

OVERVIEW

Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting

March 6, 2012
Savannah Hilton DeSoto Hotel
15 East Liberty Street
Savannah, Georgia

At this Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting, the Committee will: (a) review public comments on Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/DSEIS; (b) receive an update on Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/DSEIS and review actions and alternatives; and (c) review the decision document, provide guidance on necessary modifications to the amendment, approve for formal review, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate. If approved, this will be the Council's final action for Amendment 11.

A. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 (Attachments 1-4)

Council staff will present a report on the January/February meeting of the Gulf of Mexico Council, including a summary of public input from the Gulf Council public hearings in addition to Gulf Council actions in regards to Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/DSEIS (*Attachments 2a & 2b*). Council staff will also provide a summary of public input from South Atlantic public hearings (*Attachments 3a & 3b*) and comments on the DSEIS (*Attachment 4*), and review actions and alternatives in Spiny Lobster Amendment 11/DSEIS (*Attachment 1 & Attachment 5 (Decision Document)*). The Committee will review modifications to some of the proposed closed areas, which were recently approved by the Gulf Council, in addition to taking final action on Amendment 11 and deeming the codified text (*Attachment 6*).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Review public hearing comments; change preferred alternatives if necessary; modify the amendment as appropriate (*Attachment 1*), and approve for formal review; deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate (*Attachment 6*).