

Amendment Y (GMFMC Lead) (Attachment 4)

The following items are to be included:

1. Tailing permit
 - a. Continue to allow – “The possession aboard a fishing vessel of a separated spiny lobster tail in or from the EEZ is authorized only when the possession is incidental to fishing exclusively in the EEZ on a trip of 48 hours or more and a Federal tail-separation permit specified in Section 640.4(a) (2) has been issued to and is on board the vessel.”
 - b. Do not allow tailing; this would require all lobsters to be landed whole. This would help prevent the use of hooks and spears to harvest lobsters.
2. Federal 50-short rule
 - a. Continue to allow – “A live spiny lobster under the minimum size limit specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section that is harvested in the EEZ by a trap may be retained aboard the harvesting vessel for future use as an attractant in a trap provided it is held in a live well aboard the vessel. No more than fifty undersize spiny lobsters, or one per trap aboard the vessel, whichever is greater, may be retained aboard for use as attractants. The live well must provide a minimum of $\frac{3}{4}$ gallons (1.7 liters) of seawater per spiny lobster. An undersized spiny lobster so retained must be released to the water alive and unharmed immediately upon leaving the trap lines and prior to one hour after official sunset each day.”
 - b. Prohibit possession and use of shorts as attractants.
3. The northern fishery
 - a. Continue to allow two lobsters per person recreational and commercial year-round. Note: Possession of berried lobsters is prohibited; stripping of eggs and/or clipping of fins is also prohibited.
 - b. Allow a larger commercial harvest.
 - c. Others???
4. Updating the Council/State of Florida process
 - a. No action – this would leave the current out-dated process in place.
 - b. Modify the process to reflect the changes in the State of Florida.
5. Annual Catch Limits & Accountability Measures – beginning January 1, 2011 the Councils must specify annual catch limits for spiny lobster that will prevent overfishing. This will need to be done in conjunction with the State of Florida.