

**Scope of work  
Spiny Lobster Review Panel  
February 9, 2015  
Key West, Florida**

Synopses of the agenda action items are as follows.

**Spiny Lobster Review Panel Meeting**

**I) Introductions and Adoption of Agenda**

Any changes to the agenda or additions under Other Business should be made at this time

**II) Council Charge- "If the ACT is exceeded the Councils will convene a review panel to determine if corrective action is necessary to prevent the ACL from being exceeded. Furthermore, if the catch exceeds the ACL more than once in the last four consecutive years, the entire system of ACLs and AMs would be re-evaluated as required by the National Standard 1 guidelines."- Staff**

The group will review the necessity for convening.

**III) Scope of work**

The group will review the items that need to be addressed during the meeting.

**IV) Recent spiny lobster landings**

Staff will present the landings for the spiny lobster (provided by FWC). It should be noted that in the two years prior to implementation (2010/11, 2011/12), the landings exceeded the ACT (implemented in 2012). In 2010/11, the landings also exceeded the not yet implemented ACL (implemented 2012). In 2013/14, the ACT and ACL were both exceeded.

**V) Potential factors contributing to landings increase- topics for discussion**

- a. Genetic information
- b. Economic value through time
  - i. Other factors affecting effort and catch
- c. Stone crab landings
- d. Types of effort, permits, and landings
- e. Overview of ACT/ACL/OFL using different metrics
  - i. Time series
  - ii. Different year subsets
- f. Other
  - i. Former stock assessment
  - ii. PaV1 disease prevalence

Staff from FWC and the Councils will present on various topics that may have contributed to a change in landings or stocks. The panel is requested to address the following questions:

- Are the methods and years used to calculate the current ACT appropriate?
- Are the methods and the years used to calculate the current ACL appropriate?

- Is the current OFL appropriate?
- Should the accountability measures be modified?
- Are there specific factors contributing to the increase in landings that should result in the recalculation of the ACT, ACL, and/or OFL?
- Is there sufficient new information to suggest that a new stock assessment is needed?
- What are the specific recommendations that the Review Panel will make to the SSC about the current methods or alternative methods for calculating the ACT, ACL and OFL?

**VI) Discussion and panel recommendations**

The Panel should discuss any other items that are related to the ACT, ACL and OFL metrics of spiny lobster and make recommendations. Staff will present the summary of the review panel to both Council's SSCs and those SSCs recommendations to the Councils.