Law Enforcement Committee Report March 7, 2013 St. Simons Island, GA

The Law Enforcement Committee met in St. Simons Island, Georgia, on March 7th, 2013.

The Committee's agenda included briefings on the Joint Meeting of the Law Enforcement and Information & Education Advisory Panels, and the meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel. Both meetings were held in Charleston in February 2013.

Because the Information and Education Committee was also scheduled to receive a briefing of the joint meeting, the LE Committee Chair deferred to the I&E Committee for that review.

Council staff briefed the Law Enforcement Committee on recommendations made by the Law Enforcement AP (*Attachment 1b*). The LEAP offered recommendations on three developing amendments to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics FMP, four Snapper Grouper FMP amendments, and three amendments to various FMPs to improve data collection. In particular, the LEAP provided a lot of input on the subject of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS), a tool that is being considered for the commercial snapper grouper fishery in Snapper Grouper Amendment 30.

The Law Enforcement Committee made no motions.