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SPINEY LOBSTER AMENDMENT 10

State your name, where you live, your fishing experience and your opinion of the health of the Lobster stocks in the Atlantic.

Action 1. Removing Species from Unit

I do not support any of the alternatives; Alternative 4 must be amended to include Caribbean Spiny Lobster. Management must be returned to the State of Florida.

Action 2-1 (Maximum Sustainable Yield) Alternatives

We support Alternative 1: No Action

Action 2-2 (Overfishing Threshold) Alternatives

We support Alternative 1: No Action

Action 2-3 (Overfished Threshold) Alternatives

We support Alternative 1: No Action

Action 3 (Sector Allocation) Alternatives

We support the Preferred Alternative 1: No action – Do not establish sector allocations.

Action 4-1 (Allowable Biological Catch Control Rule) Alternatives

We support Alternative 1: No Action – Do not establish an ABC Control Rule for spiny lobster.

Action 4-2 (Annual Catch Limits) Alternatives

We support Alternative 1: No Action – Do not set Annual Catch Limits

Action 4-3 (Annual Catch Target) Alternatives

We support the Preferred Alternative 1: No Action – Do not set Annual Catch Targets.

Action 5 (Accountability Measures) Alternatives

We support Alternative 1: No Action – Do not set accountability measures.

Action 6 (Framework Procedure & Protocol) Alternatives

We support the Broad Framework Procedure

Action 7 (Use of Shorts as "Attractants") Alternatives

We support Alternative 2: Prohibit the possession and use of undersized Caribbean spiny lobsters as attractants.

Action 8 (Modify "Tailing" Permit) Alternatives

We support Alternative 2: Eliminate the Tail-Separation Permit for all vessels fishing for Caribbean Spiny lobster in the Gulf & South Atlantic waters of the EEZ.

Action 9 (Limit Fishing Area) Alternatives

We support Alternative 2: Prohibit spiny lobster trapping on all known hardbottom in the EEZ off Florida in water depths less than 30 meters.

Action 10 (Gear Markings on Trap Line) Alternatives

We support the Preferred Alternative 2: Require all spiny lobster trap lines in the EEZ off Florida to be COLOR, or have a COLOR marking along its entire length.

Action 11 (Public Removal of Derelict or Abandoned Trap) Alternatives

We support Alternative 2: Allow the public to completely remove from the water any derelict or abandoned spiny lobster trap found in the EEZ off Florida from the end of lobster season trap removal period (usually April 5) until the beginning of the next seasons trap deployment period (August 1).

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