

**FINAL SUMMARY REPORT
LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Cocoa Beach, Florida

June 16, 2016

The Law Enforcement Committee met on June 16, 2016 and discussed the following:

Agenda Items for the August 2016 joint meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel and the Law Enforcement Committee

The following items were approved for inclusion:

- Draft language to describe what constitutes proper stowage of spearfishing gear to suggest to NOAA OLE for inclusion in regulations.
- Review the For-Hire Reporting Amendment and provide recommendations. Discuss how to make enforcement more effective and how to prepare for future reporting requirements.
- Receive a report from NOAA GC on the use of Operator Cards in other regions.
- Receive an update from FWC on enforcement of regulations on the transport of fillets from The Bahamas
- Updates from state representatives on JEA activities
- Inclusion of SAFMC managed areas (i.e., MPAs, Spawning SMZs) in navigation charts
- MPA Watch (citizen science)

2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (CLOSED)

The Committee reviewed the top three nomination for the 2015 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award that were selected from among 5 nominations submitted by members of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel. Voting to select the recipient of the award was conducted via secret ballot. A deserving officer will be presented the award at the September 2016 meeting in Myrtle Beach, SC.