

Summary of the Spiny Lobster Committee
March 30, 2015
Martha Bademan, Chair

Spiny Lobster Review Panel

Staff reviewed the landings from the 2013-2014 season for spiny lobster and presented the recommendations from the spiny lobster review panel which met on February 9, 2015. The review panel recommended that spiny lobster be exempted from an ACL requirement, the OFL be redefined as MFMT, and that a new stock assessment was not necessary. It was clarified in committee that an ACL is required by the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

Spiny Lobster SSC Summary Report

The SSC representative reviewed the summary report of the March 10, 2015 Special Spiny Lobster SSC meeting. The SSC discussed the Spiny Lobster Review Panel's recommendations and concurred that a new stock assessment is not necessary for spiny lobster. However, the SSC was unable to come to a consensus about an ACL exemption of spiny lobster recommended by the Spiny Lobster Review Panel. The SSC did not recommend redefining OFL in terms of MFMT because MFMT cannot be calculated without a stock assessment, and a stock assessment is not recommended at this time.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.