

**SUMMARY REPORT
FROM THE
SPINY LOBSTER COMMITTEE MEETING
Savannah, GA
March 6, 2012**

The Spiny Lobster Committee met on March 6, 2012, in Savannah, GA with Jessica McCawley as committee chair. The Committee received a report on comments received at the Gulf Council public hearings in addition to Gulf Council actions in regards to Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 11. In February, the Gulf Council approved modifications to three of the proposed closed areas and approved Amendment 11 for submission to the Secretary. Council staff also provided a summary of public input from South Atlantic public hearings and comments on the DSEIS.

The Committee reviewed Spiny Lobster Amendment 11. Under Action 1, the Committee reviewed modifications to three proposed closed areas (Areas 2, 15, and 30) that were approved by the Gulf Council. The Committee approved the area modifications and did not change the preferred alternative and option. The Committee reviewed Action 2 and did not change the preferred alternative. FWC is working with industry on a study to explore options for gear markings over the next year. The results of this study will be provided to the Councils for decisions on future actions to satisfy line marking requirements in the Biological Opinion.

The Committee approved a motion to submit Amendment 11 to the Secretary.

The Committee made the following motions:

MOTION: Approve the area modifications for Areas 2, 15 and 30 on Action 1.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.

MOTION: Send Amendment 11 to the Secretary and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, and give staff and Council Chair editorial license to make changes as necessary.
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE.