

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

*Draft Options Joint Spiny Lobster Regulatory Amendment 4*

Staff presented the options paper for Regulatory Amendment 4 and reviewed the SAFMC's preferred alternatives. The document has not significantly changed since the January 2017 Council meeting.

The Committee recommends and I so move: **To make Alternative 2 the Preferred Alternative in Action 2.**

**Alternative 2:** Prohibit the use of traps for recreational harvest of spiny lobster in the South Atlantic EEZ. Motion carried unanimously.

The Committee was also updated that the State of Florida has made changes to its bully-netting regulations. Staff will update the Committee on this development at the June Council meeting.

This concludes my report.