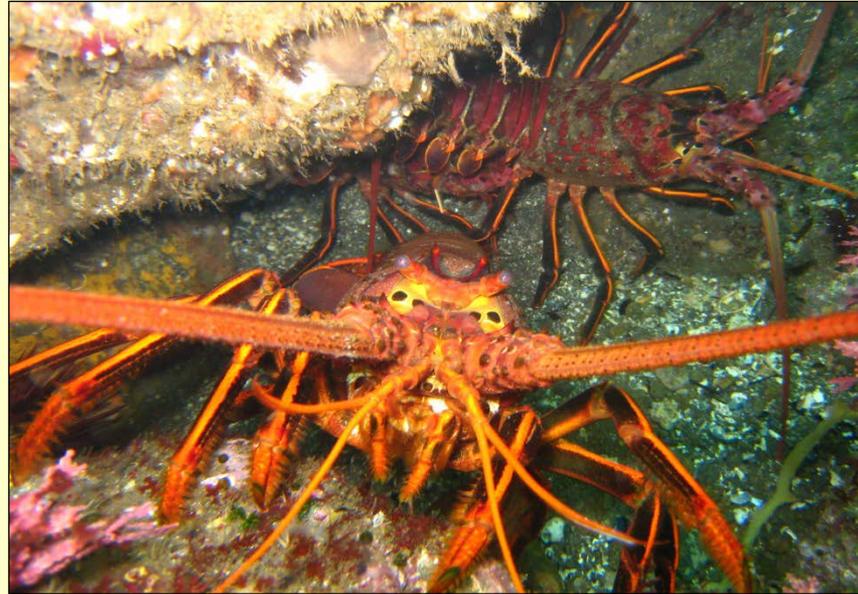




# **Fishery Management Plan Update for Spiny Lobster**



**Fish and Game Commission Meeting**

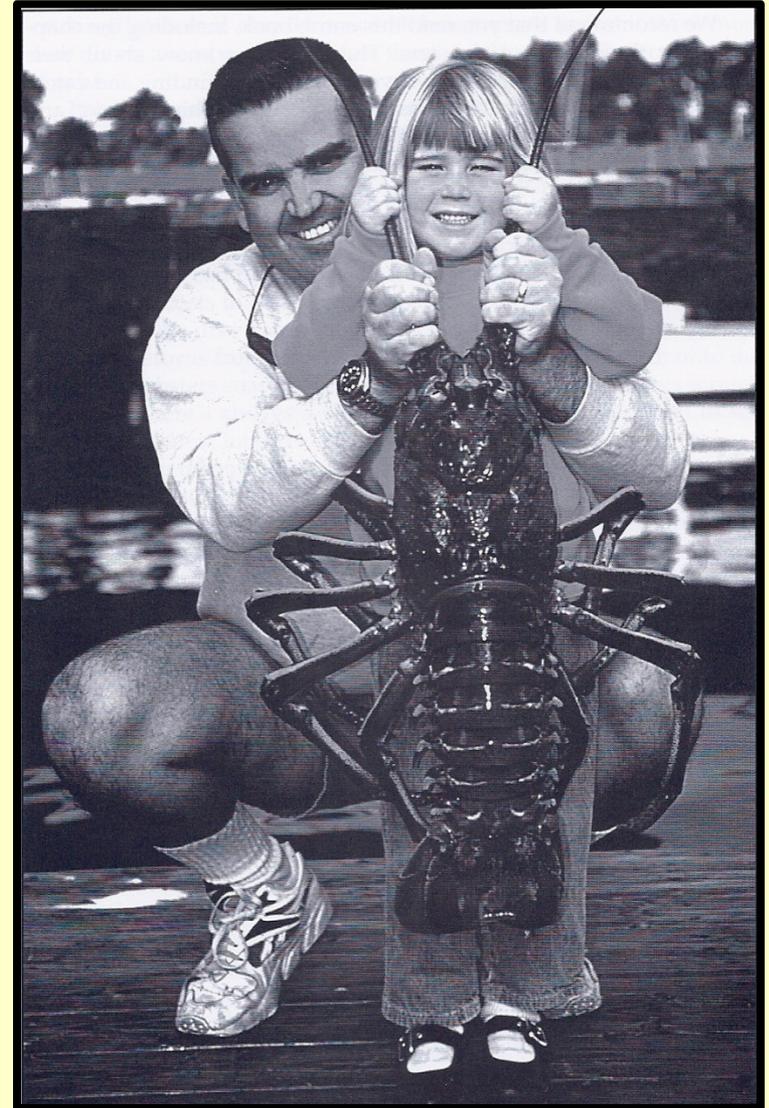
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# Presentation Overview

- **Lobster Advisory Committee (LAC) update**
- **LAC consensus recommendations to improve fishery management**
- **Next Steps**



# Advisory Committee Update

- **April 2012 - Public process initiated**
- **June 2012 - Volunteers selected for Lobster Advisory Committee (LAC) - first meeting**
- **2012-2013 – 9 LAC meetings and 5 caucus meetings**
- **Sept. 2013 – LAC reaches consensus on management recommendations**

# LAC Consensus Policy Statement

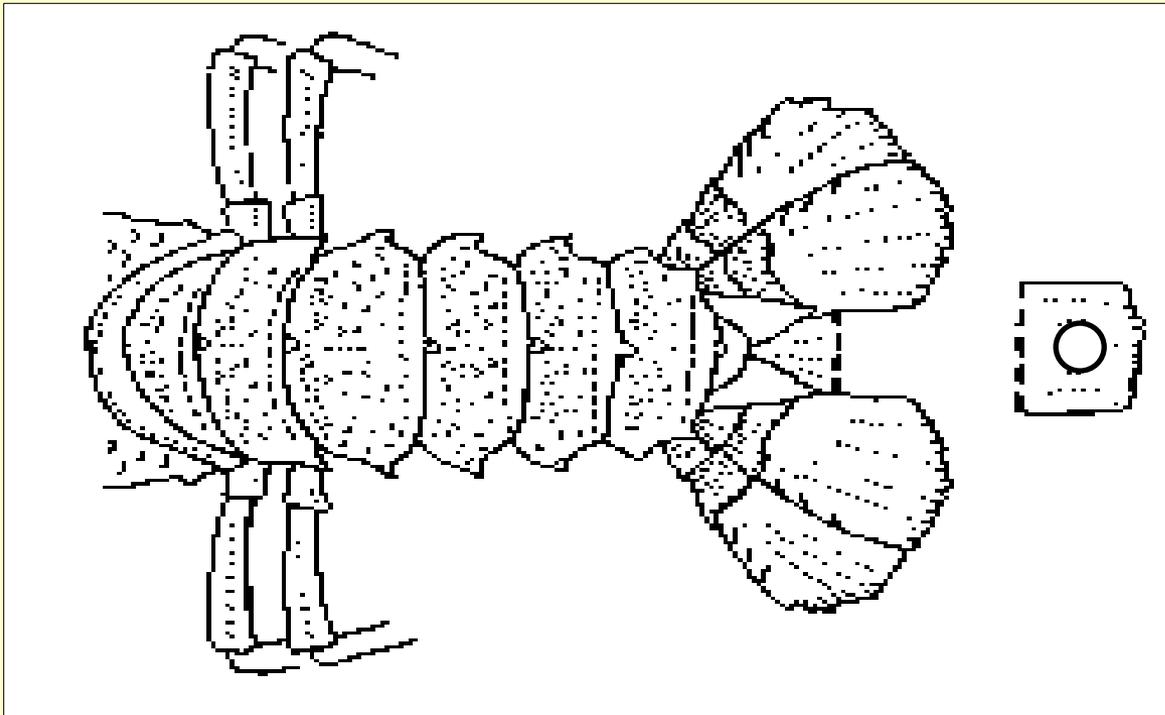
- **Identify current effort levels and prevent unrestricted growth**
- **Identify and maintain catch and/or effort from each sector**
- **Maintain equity if increases and decreases to fishery are required**
- **End illegal commercialization**

# Commercial Recommendations

- **Trap limit program (300 traps per permit)**
  - **Second permit stack to 600**
- **Federal Trap Rule: 7 day soak time and bad weather defined**
- **Increase trap set/recovery time pre/post season**
- **Scuba equipment allowed aboard**
- **Multiple permittees may operate from a single vessel**
- **Branding of floats allowed**

# Recreational Recommendations

**Lobsters are to be tail-clipped or  
hole-punched in the center tail flap**



# **Recreational Recommendations (Continued)**

- **Use of mechanized pullers limited**
- **Hand operated davits/single pulley systems allowed**
- **Hoop net floats required to have unique ID**
- **Lobster season opens at 6:00 a.m. on Saturday**
- **Pole spears & spearguns may be possessed**

# Next Steps

- **2014 – Harvest Control Rule Matrix – presentation at future MRC Meeting**
- **2014 - Department completes Draft Lobster FMP for scientific/public review**
- **2014 - Workshops will be held to receive comments on draft FMP**
- **2015 - Final draft FMP will be introduced to Commission for adoption**

# Questions?



# Thank you

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