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
- Joe Powers, V. Chair
- 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
- 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

**Others**
- 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