

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE
Charleston, SC
September 13, 2011**

The SAFMC Law Enforcement Committee met on September 13, 2011 at the Charleston Marriott Hotel in Charleston, SC. The Committee discussed the following:

Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Report

Council staff referred the Committee to the report from the July 20, 2011 meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP). Some of the recommendations the LEAP made had already been addressed at the August 9, 2011 Council meeting since they pertained to the Comprehensive ACL Amendment and Regulatory Amendment 11. Staff mentioned that the LEAP had made recommendations for items under Snapper Grouper Amendment 18A, and those will be brought to the Snapper Grouper Committee during the discussion for that amendment. In addition, the LEAP provided outreach recommendations

Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award:

Council staff updated the Committee on proposed changes to the nomination and election process for a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (LEOY). At their meeting in July 2011, the LEAP made changes to the protocol and proposed forwarding a single nominee to the Committee for presentation of the award. After some discussion the Committee opted not to adopt the LEAP's recommendation and instead request that the LEAP forward three nominees and indicate their top candidate. The Committee would then consider the LEAP's suggestion and select a deserving officer to receive an award at a subsequent Council meeting.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: CHANGE PROCESS FOR SELECTION OF LEOY TO OBTAIN THREE NOMINEES FROM THE LEAP AND REQUEST THE AP PROVIDE THEIR TOP CHOICE.

MOTION: ASK THE LEAP TO SUBMIT THEIR NOMINEES TO THE COUNCIL AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEET VIA CONFERENCE CALL/WEBINAR TO SELECT A LEOY AND PRESENT THE AWARD AT THE DECEMBER MEETING.