

# OVERVIEW

## Joint SA/GM Spiny Lobster Committee & Advisory Panel Meeting

June 7, 2010

Renaissance Orlando Airport Hotel  
Orlando, Florida

The Joint Spiny Lobster Committees & Advisory Panels need to: (A) receive presentations from Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission staff; (B) review actions in Spiny Lobster Amendment 10; (C) provide guidance to staff/team; and (D) discuss public hearing dates/locations and provide guidance to staff.

**Each Council's Advisory Panel and Committee will vote separately. The Advisory Panels will elect Chairs and Vice Chairs, and the Chairs will conduct the voting. Mark Robson, SAFMC Spiny Lobster Committee Chair, will conduct the voting for the South Atlantic Council's Committee, and Bill Teehan, GMFMC Spiny Lobster Committee Chair, will conduct the voting for the Gulf Council's Committee. Recommendations from the SAFMC Spiny Lobster Committee will be addressed by the South Atlantic Council during their Council meeting on June 11, 2010. The Gulf Council will consider their Spiny Lobster Committee's recommendations during their June 14-16, 2010 Council meeting.**

### **A. Presentations by Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Staff**

John Hunt and Bill Sharp will give presentations on different parts of the spiny lobster fishery. Their presentations will be added to **Attachment 4** for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Briefing Book to be mailed on June 1, 2010 or will be available at the meeting. Oil-related issues have prevented them from being included now.

Background on Florida Lobster Advisory Board Recommendations is included in **Attachment 3**.

### **REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Discuss the presentations.
2. Provide guidance to staff/team as necessary.

### **B. Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 10**

Carrie Simmons, GMFMC Staff, will review **Actions 1, 2, 8 & 9**. The group will discuss and get clarification on these actions. Note: Detailed discussion and voting will take place later in the afternoon.

Susan Gerhart, NMFS Staff, will review Action 7. The group will discuss and get clarification on these actions. Note: Detailed discussion and voting will take place later in the afternoon.

Then, Gregg Waugh, SAFMC Staff, will review **Actions 3-6 and 10-12**. The group will discuss and get clarification on these actions. Note: Detailed discussion and voting will take place later in the afternoon.

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Get clarification on these actions.

**C. Guidance on Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 10**

First the Advisory Panels will provide their recommendations/guidance to the Council on Actions and Alternatives in Amendment 10. If there are any additional items, they should be identified at this time. Then the Committees will develop their recommendations to staff/team. All actions/alternatives should be identified at this time.

**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.

**D. Planning/Timing Public Hearings for Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 10**

**2010 Activities:**

An Inter-Disciplinary Team (IPT) has been formed:

- a. SAFMC – Gregg Waugh (SAFMC & Council Lead).
- b. GMFMC – Carrie Simmons (GMFMC Lead) and Rick Leard.
- c. NMFS SERO – Susan Gerhart (NMFS Lead); Denise Johnson (Economist); David Dale (HCD); Kate Michie, Karla Gore, and Nikhil Mehta (NMFS); Otha Easley (OLE); Andy Herndon (NMFS PR); Mike Jepson (Anthropologist), and David Keys (NEPA).
- d. **NMFS SEFSC –** Waiting for SEFSC to make appointment(s).
- e. NOAA GC – Monica Smit-Brunello.
- f. Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, Fish & Wildlife Research Institute – Bill Sharp

Timing - draft

1. Options Paper – February/March/April 2010
2. Joint SA/GM Committee/AP meeting – June 7, 2010 in Orlando, FL
3. Options Paper/Draft Amendment – June 2010
4. Draft Amendment – September 2010
5. Approve for public hearings – December 2010
6. Hearings – January/February 2011
7. NMFS Files DEIS – January; comment period ends prior to June 2011
8. Review public hearing input and approve actions – March 2011
9. Final review of complete document and final approval – June 2011
10. Send to Secretary of Commerce – June 2011

**Specific steps in 2010 and 2011:**

- A. √IPT meeting – 1/21/2010
- B. 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:
    - i. √February 1-4 and
    - ii. 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
- C. √NMFS determined an EIS is necessary due to coral ESA issues and prepares appropriate notices.
- D. SEDAR Update complete and sent to SSC – October 18, 2010
- E. Joint SAFMC/GMFMC SSC review – November 15-19, 2010
- F. SSC provides OFL & ABC – November 15-19, 2010
- G. 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
- H. Public Hearings – April 2011
- I. 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
- J. Review and approve final document –
  - a. GMFMC – August 15-18, 2011 LA
  - b. SAFMC – September 12-16, 2011 in SC
- K. Send Spiny Lobster Amendment 10/EIS/Proposed rule for formal review – September 2011.
- L. NMFS Declares Transmit Date as \_\_\_\_\_.
- M. Notice of Availability of Amendment 10 published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Comments due no later than 5 pm EST on \_\_\_\_/11.
  - b. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - c. Post to website; Fishery Bulletin will be posted to website.
  - d. Amendment approved on \_\_\_\_\_
- N. Proposed Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC
  - b. Comments due by \_\_\_\_\_
- O. Final Rule published \_\_\_\_\_.
  - a. Send to Council, AP & SSC

The South Atlantic Council has completed scoping as a part of the Comprehensive ACL Amendment scoping process. Scoping meetings were held as follows:

- (1) January 26, 2009 in Charleston, SC
- (2) January 27, 2009 in New Bern, NC
- (3) February 3, 2009 in Key Largo, FL
- (4) February 4, 2009 in Cape Canaveral, FL
- (5) February 5, 2009 in Pooler, GA

The Gulf Council held scoping meetings as shown below:

- (1) September 21, 2009 in Key West, FL and Grand Isle, LA
- (2) September 22, 2009 in Marathon, FL; Biloxi, MS; and Corpus Christi, TX
- (3) September 23, 2009 in Madeira Beach, FL; Houston, TX; and Orange Beach, AL
- (4) September 24, 2009 in Panama City, FL

**REQUIRED COMMITTEE ACTION:**

1. Discuss the potential public hearing locations and potential dates.
2. Provide guidance to staff.