

Overview

Law Enforcement Committee

Key West Marriott Beachside Hotel
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The Law Enforcement Committee will: (A) receive an update from the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel chair regarding nominations for the Council's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award and (B) address any items under Other Business, as needed.

A. Law Enforcement Officer of the Year (*Attachment 1*)

The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) has, during past meetings, discussed establishing a nomination procedure to select a deserving officer to receive an annual award. A draft document specifying eligibility criteria was prepared by Council Staff and reviewed by the LEAP during Fall 2010. The LEAP met in March 2011 during the Council meeting but they had no time to address this item. The LEAP subsequently met via conference call on May 10th, 2011 to discuss the nomination process, eligibility criteria and award criteria. *Attachment 1* constitutes the revised nomination/award criteria document based on LEAP input.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Review *Attachment 1*, modify as necessary, and approve for use to honor a Law Enforcement Officer of the Year with an award from the Council for outstanding service in fisheries enforcement in the South Atlantic region.

B. Other Business

Council staff were recently made aware of public concerns over non-compliance with gear restrictions in FL artificial reef sites (SMZs). The possibility of an educational campaign (i.e. posters with the current regulations to be placed at boat ramps, fish houses, tackle shops, etc.) to inform anglers of current regulations has been raised to address this issue.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Make recommendations and provide guidance to staff.