OVERVIEW

Shrimp Committee Meeting

March 7, 2012 Savannah Hilton DeSoto Hotel 15 East Liberty Street Savannah, Georgia

At this Shrimp Committee Meeting, the Committee will: (a) receive an update on the rock shrimp fishery; (b) receive a presentation on the royal red shrimp fishery; (c) review scoping comments on Shrimp Amendment 9; and (d) receive an update on Shrimp Amendment 9 and review actions and alternatives.

A. Update on the Rock Shrimp Fishery (Attachment 1)

Council staff will present a briefing on the South Atlantic rock shrimp fishery, including a review of recent landings and an update on permit holders for the Rock Shrimp Carolina Zone (RSCZ) permit and the Rock Shrimp Limited Access (RSLA) permit.

B. Update on the Royal Red Shrimp Fishery (*Attachment 2*)

Council staff will present a briefing on the South Atlantic royal red shrimp fishery, including a review of recent landings and other issues affecting the fishery. Royal red shrimp are currently not managed under the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan.

C. Shrimp Amendment 9 (Attachments 3a & 3b and 4)

Council staff will present a summary of the public scoping comments on Shrimp Amendment 9 (*Attachments 3a & 3b*). The Committee will review options for the actions in Amendment 9 (*Attachment 4*) and provide guidance to staff on development of the amendment.