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DATE: November 20, 2009

Subject: SE US Spiny Lobster 2010 Stock Assessment Update

An assessment update for SE US spiny lobster will be one of several updates conducted through SEDAR during 2010. The update will be conducted for the Gulf of Mexico and the South Atlantic councils.

This is a request for council appointment of participants for an update workshop tentatively scheduled for August 23-25, 2010, and approval of the attached tentative schedule.

PARTICIPANTS

Because the spiny lobster update will involve both councils it is requested that each council appoint two members of your SSC, two members of your Advisory Panel, one council member, and one staff member.

SSC members will make up the Update Panel, and one will be workshop chair. The chair will be lead editor of the assessment update report. Other council appointees will be official observers.

SCHEDULE

SEDAR will employ the newly approved update process which involves data scoping, a series of assessment webinars, an update panel workshop, and release of an assessment update report. The schedule provided is tentative. Webinar dates may be changed depending on panel members' availability, although they must be noticed in the Federal Register. The update workshop dates are preferred with consideration given to council meetings and other SEDAR obligations.

Please seek the appointments and approvals requested and inform me of the outcome when they are known.

cc: John Carmichael, Carrie Simmons, Gregg Waugh, Steven Atran

Attachment: Spiny Lobster 2010 Assessment Update – Tentative Project Schedule