

Overview

Spiny Lobster Committee

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Following approval of the agenda and the December 2016 minutes, the Committee will review the decision document for (A) Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4. Next, the Committee will address issues under (B) Other Business if necessary.

A. Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 (Attachments 1 and 2)

Regulatory Amendment 4 (**Attachment 1**) includes actions to revise the biological parameters and overfishing limit (OFL), acceptable biological catch (ABC), and annual catch limit (ACL) for spiny lobster based on recommendations from the South Atlantic SSC and the Gulf SSC. The amendment also includes an action to prohibit traps for recreational harvest of spiny lobster in the South Atlantic. The Gulf Council reviewed an options paper for Regulatory Amendment 4 at their January/February 2017 meeting. Staff will review potential actions and alternatives through the decisions

Council staff will present the discussion document for the actions and alternatives approved by the Gulf Council (**Attachment 2**). The Committee will review and approves the actions and alternatives, and provide direction to staff on timing.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Review and provide guidance to staff.

B. Other Business

The Committee will address items under Other Business as appropriate.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION: Discuss and take action as necessary