

OVERVIEW

Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting

September 13, 2010
Charleston Marriott Hotel
Charleston, SC

The Spiny Lobster Committee need to: (A) approve minutes from the December 7, 2009 SAFMC Committee and the June 7th Joint Committee; (B) review previous council actions on Draft Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS; (C) review delegation, FMP withdrawal, and impacts on import regulations; and (D) review management measures/accountability measures necessary to ensure ACLs are not exceeded and provide guidance to staff/team.

A. Approval of Minutes

The committee will review and approve the South Atlantic Committee minutes from December 7, 2009 and the Joint SA/GM Committee minutes from June 7, 2010.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Review and approve minutes.

B. Previous Council Actions on Draft Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS

Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will provide an overview of actions from the June Joint Committee meeting (**Attachment 1**). The Gulf Council addressed the committee recommendations and took action (**Attachment 2**). The South Atlantic Council addressed the joint items and some of the items for South Atlantic items (**Attachment 3**). The Gulf Council also reviewed the amendment and took action at their August 2010 meeting (**Attachment 4**).

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss these actions.

C. NOAA GC Report on Re-Evaluation of FMP Withdrawal & Impacts on Import Regulations

A letter was received from the State of Florida (**Attachment 5**) concerning delegation. Monica Smit-Brunello was requested at the June meeting to review the impacts on import regulations and to report back to the committee in September. Monica will present her results and the committee will discuss this issue.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss this issue.
2. Provide guidance to staff/team.

D. Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS

The Gulf Council reviewed the latest version of Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS (Attachment 6) at their August 2010 meeting. Results are included as Attachment 4. The South Atlantic Committee and Council need to review these actions and approve/modify as necessary.

REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:

1. Discuss these actions.
2. Provide guidance to staff/team to finalize the range of alternatives and provide guidance on any preferred alternatives if possible.

E. Planning/Timing Public Hearings for Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/DEIS

2010 Activities:

(Delegation to FL and MSA Requirements & Framework) – GREGG SAFMC/GMFMC STAFF LEAD

- A. Scope Commercial Quota Issue – February 2008.
- B. Review scoping comments and options – June, September & December 2008.
- C. Draft Amendment prepared by SAFMC staff (Gregg Waugh) with assistance from NMFS staff (Susan Gerhart) and GMFMC staff (Carrie Simmons)
 - a. GMFMC reviews and provides input – February 1-4 and June 14-17, 2010
 - b. Joint Gulf/South Atlantic APs and Committees – June 7, 2010 from 8:30 am – 5 pm
 - c. SAFMC reviews and provides input – June 7-11, 2010
- D. NMFS determined an EIS is required due to coral ESA issues and prepares appropriate notices.
- E. SEDAR Update complete and sent to SSC – October 18, 2010
- F. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 15-19, 2010
- G. SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
- H. Councils review Draft Amendment/DEIS and approve for public hearings –
 - a. GMFMC – February 7-10, 2011 TX
 - b. SAFMC – December 6-10, 2010 in New Bern, NC
- I. Public Hearings – April 2011
- J. Review public comments and provide final guidance on document –
 - a. GMFMC – June 13-16, 2011 in FL
 - b. SAFMC – June 13-17, 2011 in FL
- K. Review and approve final document –
 - a. GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011 LA
 - b. SAFMC – September 12-16, 2011 in SC
- L. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – September 2011.
- M. Final regulations effective _____.