

**Spiny Lobster Committee Report**  
**August 20, 2018**  
**Ms. Martha Guyas, Chair**

The Committee adopted the agenda and approved the minutes.

*Spiny Lobster Landings*

Ms. Gerhart provided the Committee with final landings for the 2016/2017 and 2017/2018 seasons. She noted that in the 2017/2018 season there were no recreational landings provided because of the hurricanes.

*Final Action: Spiny Lobster Amendment 13: Modifications to the Spiny Lobster Gear Requirements and Cooperative Management Procedures*

Staff reviewed the public comments on Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 and NMFS staff provided an overview of the codified text. NOAA General Counsel noted that the codified text in the briefing book lacks the comments available in the Word version of the document; staff will provide the Word version to the Council for discussion at Full Council. Staff noted that the changes in the codified text are also outlined in the amendment in Appendix B. The Committee made the following motion:

The Committee recommends and I so move: **to approve the Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 and that it be forwarded to the Secretary of Commerce for review and implementation, and deem the codified text as necessary and appropriate, giving staff editorial license to make the necessary changes in the document. The Council Chair is given the authority to deem any changes to the codified text as necessary and appropriate.**

Madam chair, this concludes my report.