

**Spiny Lobster Committee Report
June 3, 2017
Martha Guyas, Chair**

Final Joint Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4

Staff presented the final draft of Regulatory Amendment 4 and provided a summary of public comments.

The Committee recommends and I so move: **To recommend that Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4 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.**

Motion carried with no opposition.

The Committee was also updated on the issue of the State of Florida bully-netting regulations. NOAA GC informed the Committee that though there is a protocol to allow the State of Florida to recommend federal regulations, the procedure to implement the protocol no longer exists. The Council could address just the bully-netting issue with a framework amendment, or could address both issues in a full plan amendment.

The Committee recommends and I so move: **To direct staff to begin work on a plan amendment to address the bully-net issue and reestablish the protocol procedures with the State of Florida.**

Motion carried with no opposition.

This concludes my report.