

**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**SOPPs COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**ST. SIMONS ISLAND, GEORGIA**  
**March 8, 2011**

The SOPPs Committee met the afternoon of March 8, 2011 in St. Simons Island, Georgia. The minutes from the December 2010 SOPPs Committee were approved. The Committee received presentations on the following agenda items:

**1. Develop changes to SOPPs in accordance with the final rule as proposed by staff**

Mr. Mahood noted the final SOPP rule (Attachment 1) and the Model SOPPs provided by NMFS (Attachment 2) are included under TAB 9. The Council's current SOPPs are under Attachment 3A and the Draft SAFMC SOPPs are under Attachment 3B.

Mike Collins briefed the Council on how Draft SAFMC SOPPs were put together using the final SOPP rule, the Model SOPPs and the Council's current SOPPs. Mike led the Council through the document and the Council approved individual items by consensus. The Council discussed a number of items and approved the draft document by consensus.

Mr. Mahood indicated that the Regional Fishery Management Councils intend to compare and discuss their SOPPs at the May 2011 CCC meeting. Also, in the interim between now and the June 2011 Council meeting, staff will review our Administrative Handbook, including the Scientific and Statistical Committee and Advisory Panel policies to determine if there are changes needed in these documents. Final approval for submission of the Council's SOPPs will take place during the June 2011 Council meeting.