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The Spiny Lobster Committee of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council convened at the DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront, Atlantic Beach, North Carolina, Monday afternoon, December 4, 2017, and was called to order by Vice Chairman Ben Hartig.

MR. HARTIG: I would like to bring the Spiny Lobster Committee to order. The people on the committee, Jessica McCawley is Chair, Ben Hartig is Vice Chair, Chester Brewer, Chris Conklin, Roy Crabtree, and Lieutenant Commander Jeremy Montes. The first order of business is Approval of the Agenda. Hi, Jessica.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Hi. Can you guys hear me?

MR. HARTIG: Yes, we can. We can hear you loud and clear.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Okay. I just wanted to introduce who else I have with me that might be speaking. I have Martha Guyas here, and she is the FWC representative to the Gulf Council, and she's also the head of the Federal Fisheries Section, and I have Melissa Recks, and she is the section leader over Analysis and Rulemaking, which is the state rulemaking piece, and her shop is the one that did the lobster bully-net and commercial dive endorsement regulations, and so she's also here to answer questions if we get down in the weeds.

MR. HARTIG: Thank you very much. I appreciate you including that technical staff to do that. Thank you. All right. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none, the agenda is approved. Approval of the Minutes, are there any corrections or deletions to the minutes? Seeing none, the minutes are approved. That brings us to Status of 2016/2017 Catches Versus the ACL, and the presentation is under Attachment 1 by Christina.

MS. WIEGAND: These numbers aren't drastically different from what you guys saw in June, but now that all the reporting was complete, I just wanted to give you a quick update. We're looking at commercial catch for 2016 and 2017 at right around 5.3 million pounds and recreational catch right around 1.5 million, for a total catch of 6.8 million, and this is above the current annual catch target, but Regulatory Amendment 4 is going to raise that catch target to 8.64 million pounds, and that regulation is currently going -- The proposed rule package is currently underway, and I just wanted to give you guys a quick update on that, if anyone has any questions. If not, I will get right into Amendment 13.

MR. HARTIG: Any questions for Christina about the landings? Seeing none, Christina.

MS. WIEGAND: Okay, and so, as you guys know, at the last meeting, we started doing these staff overview presentations, and this is going to follow directly the information in the decision document. At the last meeting, you guys received an update on inconsistent regulations between the State of Florida and federal waters, and you directed staff to begin work with the Gulf Council staff on an options paper for an amendment that would address the bully-net regulations as well as update the protocol and procedure with the State of Florida for the enhanced cooperative management process.

Right now, we're going to review the draft options paper, and you will be seeing a new draft options paper at the March meeting, and, if we follow along the projected timing, we're looking at final approval of this amendment sometime around September of 2018, and so, at this meeting,

you guys are going to review the draft purpose and need as well as the draft actions and alternatives. We are going to go over a few things that the Gulf Council approved at their meeting and then consider scoping.

We're getting a little bit past when we would normally do scoping for an amendment. The Gulf Council is not going to take this amendment out for formal scoping. They're going to use the council process as their public comment procedure for this amendment, and so you guys will need to consider whether at this point you do want to go ahead and go out with scoping or not.

Just as a very quick overview, since you guys haven't seen this stuff since June, we're talking about the bully-netting issue, which is a type of gear that is typically only used in shallow waters at night, when spiny lobsters start to move away from structure, and what's been happening over the last three or four years is we've seen a great increase in participation, particularly at the start of the season, and there was growing conflict between the commercial sector and the recreational sector as well as public owners and other stakeholders in the area, and so Florida introduced a number of different regulations to address those conflicts, and now state waters and federal waters have inconsistent regulations concerning bully-nets.

These are the regulations that FWC has recently implemented. They created a bully-net endorsement and then updated their definition of commercial harvester to include those with a commercial bully-net endorsement. That endorsement number is required to be marked in reflective paint on any vessel, and they prohibit trap pullers aboard commercial bully-net vessels and prohibit possession of a bully-net and any underwater breathing apparatus, and so that's a quick overview of what's going on with bully-netting in Florida.

The second action in this amendment looks at addressing an enhanced cooperative management system. This was set up way back in Amendment 2 as a way for FWC to propose regulations to NMFS directly without the council needing to go through the full amendment process every time they wanted to create consistent regulations, and so it's a more timely mechanism, and it makes it easier for state and federal agencies to coordinate, and it's set up so it's a protocol in an attached procedure, and that procedure was accidentally left out in Amendment 10, and so, right now, while the protocol is in place, there is no procedure to implement it, and so the language that is in the options paper is the exact same as it was in Amendment 2.

Staff is going through and making a few updates and removing language for things like the Governor and Cabinet, which no longer reflects how Florida goes through the regulation process and updating it, but, substantively, it's exactly the same.

Currently, this is how the purpose and need reads. The purpose of this action is to conform federal regulations for spiny lobster that apply to the Exclusive Economic Zone off of Florida with recently adopted Florida state regulations and to reestablish the procedure for the protocol for an enhanced cooperative management system.

The need for this action is to establish consistent state and federal regulations to effectively manage and enforce the harvest of spiny lobster off of Florida to prevent overfishing while achieving optimum yield, and what you guys are going to need to do concerning the purpose and need is you're going to want to review it and make any modifications as necessary, and, if you feel comfortable at this point, go ahead and approve it.

This is the first action in this amendment, and this is the bully-net action. You've got your no action alternative, and then Alternative 2 just implements the exact same regulations that we see in Florida waters off of the Florida EEZ, and you will need to review and modify that action and alternatives and approve as you see fit. Action 2, like I said, just establishes that procedure for the enhanced management protocol, again, and, like I said, it's exactly the same as it was in Amendment 2, and so you guys will need to review and modify that.

At their October meeting, the Gulf passed a motion to combine the procedure and protocol, so in the future there wasn't a situation where one might be left behind, and so you will need to consider that motion and decide if you would also like to make a motion to do that.

I am only going to go over this very briefly, because Jessica is going to get into it in great detail, but there are also a number of other inconsistencies between Florida state regulations and regulations in federal waters. A lot of those regulations can just be updated when we re-do the codified text, but there are three of them that will require council action, and those are bag limits for commercial bully-netters and divers, degradable panels in traps, and the definition of "artificial habitat".

Like I said, Jessica will go over that in more detail, but, at their October meeting, the Gulf did pass a motion to incorporate those three items that would require council action into this amendment, and so you guys will need to discuss and decide if that's something that you would also like to do. If we get all of that accomplished, again, you're going to be seeing a new draft options paper in March, and we'll continue on and hopefully have final action sometime in September.

MR. HARTIG: Thank you. That was a great overview. Are there questions for Christina? I don't see any. That speaks to the great job you did.

MS. WIEGAND: Well, thank you.

MR. HARTIG: All right. So, Jessica, where are we? What do you want to do here?

MS. MCCAWLEY: Thanks, Ben, and that was a great presentation by Christina. I can just verbally give you a little bit more background, and then maybe let folks ask questions, and then we should probably look at the items that the Gulf Council -- The motions that they made.

Just to remind everybody one more time of what this is, the FWC made some changes to the bully-net regulations. We had talked about bully-netting at previous council meetings, and the commission had also made other changes to our commercial dive endorsement, and so we looked through all of the Code of Federal Regulations relative to spiny lobster, and, in addition to the changes for commercial dive and bully-netting, we found some other minor changes that probably need to be fixed as well as some technical things, like the reference to our agency's phone number is incorrect, and there were some misspelled words.

There is a table here in our briefing book, and it's Attachment 2b, and it has those changes grouped into the bully-net changes, the other changes, and then, finally, the last page are these minor technical changes that are the misspellings and the wrong phone number and those types of things, and so this particular amendment that Christina just was talking to us about -- The amendment is

divided into two actions, one action that would be the items that were specific to bully-netting, and then the other one is about the protocol or procedure. As Christina mentioned, it's just pasting in the old procedure, which is significantly outdated, and it actually is the procedure that the old Marine Fisheries Commission used, and so that would need to be updated. Staff had just pasted in the old one as a starting point.

Then the Gulf Council, since they're the administrative lead on this particular amendment, the Gulf Council took this up, and there were some Gulf motions that Christina mentioned that are talking about incorporating these other changes that are not bully-net related into the document. Then the Gulf Council, I believe, also made a motion to combine the protocol and the procedure into one item, and so I'm hoping that we can take that up as well, but, if people have questions about the specifics of the regulatory changes regarding bully-netting and why the agency made those changes or about the other items in Table 2b, then we certainly can answer that, and, once again, Martha is here if we want to talk more about the specifics on what the Gulf Council motions were, although Christina has that nicely laid out inside the options paper.

MR. HARTIG: Thanks, Jessica. I appreciate that. Questions for Jessica?

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: I have a couple of questions. One is, right now, when I look at the federal regulations for spiny lobster, for the EEZ off of Florida, a person has to really have a Florida commercial spiny lobster permit, and they call that a commercial harvester, and so I guess the idea is to add a bully-net endorsement into the federal regulations, because that's what Florida requires, and is there any other kind of endorsement that Florida requires? Like do you all have a requirement for a commercial diver for spiny lobster? Is there anything else that we should be adding in? Then I have some more questions, but, if you could answer that, that would be helpful.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Thanks, Monica. Let me start, and then Melissa can add on to this. Prior to the bully-netting, we didn't have a bully-net-specific endorsement, and so you just had what was called the crawfish endorsement, and then there was a commercial dive endorsement, which we also called the CD endorsement, and so now we're creating the bully-net endorsement, and that's why we had to change the definition of "commercial harvester", so that we were specifying that a lobster commercial harvester -- Instead of just having the crawfish endorsement, they also had to have a bully-net endorsement as well, if they were going to be bully-netting, and is that right, Melissa?

MS. RECKS: That's correct. The CFR references that definition of "commercial harvester", and so all commercial harvest of lobster requires the crawfish endorsement, and then, prior to the creation of the bully-net endorsement, that definition also included the crawfish dive endorsement, and, since the CFR incorporated the reference to our regulations prior to the creation of the bully-net endorsement, we were just looking for that update, so that the appropriate bully-net endorsement would also be required if the harvester was planning harvest by bully-nets.

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: I am guessing the document will eventually have that kind of -- Maybe it already does, but, if we could put that in the discussion after the action, I think that would be helpful. Then my other question is, and I know -- I bet you have answered this before, and so I'm sorry that I'm going to ask it again, but I understand that bully-netting is done in shallow water, and is there any bully-netting that's done in federal waters, and, if not, then I'm assuming this is an enforcement kind of action to close some loopholes that could happen by a person scooting off

to the EEZ, I guess, and saying they were really bully-netting in the EEZ, even though they didn't have the required Florida permits.

MS. RECKS: That is largely what we're looking for here. There might be some very small areas of the EEZ in the Florida Bay area, but I doubt it. Largely, we're looking at enforcement concerns here.

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: Thank you.

MR. HARTIG: Is that it, Monica? Do you have any --

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: I am good on Action 1.

MR. HARTIG: Okay. I had one question, Jessica. In order to get a bully-net endorsement, you have to already have a crawfish endorsement, or can you still get a crawfish endorsement from the state and then get a bully-net endorsement?

MS. MCCAWLEY: In order to have a bully-net endorsement, you've got to first have the crawfish endorsement, but all of those endorsements are available.

MR. HARTIG: Okay. That's what I needed to know. Thank you.

MS. MCCAWLEY: You're welcome.

MR. HARTIG: So where are we? We need some motions on Action 1.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Do we also need to approve the modified purpose and need statement, Mr. Chairman?

MR. HARTIG: Yes, we need to do that first. Thank you. Is there any changes in the purpose and need from the committee? **Seeing none, I would need a motion to accept the IPT's recommended wording for the purpose and need.**

MR. BREWER: **So moved.**

MR. HARTIG: That motion is made by Chester Brewer and a second by -- Jim, you're not on the committee. Jack McGovern seconds it. Any more discussion on the purpose and need? Seeing none, that motion is approved. **Is there any objection, and I'm sorry, to the purpose and need, the IPT's wording? Now, seeing none, that motion is approved.**

All right. Under Action 1, which is establish the endorsement, marking gear prohibitions for bully-net gear in the Exclusive Economic Zone off of Florida, are there any recommended changes to the wording in that action? Seeing none, I would need a motion to accept the IPT's recommended wording for Action 1, Alternatives 1 through 2.

MR. BREWER: **So moved.**

MR. HARTIG: Thank you. Motion by Chester and seconded by -- Jessica, can Jim make a second to the motion?

MS. MCCAWLEY: That's my understanding. I would look to Monica, but Jim is there in my place, and he is the voting member for this meeting, and so it's my understanding that he could second motions or make motions, et cetera, but I would look to Monica.

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: Jessica is correct. Jim is the designee, and he can act for the Director.

MR. HARTIG: Thank you, Jessica, and thank you, Monica. Jim can vote on these, and I was wrong, and we will move forward with that in mind. Okay. We had a motion, and do we have a second, Jim? Second by Jim Estes. Any discussion on that? **Is there any objection to that motion? Seeing none, that motion is approved.** All right. That brings us to the protocol.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Ben, if I may, Alternative 2 is the old protocol procedure that was taken in from one of the earlier amendments, the part that got deleted, but this, as Christina mentioned, is going to be updated by staff from the council, with the help of FWC, because this is from the old Marine Fisheries Commission, and this is not the current FWC protocol where the commission can take final action on items, and so I think that this particular action needs to be modified, and, in addition to that, it looks like the Gulf made a motion to combine the protocol and procedure, and so we probably need a similar motion as well as direction to staff to update Alternative 2.

MR. HARTIG: Okay, and so let's go to the Gulf motions first, and the first one was the modify Action 2 to combine both the protocol and the procedure.

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: I don't know what that means. There is a protocol in place, and, actually, that would probably maybe even be encompassed in no action, in terms of the description. Maybe technically not, because you're really talking about procedure, but I don't know what it means to combine it. Then we also have to -- If we're combining it to make it its own alternative, then do we have to have, potentially, another alternative for the protocol? I am just trying to figure out what exactly they meant. I think the idea was they didn't want these to get separated in the future, so that if we -- So we wouldn't make the mistake we did before, in which we didn't include the procedure into the FMP, but maybe we could have some discussion on that.

MS. MCCAWLEY: I am going to let Martha try to explain what the Gulf was trying to do here.

MS. GUYAS: I may have this confused, because this is a very confusing topic, but, back when this was -- Let me not use the word "protocol" or "procedure". When this set of steps was put forward, where the FWC and the councils and NOAA could work together to make changes to federal rules in a relatively quick process, based on what FWC had done, there were two separate documents that outlined how this happened. One was the procedure, and one was the protocol. I can't remember which one was which. They both kind of outlined some steps and explained what was supposed to happen. They overlapped some, but they had somewhat separate information in them.

When Spiny Lobster Amendment 10 came forward, it only included one piece, and I can't remember if it was the procedure or if it was the protocol. Again, we're using synonyms to describe two different documents, and it's kind of confusing. Anyway, Spiny Lobster Amendment

10 only included half of the puzzle, and so, right now, we don't have the procedure and protocol. We only have one of them, and the suggestion that came out of the Gulf Council meeting was to stop having two separate documents and just make one thing that explains what the State of Florida will do and what SERO and NOAA will do and when the councils get involved in this process, and so that was really the intent, was just to streamline what is happening and then also, of course, we've already talked about updating the process that describes what happens at FWC, because what's in there now is not accurate. Did that make sense?

MR. HARTIG: It does to me, and I am seeing Monica nod her head.

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: That makes sense, but what I'm unclear on is what the Gulf actually meant when they said to combine them, the protocol with the procedure.

MS. GUYAS: So just to have one document instead of two. Rather than having a protocol that is separate from a procedure and having both of those things have to move forward for something to happen, we would just have one document that outlined both the protocol and the procedure. It basically tells us what we need to do to make the streamlined process happen. We are streamlining the streamlining.

MR. HARTIG: Okay, and so how it could work is you have a protocol that is -- You're going to fine-tune that, and then the procedure -- Does that have to be in the action, or can that be in the explanation of how the protocol works?

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: I will jump in. It seems to me that you could call it a protocol and a procedure. You could rename it Ralph. You could rename it a number of things, but it would be one, I guess -- We call it one document, but one -- In practice, one protocol and procedure, one procedure, I guess, and I understand what you're talking about, Ben. I don't think it matters a great deal. I think as long as we get the protocol and the procedure in the same action, I guess, that's what they want to do, so it doesn't get separate. You could still call it protocol and procedure together, like they never divorced, right, and they're always together, and I think it's up to you.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Exactly.

MR. HARTIG: There you go. You would need a motion from this committee to accept the Gulf's motion or make the similar motion?

MS. WIEGAND: Yes, we would need a motion for you guys to make the same motion.

MR. BREWER: Will you go back up, so I can see what the Gulf Council did? **Mr. Chairman, I would like to make a motion that we modify Action 2 to combine both the protocol document and the procedure document into one document.**

MR. HARTIG: Motion by Chester and second by Jim. Is there discussion? We've already had quite a bit. **Is there any objection to this motion? Seeing none, that motion is approved.** The Gulf had another motion, I believe.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Mr. Chairman, before you go on to the other Gulf motion, do we need to give direction to staff to actually update this newly-combined document, since it's got outdated language in it?

MS. WIEGAND: I've already been working with Gulf staff and Regional Office staff and South Atlantic staff. We've all already been working on that, and so I don't necessarily think we need a formal motion for that, but someone can correct me if I'm wrong.

MR. HARTIG: No, we don't need a motion, but, if we have direction to staff, and you're well aware of what is happening. In fact, you're working on it as we speak, and so certainly that is going to be done, Jessica, and that is -- We will put it in the report, just to make it clear that direction to staff was given to update the procedure and the protocol. Is that satisfactory?

MS. MCCAWLEY: Thank you. That sounds great.

MR. HARTIG: Okay. Where do you want to go next, Jessica?

MS. MCCAWLEY: I would say back where you were a minute ago on the other Gulf motions.

MR. HARTIG: Okay. **The Gulf had another motion, which was, and we talked a little bit about it already, to incorporate the following into Spiny Lobster Amendment 13: bag limits, degradable panels in traps, and definition of "artificial habitat"**. If someone on our committee would like to make that motion --

MR. BREWER: **So moved.**

MR. HARTIG: Motion by Chester Brewer and second by Jim. Is there any discussion on that motion?

DR. MCGOVERN: I just had a question. If these are existing Florida regulations and we adopt the preferred alternative in Action 2, wouldn't these measures automatically go into effect? That's my question.

MR. HARTIG: Did you get that, Jessica?

MS. MCCAWLEY: I missed the last part of what he said. If the council adopts them, then what happens?

DR. MCGOVERN: My question is, if we go with Action 2 and the preferred alternative, and it brings in the existing Florida regulations and makes them NMFS regulations, and so I'm just wondering if we need an action for these other things.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Let me say a couple of things. Basically, what I think you're saying is, if we go ahead and do this modified procedure and protocol, we wouldn't necessarily need this Gulf motion or the motion that's been made at the South Atlantic, because it would happen through this procedure, but I think that we're suggesting is to go ahead and add these things now, and the procedure would come for future actions, and so, because this amendment is going to take a while to get through, and there was a fairly robust discussion at the Gulf Council about these specific

items, especially the definition of “artificial habitat”, and we don’t think that the degradable panels and definition of “artificial habitat” file under the procedure or the protocol.

MR. HARTIG: Okay. Thank you for that. Did you want to give a little bit of explanation about each of these before we vote?

MS. MCCAWLEY: We can. I think I’m going to look to Melissa to help with this information about the degradable panels and then the very interesting definition of “artificial habitat”.

MR. HARTIG: That would be good.

MS. RECKS: I would prefer to start with the bag limits, because that one is easier, I will be honest. My understanding, and I will have to go back and look at my notes, but my understanding is that the CFR does not incorporate any bag limits beyond the recreational bag limit. However, Florida has a limit of 250 lobster for both the dive fishery and the bully-net fishery, and those commercial bag limits are not incorporated in the CFR.

I think our understanding, from the council documents that the staff provided, is that the commercial limits, the degradable panels, and the definition of “artificial habitat” would have to be addressed by the council and could not go through the expedited process with the procedures and protocols, and so that’s the story behind the bag limits.

The degradable panels in traps, Florida rules are fairly specific. They provide for the types of materials and the size of the slats on those panels, and the CFR is considerably more vague, and I think it only says that the degradable panel has to be at least the size of the throat of the trap, and so we would be looking for the council to approve more specific regulations that are similar to the Florida regulations about using cypress or untreated pine slats and then the thickness of those, to be sure that they would degrade appropriately, especially if you’re thinking about a wire trap or something like that.

That is the first two, and the definition of “artificial habitat”, I remember that there are differences, and I am not 100 percent remembering what the difference is, except that I think that the Florida regulations provide some information about what constitutes artificial habitat. I am not sure that that is in the CFR at all, and so, of course, we’re talking about what we commonly refer to as casitas here, and I think that the CFR is lacking in this definition of what that constitutes.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Yes, that’s my recollection as well on the artificial habitat, and so we don’t use the term “casita” in our rule. We use the term “artificial habitat”, and there is no reference as to whether lobster can be taken or not from that artificial habitat, and so it appears that this would make a definition in the CFR for artificial habitat for lobster specifically, and this is only for lobster.

MR. HARTIG: I appreciate that, and I guess certainly the timing of the casita discussion probably wouldn’t fit into when NMFS made those official -- When you guys made your official rules on that, and so I appreciate the discussion. It clears it up. That brings us back to the motion. We have a motion, and we have a second, and we’ve had considerable discussion. **Is there any objection to this motion? Seeing none, that motion is approved.** What else do we need to do, Jessica?

MS. MCCAWLEY: I just want a confirmation that the other items which are in this last page of the table under 2b, which are these technical changes and references to the wrong rule, updating the phone number, correcting the misspellings, and I just want to make sure that it's the intent of NOAA to make these changes and that that doesn't need to be in the amendment itself.

MR. HARTIG: I was looking at Monica, and she is smiling back, and so we will ask Monica if she thinks these can be done by the agency.

MS. SMIT-BRUNELLO: I will confer with my colleagues, because they have been point people, so to speak, point attorneys, on this particular amendment, and so I will talk with them, and then I will get back with you all by Full Council or sooner, if I can, because we haven't discussed that part of it.

MR. HARTIG: Does that sound okay, Jessica?

MS. MCCAWLEY: Yes.

MR. HARTIG: Okay. Great.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Then I don't know if we need to talk about the timing, if we want to send this out for scoping or not. Since the Gulf Council is not taking it out, maybe we should take it out?

MS. WIEGAND: It's up to you guys. If we were going to do scoping, we would be thinking about doing perhaps two webinars in the evening at the very beginning of January.

MR. DIAZ: I just wanted to mention that, at the council, what we had discussed was to do public hearings through webinars, and I believe we're going to post some online videos to get public comments also, in addition to the council process that Christina mentioned earlier, and so I think there will be a couple of opportunities for public comments, but that's how we intend to do it. Thank you.

MR. HARTIG: I appreciate that, because I wasn't sure exactly what the wording meant when the Gulf said -- I can't remember what the wording they used was, but they said they were going to use some kind of procedure to do their scoping.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Martha mentioned that also the June meeting, I believe, of the Gulf Council is in Key West, which would also, in theory, get comment on lobster there.

MR. HARTIG: That would work very well.

MR. BREWER: **Mr. Chairman, I would like to move that we approve Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 for scoping.**

MR. HARTIG: Motion by Chester and second by Jim. Is there any more discussion on that? **Is there any objection to that motion? Seeing none, that motion is approved.** Are you good, Jessica?

MS. MCCAWLEY: I am good, unless you guys have additional questions. I appreciate folks coming back early from lunch to accommodate us, and I appreciate you running the meeting for me, Mr. Vice Chair.

MR. HARTIG: You made it a lot easier being on the phone, I can tell you that, and thank you so much.

MS. MCCAWLEY: Thanks for allowing all of us to get on the phone to do this, because of the conflict with the FWC meeting.

MR. HARTIG: We needed all of you, and so I appreciate you all being there, and so is there any other business to come before the Spiny Lobster Committee? Seeing none, that brings us to adjourn this committee.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned on December 4, 2017.)

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