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Action 2: Require Gear Markings for Spiny Lobster Trap Lines in the EEZ off Florida

SSC RECOMMENDATION:

It will be very difficult to associate a particular rope to a particular fishery for monitoring/enforcement. Also, lobster rope is heavier than other ropes and is identifiable in that way. Perhaps requiring all lobster rope to meet the specifications of the rope currently used by the majority of the fishery.