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AGENDA

JOINT SPINY LOBSTER COMMITTEE & AP MEETING

Doubletree Grand Key Resort
3990 S. Roosevelt Boulevard; Key West, FL

Wednesday, June 13, 2007 - 1:30 PM – 4:00 PM

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Tony Iarocci
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/17/02) – Tony Iarocci
3. OVERVIEW OF MEETING MATERIALS – Gregg Waugh
4. UPDATE FROM THE STATE OF FLORIDA – John Hunt/Tom Mathews
5. NOAA INPUT
 - A. Paul Raymond, NMFS Law Enforcement
 - B. Monica Smit-Brunello, NOAA GC
6. UPDATE FROM THE FLORIDA STATE LOBSTER ADVISORY BOARD – Bruce Irwin
 - A. Tailing Permit Issues
 - B. 50-Lobster Short Rule
 - C. Importation Rule
7. OTHER ITEMS FROM THE ADVISORY PANEL - Tony Iarocci
8. OTHER ITEMS FOR PLAN AMENDMENT:
 - A. Annual Catch Limits – implemented by 2011
 - B. Update Agreement between State of Florida and Councils
 - C. Timing for Amendment Development & Completion

9. OTHER BUSINESS – Tony Iarocci

10. ADJOURN – Tony Iarocci

Committee Members:

David Cupka, Chair

Roy Crabtree

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DATE: 5/22/2007

FISHERY: Spiny Lobster

SUBJECT: Briefing Info

STAFF: Waugh

SOURCE: SAFMC/NMFS/FL

Advisory Panel Members:

Michael Adams

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Jim Atack

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Bruce Irwin

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OVERVIEW

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The upcoming Spiny Lobster Committee and AP meeting will serve as a “round-table” discussion about current issues in the spiny lobster fishery and how we move forward from here.

The following presentations will set the stage for our discussions:

1. John Hunt and Tom Mathews will present an update from the perspective of the State of Florida.
2. Paul Raymond will discuss issues from the NOAA/NMFS Law Enforcement perspective.
3. Monica Smit-Brunello will discuss issues from the NOAA GC perspective.
4. Bruce Irwin will provide an update from the Florida State Lobster Advisory Board.

Then the Advisory Panel will have a chance to provide their individual views on what is going on in the spiny lobster fishery and where changes may be needed.

Finally, there are a number of items that must be addressed to update the agreement between the State of Florida and the Councils as is currently specified in the fishery management plan, and there are some required changes to bring the plan into compliance with the recently reauthorized Magnuson-Stevens Act.

The group should have some general discussions about how to move forward from this meeting. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is administrative lead for the Spiny Lobster Fishery Management Plan and they would be the ones to actually begin the amendment process.

Note: The folder named “Scoping Results” contains minutes from two separate scoping meetings/hearings (6/17/02 and 12/2/02). There is also a set of committee minutes from the March 6, 2001 that contains results from a scoping session. These minutes are provided as background information.