

**FINAL**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Stuart, FL**  
**June 11, 2019**

The Committee approved minutes from the June 2018 meeting and the agenda for the June 2019 Committee meeting.

**2018 Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (CLOSED)**

The Committee reviewed nominations for the 2018 Law Enforcement of the Year award and deliberated in closed session to recommend one nominee to receive the award during the September 2019 Council meeting in Charleston, SC.

**Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LE AP) Summary Report**

The LE AP met in Charleston on May 23-24, 2019 and discussed several topics pertinent to enforcement of fisheries regulations in the South Atlantic region. Captain Bob Lynn (GA DNR), LE AP Chair, delivered a summary of the discussions that took place and any recommendations offered by the LE AP. Topics on the LE AP's agenda included:

- Status of amendments under development or under review
- Update on outreach for the For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment
- Regulations on harvest of dolphin aboard for-hire vessels in the Mid-Atlantic and New England regions
- Regulatory Amendment 29 (Best Fishing Practices & Powerheads)
- Priorities for Joint Enforcement Agreements
- Guidance on prohibition on retention of species in state waters when harvest in federal waters is closed for federally permitted for-hire vessels
- Enforcement of "heads and fins intact" requirement for snapper grouper species

The LE AP's report, including recommendations, can be found [HERE](#)

The Committee made no motions.