



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Spiny Lobster Committee

Hutchinson Island Marriott
555 NE Ocean Boulevard
Stuart, FL 34996

Monday, June 10, 2019 – 4:30 P.M. – 5:30 P.M. (Times subject to change)

Approval of Agenda – Jessica McCawley

Approval of October 2019 Committee minutes – Jessica McCawley

1. Status of Commercial and Recreational Catches vs. ACLs – Christina Wiegand (*Attachment 1*)
2. Status of Amendments under Formal Review – Rick DeVactor, NMFS SERO
 - a. Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 – sent to NMFS 11/19/2018
3. Spiny lobster commercial trip limit for vessels with snapper grouper and spiny lobster permits (*Attachment 2*)
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. Committee Action: Discuss and take action as needed – Jessica McCawley
4. Gulf Council Carryover Amendment (CMP and Spiny Lobster) (*Attachment 3a and 3b*).
 - a. Overview – Christina Wiegand
 - b. **Committee Action:** Discuss and consider approval for formal review – Jessica McCawley

Other Business – Jessica McCawley

Adjourn – Jessica McCawley

Committee Members

Jessica McCawley, Chair
Chester Brewer, Vice-Chair
Kyle Christiansen
Chris Conklin
Roy Crabtree
Tim Griner

Attachments

Attachment 1: Recreational and Commercial spiny lobster landings

Attachment 2: Options for spiny lobster commercial trip limit with snapper grouper permit

Attachment 3a: Generic Amendment- Carryover Provisions and Framework Modifications

Attachment 3b: Carryover Provisions and Framework Modifications codified text

Staff: Christina Wiegand

OVERVIEW

Spiny Lobster Committee

The Committee will approve of minutes from October 2018 meeting and the agenda for the June 2019 Committee meeting.

1. **Status of commercial and recreational catches vs. ACLs – (*Attachments 1*)**

Description: Council staff will present an overview of landings for spiny lobster. Spiny lobster harvest in the EEZ off Florida and in Florida waters is closed from April 1st – August 5th, except for the two-day recreational sport season at the end of July. Spiny lobster harvest in the EEZ off Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina is open all year.

Committee Action: None required.

2. **Status of amendments submitted for formal review**

Description: SERO staff will brief the Committee on the status of Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 which as submitted for formal review on November 19, 2018.

Committee Action: None required.

3. **Spiny lobster commercial trip limit for vessels with snapper grouper and spiny lobster permits - (*Attachment 2*)**

Description: At the March 2019 meeting the Council passed a motion requesting options for vessels with a Snapper Grouper 1 permit and a spiny lobster tailing permit to be able to retain commercial quantities of spiny lobster (excluding federal waters off Florida). Council staff will present an options paper with information on spiny lobster commercial trip limits, permitting and gear restrictions relevant to spiny lobster and snapper grouper.

Committee Action: Discuss and take action as needed.

4. **Gulf Council Carryover Amendment (CMP & Spiny Lobster) - (*Attachment 3a* and *3b*).**

Description: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council is working on an amendment that would incorporate provisions to allow carryover of portions of ACLs that were uncaught due to landings uncertainty and management uncertainty. The amendment aims to increase flexibility in quota management to promote achievement of the optimum yield for Gulf stocks. The requires modifications to the framework procedures for Spiny Lobster and Coastal Migratory Pelagic species to allow carryover and other changes to operate in a timely manner.

Committee Action: Discuss and consider for final approval.

Other Business