

**FINAL**  
**SUMMARY REPORT**  
**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Full Council Session I (Closed Session)**  
**December 5, 2022**

**Advisory Panel (AP), and SEDAR Pool Appointments**

The Council reviewed applications for several APs and for the SEDAR Pool. Applicants for the open seats were advertised following the September 2022 Council meeting and both new and applicants on file were presented for consideration.

**MOTION:** APPOINT THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS TO COUNCIL ADVISORY PANELS AND THE SEDAR POOL

**Coral AP**

REAPPOINT DR. SANDRA BROOKE AND DR. STEVE ROSS TO A ONE-YEAR TERM TO THE CORAL AP.

APPOINT KRISTEN AYERS TO THE CORAL AP.

REAPPOINT JOHN CRAMER AND DR. NICHOLE FOGERTY TO THE CORAL AP

**Mackerel Cobia AP**

REAPPOINT STEPHEN DONALSON, CHARLES LOCKE, AND THOMAS NEWMAN TO THE MACKEREL COBIA AP.

**Deepwater Shrimp AP**

REAPPOINT MIKE MERRIFIELD AND MARILYN SOLORZANO TO A ONE-YEAR TERM TO THE DW SHRIMP AP.

REAPPOINT JASON VOGELSONG, LEE VOGELSONG, NANCY JONES, AND DAMIEN SOLORZANO TO THE DW SHRIMP AP.

**Shrimp AP**

REAPPOINT GARY EXLEY, JOHN WOODS AND JANIE THOMAS, AND MARILYN SOLORZANO TO THE SHRIMP AP.

APPOINT BRYAN FLUECH AND JEFFREY MILLIKEN TO THE SHRIMP AP.

**Spiny Lobster AP**

REAPPOINT GARY NICHOLS, MIMI STAFFORD, SEAN ESPENSHIP, BRUCE IRWIN, AND JUSTIN SMITH TO THE SPINY LOBSTER AP.

REAPPOINT MICKEY WHITTINGTON FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM TO THE SPINY LOBSTER AP.

APPOINT ERICA ROSS TO THE SPINY LOBSTER AP.

**SEDAR POOL**

APPOINT GREG MERCURIO TO THE SEDAR POOL.

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### **Advisory Panel Policy Revisions**

The Council discussed modifications to the current Advisory Panel Policy and provided the following direction to staff:

- Meeting Frequency: modify the AP Policy to include a goal of holding 1 in-person meeting of every 2 years. AP members are expected to attend the meetings in person unless otherwise excused.
- Effective Dates for Appointments: include a new provision to state that AP appointments become effective July 1 for appointments made in June and January 1 for appointments made in December
- Term Limits: modify the language in the AP Policy to eliminate term limits on the following APs - Coral, Deepwater Shrimp, Golden Crab, Wreckfish, and Shrimp.
  - Include the rationale for doing so, stating these are small, specialized APs, fisheries with few participants, and it is difficult to find qualified new applicants.
- Termination of Membership: add language to clarify “just cause” and better define “violation of Council policy”. All AP members are to receive copies of the AP Policy and Code of Conduct upon appointment.
- AdHoc Workgroups: add a section to the AP Policy allowing for special AdHoc workgroups including exceptions that they do not require applications.
- Timing: these changes are to be incorporated into the AP Policy and included in the SAFMC Handbook for review during the Council’s March 2023 meeting.

### **Advisory Panels and Workgroups**

The Council discussed approaches to have representatives from the Golden Crab fishery and the Wreckfish fishery provide input into the management process and provided the following direction to staff:

- Reinstate the Golden Crab AP to model the recruitment process after other advisory panels.
- Create a Wreckfish AP and model the recruitment process after other advisory panels.

### **MOTION: ACCEPT TIMING AND TASKS:**

- Send notification letters to appointees and email notifications to those not selected by December 20, 2022.
- Conduct an orientation of new AP members by the March 2023 SAFMC meeting.
- Staff to provide options for membership of the Golden Crab AP and Wreckfish AP at the Council’s March 2023 meeting.
- Advertise for open seats on advisory panels, SSC, and SEP following the March 2023 Council meeting.

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