## Law Enforcement Committee Report June 5, 2023 General Joe Spraggins – Chair

The Committee adopted the agenda (Tab L, No. 1). The minutes (Tab L, No. 2) from the October 2022 meeting were approved as written.

LETC Meeting Summary from March 2023 Meeting (Tab L, No. 4)

Staff reviewed the summary report from the March 15, 2023, meeting of the LETC, and noted that recommendations pertaining to the recently completed action to modify trip limits for commercially harvested gray triggerfish. The LETC noted that, for stocks with small quotas or annual catch limits, trip limits set in numbers of fish are more enforceable than trip limits based on weights. The LETC further noted that weighing fish at sea is more difficult than counting fish and preferred a numbers-based trip limit for greater amberjack in the framework action that is being developed.

The LETC also discussed Reef Fish Amendment 56 that would establish a rebuilding plan and modify management measures for gag. In regard to the recreational gag fishing season that is being modified as part of this action, the LETC suggested that in-season closures are more difficult for officers than fixed closed seasons.

Mr. Chair, this concludes my report.