

# Overview

## Law Enforcement Committee

The Beach House Hilton Head Island  
1 South Forest Beach Drive  
Hilton Head Island, SC

September 2015

The committee will: (A) receive a presentation from NOAA OLE on fisheries enforcement activities and the use of operator permits in the South Atlantic and (B) address other business as appropriate.

### **A. NOAA OLE Presentation (Attachment 1; 2<sup>nd</sup> BB)**

At the June 2015 South Atlantic Council meeting in Key West, several Council members had questions about operator permits. Operator permits are only required in the rock shrimp and dolphin wahoo fisheries. Originally, the Council had intended to include an operator permit in each fishery management plan, but this fell to the back burner given all the other amendments and changes resulting from reauthorization.

Questions centered on whether or not the operator permit requirement still benefited law enforcement activities related to fisheries in the South Atlantic. If the operator permit is not being used by NOAA LE, there is interest in removing the requirement.

Special Agent Jeff Radonski, NOAA OLE, will deliver a presentation to the Committee.

**COMMITTEE ACTION:** Discuss and take action as necessary.

### **B. Other Business**

The Committee will address other items as appropriate.