

**Standing, Special Spiny Lobster and Socioeconomic SSC
Meeting Summary
Tampa, Florida
June 1, 2016**

The meeting of the Standing, Special Spiny Lobster and Socioeconomic SSC was convened at 2:45 pm on June 1, 2016. The agenda was approved and the minutes of the spiny lobster portion of the March 10, 2015 Standing, Special Shrimp and Special Spiny Lobster SSC meeting were approved as written.

Review of the 2014/2015 and 2015/2016 (preliminary) Spiny Lobster Landings

Staff provided the SSC with the landings from the 2014-2015 spiny lobster season, and the preliminary landings from the 2015-2016 season. The ACT was exceeded in the 2014-2015 and both the ACT and the ACL has been exceeded in the 2015-2016. Staff then provided a summary of the review panel that met March 28, 2016 and the summary of the joint meeting of the SAFMC and GMFMC Spiny Lobster AP meeting from April 25, 2016. Both the review panel and the APs had recommended recalculating the ACL based on the landings data from 1991 to the 2015-2016 spiny lobster season. To do this, the ABC would need to be reevaluated by the SSC. The SSC discussed reevaluating the ABC and the OFL. The SSC discussed the previous rationale for using the short time period of 2000 to 2009. The SSC discussed potential reasons for the decline that was observed in 2000, but concluded that the stock seems to be fluctuating and that using the entire time series would be appropriate given that the rationale of a reduced stock for using a truncated time series is no longer relevant; the methodology would not change, just the input years. The SSC made the following motion:

The Committees recommend to use the time series of 1991-2015/2016 for an ABC/OFL calculation for Spiny Lobster.

Motion passed 15-5.

SSC Members Present

Standing SSC

Luiz Barbieri, Chair
Joe Powers, V. Chair
Lee Anderson
Benjamin Blount
Mary Christman
Bob Gill
David Griffith
Jack Isaacs

Jeff Isely
Walter Keithly
Kai Lorenzen
Paul Mickle
Ken Roberts
Steven Scyphers
Robert Shipp
James Tolan

Reef Fish SSC

Marcus (James) Drymon
Robert Ellis
John Mareska

Socioeconomic SSC

Matthew Freeman
Sherry Larkin*
Gabriela Stocks

Shrimp SSC

Richard Burris
Ryan Gandy*
Jeffrey Marx
James Nance

Spiny Lobster SSC

Ryan Gandy*
Sherry Larkin*

* On more than one SSC

Council Staff

Steven Atran
Assane Diagne
John Froeschke
Doug Gregory
Morgan Kilgour
Ava Lasseter
Ryan Rindone
Charlotte Schiaffo
Carrie Simmons

Others

Roy Crabtree, NMFS/SERO
Susan Gerhart, NMFS/SERO
Stephen Holiman, NMFS/SERO
Mike Larkin, NMFS/SERO
Christina Package-Ward, NMFS/SERO
Jessica Stephen, NMFS/SERO
Mike Travis, NMFS/SERO
Clay Porch, NMFS/SEFSC
Matt Smith, NMFS/SEFSC

Shanae Allen, FWRI
Michelle Masi, FWRI
Miles Archabal, Ocean Conserv.
J.P. Brooker, Ocean Conserv.
Todd Phillips, Ocean Conserv.
Glenn Mitchell, Gnarus Advisors
Shelley Krueger, FL Sea Grant
Sal Versaggi

Council Representative

Leann Bosarge