	29,154	31,557	27,991
Hook and liner harvest as a percentage of total harvest	10%	11%	7%	11%	6%	11%	10%	<b>8%</b>
Average hook and liner harvest	2,301	3,261	1,942	1,971	1,504	2,082	1,856	2,545
Total harvest	537,891	776,909	483,008	428,425	344,946	265,881	300,794	370,110

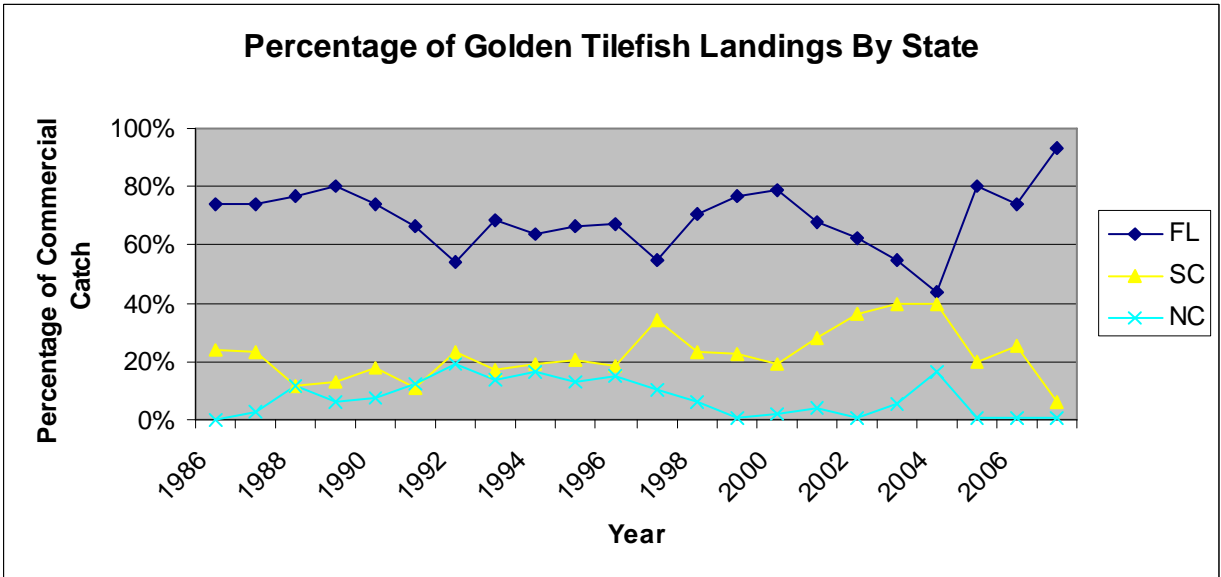
**Table 2.** Golden Tilefish Landings and Fishery Participation By State (ALS landings data).

<b>State</b>	<b>Current Fishery Permits</b> (with associated landings at least once since 1999 and with average landings above 500 lbs) <b>(LL/H&amp;L)</b>	<b>Current Fishery Permits %</b> (with associated landings at least once since 1999 and with average landings above 500 lbs) <b>(LL/H&amp;L)</b>	<b>Average Landings (lbs) within state 1999-2006</b>	<b>Percentage of Landings within state (%)</b>
<b>Florida</b>	32 (10/22)	74% (55%/88%)	314,974	67%
<b>South Carolina</b>	6 (confidential)	14% (22%/8%)	108,098	29%
<b>North Carolina</b>	confidential	5% (6%/4%)	12,129	4%
<b>Georgia</b>	0	0%	confidential	confidential
<b>New York</b>	confidential	5% (6%/0%)	-	-
<b>New Jersey</b>	confidential	2% (11%/0%)	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43 (18/25)</b>	<b>100% (42%/58%)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Figure 1.** Golden Tilefish Commercial Landings By State, 1999-2007.



**Figure 2.** Percentage of Golden Tilefish Commercial Landings By State, 1999-2007.



**Table 3.** Summary of Data.

<b>SUMMARY OF DATA – Possible Workgroup representation</b>	
Fishermen using longline:	42-45%

Fishermen using hook and line:	55-58%
Longline landings:	92%
Hook and line landings:	8%
Florida permits/landings:	67-74%
South Carolina permits/landings:	14-29%
North Carolina permits/landings:	4-5%
Georgia landings:	confidential
New York/New Jersey permits:	7%

**D. Identify a Timeline for the Golden Tilefish LAP Program Workgroup to Meet**

The Committee needs to identify when they would like the LAP Workgroup to meet and for how long. Fishermen interested in serving on the Golden Tilefish LAP Program Workgroup have indicated that they are only able to meet during the fall months (October, November, and December) due to the fact that Florida longline fishermen begin fishing for golden tilefish in January and South Carolina longline fishermen begin in March or April. One option is to schedule for 2-3 two day meetings in Fall 2008.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:** Provide staff guidance on a timeline for the Golden Tilefish LAP Workgroup to meet.