

Law Enforcement Advisory Panel Meeting
Summary Report
March 5, 2012
Savannah, GA

Excerpt

Recommendations pertaining to possible MPAs for speckled hind and warsaw grouper:

- REFER TO PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AREA CLOSURES (BOXES; FOLLOW AS CLOSELY TO LAT/LONG AS POSSIBLE, ETC)
- CONSULT 622.35 (i)(2) CFR REFERENCE TO STOWING GEAR AND TRANSIT PROVISION (PERTAINS TO MPAs BUT LANGUAGE CAN BE ADOPTED AND ALTERED ACCORDINGLY TO BE APPLICABLE TO THE DEEPWATER SHRIMP FISHERIES)
- IF TRANSIT IS ALLOWED THROUGH HAPCS, REQUEST THAT INDUSTRY INCREASE PING RATE FOR VMS
- THE LEAP FAVORS USING STOWING OF GEAR INSTEAD OF CORRIDORS FOR TRANSITING CLOSED AREAS IN ADDITION TO SPEED RESTRICTIONS (I.E., NO LESS THAN 5 KNOTS). IN THE EVENT MINIMAL SPEED IS NOT SUSTAINABLE, VESSEL MUST COMMUNICATE TO APPROPRIATE CONTACT