

OVERVIEW

Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting

September 13, 2011
Charleston Marriott Hotel
170 Lockwood Boulevard
Charleston, SC

At this Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting, the Committee will: (a) receive a presentation on development of actions to meet Biological Opinion requirements to protect staghorn and elkhorn corals; (b) be updated on meetings to discuss alternatives for closed areas to protect staghorn and elkhorn corals; and (c) discuss actions and timing for Spiny Lobster Amendment 11.

A. Biological Opinion requirements to protect staghorn and elkhorn corals (Attachment 1)

SERO Protected Resources staff will present actions and alternatives for Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 to meet the Biological Opinion requirements to protect staghorn and elkhorn corals. The actions include designating important conservation areas that will be closed to spiny lobster fishing, and requirement of a color on trap lines to identify damage specifically from lobster traps.

B. Spiny Lobster Amendment 11

SERO staff will present the Committee with a summary of the July workshops with Keys stakeholders to discuss closed areas to meet the recommendations of the Biological Opinion.

The Committee will discuss actions and timing for Spiny Lobster Amendment 11.