

Spiny Lobster Committee: Action Guide and Next Steps for Tab K

Agenda Item IV: 2016/2017 Spiny Lobster Landings

Timeline Status: Information

Council Input and Next Steps: Staff will provide the Committee with the landings summary provided by FWC. The total landings are above the ACT (6.59 mp), but below the ACL (7.32 mp). The final rule for Regulatory Amendment 4 has not gone into effect yet; this amendment would raise the ACT to 8.64 mp and the ACL to 9.60 mp. The accountability measure for spiny lobster is to convene a review panel if the ACT is exceeded. The Committee should discuss if this is appropriate.

Agenda Item V: Revised Draft Options for Joint Spiny Lobster Amendment 13

Timeline Status: Revised Draft Options

Council Input and Next Steps: The Committee will be presented with the revised Options Paper for Spiny Lobster Amendment 13 which incorporates three new actions requested at the October 2017 Gulf Council meeting and at the December 2017 South Atlantic Council meeting. The Committee should review the purpose and need as well as draft alternatives and determine if any changes are warranted. The South Atlantic Council will review a draft of the document at its March 2018 meeting. The next step is for staff to provide the Committee with a public hearing draft. The Committee should discuss if in-person public hearings are necessary, or if a webinar and video would be more appropriate. The South Atlantic held two scoping webinars in January 2018.
