

**Partial Extract
GSMFC Law Enforcement Committee/GMFMC Law Enforcement Technical Committee
Joint Meeting Summary
San Antonio, Texas
March 16, 2016**

Note: The complete version of this summary was presented to the Council at the April 2016 Council meeting. This extract only includes LEC/LETC comments on draft Reef Fish Amendment 36A.

Draft Reef Fish Amendment 36A – Red Snapper IFQ Modifications

The Committee felt that hail-in/hail-out requirements should remain as is and not be expanded to all commercial reef fish vessels. Enforcement is already dealing with a large number of hail-in/hail-outs and expanding the requirement to all commercial reef fish vessels would be overwhelming. In addition, Committee members felt that the requirement would not be as effective for non-IFQ vessels. Non-IFQ vessels are not required to have VMS and have a larger number of possible landing locations, making enforcement more difficult.

On a side note, one Committee member expressed appreciation at having the LETC review the proposed actions at an early stage of development. He felt that this allowed the LETC to have more effective input when expressing enforcement concerns.

LETC Members in Attendance:

Brandi L. Reeder, TPWD, Vice-chair
Scott Bannon, ADMR
Mark Kinsey, NOAA/OLE
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Chad Hebert, LDWF
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Others:

Doug Boyd, GMFMC member
Ed Swindell, GMFMC member
Judy Jamison, Gulf & South Atlantic Fisheries Foundation
Jamie Miller, MS Dept. of Marine Resources
Darin Topping, TPWD
Toby Gascon, LDWF, GSMFC Commissioner
Chris Blankenship, ADCRN/MRD, GSMFC Commissioner
Joe Jewell, MDMR
Jerry Mambretti, TPWD
Jess Beck, NOAA Regional Aquaculture Coordinator, *via phone*

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