

**Administrative/Budget Committee Report  
January 30, 2017**

**Dr. Kelly Lucas - Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda and minutes of the October 2016 Administrative/Budget Committee meeting as written.

Review of Advisory Panels (Tab G, No 4(a) and 4(b))

Staff presented an overview of the four existing Ad Hoc Advisory Panels: Red Snapper Charter For-Hire, Reef Fish Headboat, Red Snapper IFQ and Red Snapper Private Angler APs. There was some discussion regarding the Ad Hoc Red Snapper IFQ AP since they have not met since it was formed in 2015. It was concluded the AP would be shortly convened to review draft Reef Fish Amendment 36B.

The following motions were passed by the Committee without opposition:

**The Committee, by consensus, recommends and I so move: To keep the existing 4 Ad Hoc APs for another year without re-advertising any of the memberships.**

The Committee then reviewed and discussed the need to re-advertise membership for the Coastal Migratory Pelagic and Red Drum Advisory Panels. The CMP AP has met twice since they were appointed in 2015. The Red Drum AP has not met and staff suggested reappointing the Red Drum AP to another term without re-advertising.

**The Committee recommends and I so move: That the Red Drum AP openings not be advertised, but be rolled over until the three-year term ends.**

Staff was requested to contact the Red Drum AP members to determine their interest in continuing to serve for another 3-year term. Based on the results of this poll the Council will decide if there are enough active members or if it is necessary to re-advertise the Red Drum AP.

Marine Recreational Education Program

Staff also reviewed the Marine Recreational Education Program. The Marine Resource Education Program (MREP) Workshops meet twice a year and they reserve a spot each year for one Council member to attend. The two workshops consist of science and management training. MREP pays all travel expenses. Council members participate on their own time and do not serve as a representative of the Council. Consequently, participation incurs no cost to the Council. Staff is proposing a method for selecting Council member attendance whereby the Executive Director will announce to the Council when a MREP workshop is scheduled and request Council members to indicate if they are interested in attending. If more than one person indicates interest then the Council Chair will select a participant. If a Council member has previously attended one of the two annual workshops they will be given the first opportunity to attend the complementary workshop.

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

Madam Chair, this concludes my report.