

**REPORT OF THE  
SPINY LOBSTER COMMITTEE  
Charleston, South Carolina  
September 16, 2008**

The Spiny Lobster Committee met on September 16, 2008 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Gregg Waugh reviewed the public comments and actions on the Import Amendment (Amendment 4/8) by the Gulf and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils.

Bill Sharp reviewed the status of potential actions by the State of Florida. Recommendations from a work group have been provided to their staff and these will be discussed at a future Commission meeting.

The Committee discussed Amendment 9 and noted that the Gulf Council will be discussing timing and items for inclusion at their October 2008 meeting.

**The Committee approved the following motions:**

MOTION#1: APPROVE SPINY LOBSTER AMENDMENT 4/8 WITH THE TWO  
PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES FOR SECRETARIAL REVIEW  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

MOTION #2: APPROVE THE PROPOSED RULE AS NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

**In addition, the committee provided the following direction to staff:**

1. Staff are directed to contact the GMFMC staff and request Amendment 9 include examination of an alternative to delegate authority for management to the State of Florida for the fishery off Florida. Also include the following issues: tailing permit, Federal 50-short rule, the fishery north of Florida, updating the Council/State of Florida process, and Annual Catch Limits & Accountability Measures.