



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel Meeting

Reefhouse Resort & Marina
103800 Overseas Highway
Key Largo, FL 33037

Other than the starting and ending times of the meeting, times indicated on the agenda are approximate, and the order of business may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the completion of agenda items. Interested parties should be aware that discussions may start earlier or later than indicated.

Public comment will be solicited at the beginning and at the end of the meeting. Those wishing to comment should indicate such in the manner requested by staff, who will then recognize individuals to provide comment.

Wednesday, June 29, 2022 – 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of November 2019 Meeting Transcript

Public Comment

1. Fishery Performance Report for Spiny Lobster (*Attachment 1*).
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Provide input for development of a fishery performance report for spiny lobster.
2. Trap Closed Areas in the Florida Keys established in Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 (*Attachment 2*).
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Discuss and provide recommendations, as appropriate.
3. Election of a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Other Business

1. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Restoration Blueprint, if available.

Public Comment

Adjourn

Advisory Panel Members:

Bruce Irwin, Chair
Robert Burton
Richard Diaz
Sean Espenship
Tony Iarocci
Gary Nichols II

Peter O'Bryan
Mimi Stafford
Mickey Whittington
Justin Smith

Attachments

Attachment 1: Spiny Lobster Fishery Performance Report Questions

Attachment 2: Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 Summary

Staff: Christina Wiegand

OVERVIEW

Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel Meeting

The Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel will approve the agenda.

1. **Updated Fishery Performance Report for Spiny Lobster** (*Attachment 1*).

Description: The intent of the Fishery Performance Reports (FPRs) is to assemble information from AP members' experience and observations on the water and in the marketplace to complement scientific and landings data. The FPRs will be provided to the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), the Socio-Economic Panel (SEP), and the Council to assist in their discussions. During this meeting the AP is asked to update their FPR for the spiny lobster fishery, first completed in May 2018.

Advisory Panel Action: Provide input for development of a fishery performance report for spiny lobster.

2. **Trap Closed Areas in the Florida Keys established in Spiny Lobster Amendment 11** (*Attachment 2*).

Description: In order to ensure that ESA-listed *Acroporid* corals are getting adequate protection, the Council intends to work with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to re-examine the 60 areas in federal waters of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary that were closed to the use of lobster traps through Amendment 11 to the Spiny Lobster Fishery Management Plan. The Council would like input from the Spiny Lobster Advisory Panel to help determine if these areas are still in the right locations to provide protection to corals, whether different areas need protection, and whether some existing areas need to be removed if they are no longer offering protection for these species following Hurricane Irma.

Advisory Panel Action: Discuss and provide recommendations as appropriate.

Other Business