

**Spiny Lobster Committee Report
October 2, 2017
Martha Guyas, Chair**

Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 13

Staff presented the draft options of Amendment 13 which addresses commercial bully net regulations and the procedure for Florida to recommend regulations directly to NMFS. Staff will update the language in the procedure to reflect how Florida promulgates regulations currently (e.g. remove discussion about the Governor and Cabinet and replace with Commission). Staff will also restructure the order of some of the items to better incorporate NMFS and the Councils at the start of the cooperative process with Florida before it holds public meetings. The Committee discussed combining the existing protocol (Appendix C) with the procedure (Action 2, Alternative 2) for future iterations of the document and made the following motion:

The Committee recommends and I so move: **to modify Action 2 to combine both the protocol and the procedure.**

Motion carried with no opposition.

Additionally, staff will reword Action 1, Alternative 2 to include the Florida Administrative Code. Staff provided the committee with the table of inconsistent regulations between the State of Florida and the Code of Federal Regulations. There are three identified items that would require Council action. Several other items will be updated in the codified text at the next revision for spiny lobster. The Committee made the following motion:

The Committee recommends and I so move: **to incorporate the following into Spiny Lobster Amendment 13:**

- **bag limits**
- **degradable panels in traps**
- **definition of artificial habitats**

Motion carried with no opposition

This concludes my report.