

**Law Enforcement Report  
January 28, 2025  
Rick Burris, Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda (**Tab L, No. 1**). The Committee also approved the minutes (**Tab L, No. 2**) of the January 2024 meeting as written.

***Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) Meeting Summary January 2025 (Tab L, No. 4)***

Council staff provided a summary of discussions from the January 2025 Law Enforcement Technical Committee (LETC) meeting, where members reviewed topics, including federal charter vessel identification markers and the 20-fathom recreational closure for grouper. Council staff reviewed a motion made by the LETC remarking that while regulations linked to specific area closures, like the 20-fathom recreational closure, are difficult to enforce, law enforcement will nevertheless fully support the closure if deemed appropriate by the Council. A committee member inquired whether there had been any discussions regarding an intermediate increase in vessel identification number sizes. Council staff reported that LETC members noted during the January LETC meeting that the current 3-inch and 10-inch size distinction simplifies compliance and enhances enforcement effectiveness. A committee member sought clarification on which vessels the regulations applied to which Council staff confirmed that the request from the Council was in reference to federal charter vessels.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.