



WORKING GROUP MEETING / Honduras

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: To unify the activities and technical cooperation efforts achieve collaborative solutions among organizations of members of the working group Spiny Lobster Initiative in Honduras towards the sustainability of the lobster fishery in Honduras and Nicaragua and support to the towns of La Moskitia. Follow to the first activities for the quarter 2010.

DATE AND PLACE: Office of the Spiny Lobster in La Ceiba, Honduras. January 14, 2010. It was attended by 5 members.

SCHEDULE (Proposed)
Working Group Meeting
La Ceiba, HN
January 14, 2010

8:30 arrival

9:00 Start of Reunion

- Several updates of the members of the Working Group. Start Year
- Description of Ecositemico approach of fisheries: the Lobster Initiative Espinosa (virtual delivery of material on the EEP)
- Updates to the meeting industry in the Bay Islands. December 2009 (Shawn Hyde) *
- Updates Locust Symposium 2010 (Steven Guillen / phone call)
- How to Engage the media / outreach strategy
- Make an inventory of printed materials and promotional virtual alluding to the lobster fishery
- Various trainings for members of the Working Group *
- Participation Dakni Tak Aslika / Moskitia in the formulation of projects in the Moskitia (Waldemar Cabrera / telephone call) *
- Integration of other members of the Working Group of the Spiny Lobster

Other

11:30 End of meeting

* These issues were not addressed at this meeting because of time.

ATTENDEES

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Shares were conducted via email post with:

- Steven Guillen / APESCO
- Bessy Aspra / Pablo Rico / WWF

Shawn Hyde (Seafood Hyburn) and Bessy Aspra working group members apologized for not attend the meeting due to other commitments scheduled in previous meetings in Tegucigalpa. The Captain Carlos Mejia (Merchant Navy) had another meeting in Tela, but voiced track arrangements for the meeting.

Mr. Adoni Cubas, now represents the Development Support Group (GAD), an NGO that runs environmental and educational activities in Cayos Cochinos and the Garifuna fishing communities Coastal, which expressed interest in further cooperation with the activities of the Initiative Lobster, so its membership of the Working Group is valid and accepted.

New members of the Working Group:

David Caceres / boat captain and owner of Diver.
Richard Bonilla / President APICAH

TOPICS

1. REORGANIZATION OF THE LOBSTER FISHERY / DIVING. Anti-crisis plan

- Jesus Canales, Secretary of APESCO said his association has been working on several projects and initiatives with respect to the so-called conversion of fishing for lobster diving. This involves a so-called Anti-Crisis Plan "in this case for the lobster fishing industry. This Initiative plan had already been socialized and convened by Shawn Hyde (APESCO) for present it to the new authorities DIGEPESCA / SAG in January 2010.
- The representative APICA APESCO and mentioned the need to know that will happen with the 48 dive boats / lobster and Miskito divers assigned to work in these boats (approx. 3000 There Miskito divers directly related to this activity)
- There are 13 fishing boats snail will also be affected by the closure of diving, diving is currently the main form of conch fishing. Modifications will be needed.
- Richard Bonilla APICAH as representative, has begun to implement new and innovative product management practices on board their vessels with a result positive.
- A 680,000-average investment Lps (\$ 35,995.00) by lobster boat / diver slaughter sails in 15-18 days at sea.
- The phasing out of the lobster fishery to a declared end to June 2011, involves a series of consequences and economic impacts on the investment made in the loans and debts incurred by the owners and the unemployment that was generated for Miskito divers with the closure of this activity.
- Need a comprehensive cooperation and participation of political and private sectors to initiate projects.
- The need to integrate the banking / finance proposals for access to loans and guarantees furniture for the fishing industry (the current appropriations for the fisheries sector are interest rate of 23%).

- The need to reactivate the fisheries sector with funding and political will to make necessary reforms.
- It needs to consolidate a database / statistics on the fisheries sector DIGEPESCA
- The fisheries sector is divided and integration is needed.
- As Jesus Canales, for the lobster fishing industry / diver persists in the period transition to alternatives proposed closure is needed in the interim an average of \$ 33 million.
- The Lobster Diving is carried out in the country since 1975, it is difficult to close without offering economic alternatives in only a 1.5 year period (2011).
- The participating members understand the importance of projects and initiatives are focused on a proposed reform of the lobster fishery with a focus on ecosystems.

ARRANGEMENTS

- Prepare a study (diagnosis) for the conversion of fishing and lobster diving reemployment with economic alternatives to the Miskito divers.
- At the request of Mr. Jesus Canale (Apesco) and with the support of members and other attendees APICA Operating a meeting is convened for the Working Group for a brainstorming session for the implementation of an industrial growth fueled by diver / lobster. The meeting will be held in the office of the Locust Initiative in La Ceiba on Wednesday 20 January 9:00 to 2:00 pm and convene all members of the working group for assistance.

2. REORGANIZATION OPERATING lobster fishery / REGULATIONS

FISHERY MANAGEMENT OF THE CARIBBEAN LOBSTER

- The regulation of the fishery management of the Caribbean spiny lobster signed by Fisheries Ministers of Central America in May 2009 and in force from 1 July 2009, is not knowledge of many of those involved in the production chain in Honduras, including closing lines of lobster diving from 2011.

AGREEMENTS AND HINTS

- Disseminate this regulation by different means ship owners through unionized APESCO their associations, ANEDMAR and APICAH for information. Also respective authorities, associations of divers and involved.

3. INTEGRATION AND STRATEGY FOR THE MEDIA

- There are many and varied information on the lobster fishery (reports, reports, memory aids, regulations, printed material etc) but that has not been efficiently distributed to all concerned for their information.
- It must be integrated among the members of the working group of the Initiative of the spiny lobster in Honduras, social communicators to guide to venture into the media communication and establish an outreach strategy and dissemination of information to different target audience (both print, radio and television).

AGREEMENTS AND HINTS

- Integration of one or more communicators working group of the Initiative Spiny Lobster in Honduras. Ernestina Martinez, as a social community and a member of working group will suggest a list of journalists (TV, print and radio) as candidates to be part of monitoring the activities of the Initiative of the spiny lobster.
- Members of the working group sent an inventory of all materials and products printed and online related to the theme of the spiny lobster fishery for subsequent strategic distribution or promotion in the media.

Other Issues discussed at the meeting:

- LOCUST SYMPOSIUM: This activity is led by the lobster industry and supported technically by WWF. Those attending the meeting expressed interest in participating, but is sought more info and estartegia d

eParticipation. Objectives, etc. program's technical agenda. Steven Guillen is part of APESCO delegate to update and provide input to the symposium and preparation.

- We suggest exploring the possibility of promoting and making this event both in La Ceiba with integration restaurants sector, productive, buyers, media and artisans among others. It is suggested to hold the event at the end of the 2009-2010 fishing season inicio the closed period (a from March 2010). But I give up with help from Steven Bessy Guillen Aspra / WWF.
- Socioeconomic Survey of divers Moskitia: Conduct socioeconomic survey proposal that the Association of Miskito divers Wounded Honduras (AMHBLI) is important and is sought have questions, collect information and methodology expected to be employed for application. AMHBLIH intends to implement short term. Although there are no funds available.