

Spiny Lobster Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab K

Agenda Item IV: Spiny Lobster Landings

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide the Committee with the landings summary provided by FWC. The total landings are above the ACT (6.59 mp), but below the ACL (7.32 mp). The final rule for Regulatory Amendment 4 has not gone into effect yet; this amendment would raise the ACT to 8.64 mp and the ACL to 9.60 mp.

Agenda Item V: Public Hearing Draft for Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 13

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Options

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will be presented with the public hearing draft for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13. The Committee should review the purpose and need as well as draft alternatives and determine if any changes are warranted. The South Atlantic Council will reviewed the document at its March and June 2018 meetings. The Committee should review any preferred alternatives that the South Atlantic Council selected and determine its preferred alternatives. At the January 2018 Council meeting, the Committee determined that public hearings will be conducted by webinar and video, which staff will complete after the document is approved.
