

## **SUMMARY REPORT**

### **SHRIMP COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Jekyll Island, Georgia**

**March 6, 2008**

The Shrimp Committee met the morning of March 6, 2008 in Jekyll Island, Georgia. The minutes from the December 2007 Shrimp Committee were approved.

#### **The committee received presentations from staff on:**

1. Summary of scoping comments on actions proposed in Shrimp Amendment 7 (Myra Brouwer).
2. Overview and discussion of Shrimp Amendment 7 Options paper (Gregg Waugh).

#### **The committee discussed:**

- Requests brought up by the Deepwater Shrimp Advisory Panel at their January 2008 meeting in Cape Canaveral, Florida:
  - The AP requested that the Council consider in the future re-opening areas within the Oculina bank HAPC that do not contain suitable substrate for coral to the rock shrimp fishery. One committee member expressed opposition to considering this request and stated that such areas should be explored instead for restoration activities.
  - The AP requested that information from NMFS Law Enforcement on how many cases have been made based on VMS data and how many of those have resulted in violations. This information was provided in a memo addressed to the Council from Karen Raine.
- Clarification was requested on whether the committee's intent was for the time period required to fulfill the 15,000 pound landings requirement (4 years) was to re-start upon an endorsement being transferred. The committee stated that was not their intent. It was determined that this clarification would not be needed, however, if the landings requirement was removed in this amendment.
- NOAA GC will offer clarification on language in the Purpose and Need regarding the public's confusion about the rock shrimp limited entry endorsement as implemented in the Final Rule vs. the limited access permit as specified in Shrimp Amendment 5.

#### **The committee provided the following guidance to staff:**

- Management objectives 10-12 were addressed through Amendment 5. This amendment addresses the following management objective: ENSURE THAT SUFFICIENT EFFORT REMAINS ACTIVE TO SUSTAIN THE FISHERY AND THE INFRASTRUCTURE.
- The Shrimp Amendment 7 Team was given latitude to discuss and assess whether Alternative #2 under Action 4 is necessary for NEPA analysis.

- Reconvene the Shrimp Review Panel to provide input on the current status of the pink shrimp stock. The Shrimp Review Panel will generate a report to be reviewed by the Council's SSC in June so the Council may take appropriate and timely action.

**The committee made the following motions:**

**Action #1:**

MOTION: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 2 OUR PREFERRED

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Alternative 2. Remove the 15,000 pound rock shrimp landing requirement.

MOTION: MOVE ALTERNATIVES 3 AND 4 TO APPENDIX A.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION: MOVE OLD ALTERNATIVE 4 TO APPENDIX A.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

**Action #2:**

MOTION: MOVE ALTERNATIVE 2 TO APPENDIX A.

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 4 OUR PREFERRED

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Alternative 4. Reinstate all endorsements lost due to not meeting the landing requirement of 15,000 pounds of rock shrimp in one of four consecutive calendar years.

**Action # 3:**

MOTION: MODIFY ALTERNATIVE 2 AND MAKE OUR PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE  
Alternative 2. Reinstate all endorsements FOR THOSE WHO RENEWED THEIR PERMIT IN  
THE YEAR IN WHICH THEY FAILED TO RENEW THEIR ENDORSEMENT. REQUIRE  
ROCK SHRIMPERS ELIGIBLE TO HAVE THEIR ENDORSEMENT REINSTATED TO  
APPLY FOR A LIMITED ACCESS ENDORSEMENT WITHIN ONE YEAR AFTER THE  
EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE FINAL RULE FOR THIS AMENDMENT

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

NOTE: NEED TO HAVE HAD AN ENDORSEMENT AT ONE TIME

**Action # 4:**

MOTION: MAKE ALTERNATIVE 3 OUR PREFERRED

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

Alternative 3. Require all South Atlantic shrimp permit holders to provide economic data if selected to do so.

MOTION: ADD NEW ACTION 5. CLARIFY THAT THERE WOULD BE TWO TYPES OF PERMITS

- A. LIMITED ACCESS PERMIT – FISH THROUGHOUT RANGE
- B. OPEN ACCESS PERMIT – FISH ONLY IN NC/SC
- C. VESSEL CAN ONLY HAVE 1 TYPE OF PERMIT

APPROVED BY COMMITTEE