

date to limit fishery access in the southern and mid-zones, and apply a date of September 1, 1995, as a criterion for limiting fishery access in the northern zone. Criteria for fishery access will be based on demonstrated landings from the Council's area of jurisdiction prior to the dates specified;

(6) Area restrictions, including limiting deployment of traps to depths of 900 ft (295 m) or greater in the northern zone and 700 ft (230 m) or greater in the middle and southern zones;

(7) Bait restrictions to protect snapper and grouper;

(8) Enforcement provisions, including: Vessel permits, and dealer permits;

(9) Collection of information requirements for science and research purposes, such as use of information from sales reports, and logbook requirements, and;

(10) Framework rulemaking procedures to provide administrative flexibility to change management measures in a timely manner.

The Council intends to finalize the FMP at its meeting in Wilmington, NC from October 23-27, 1995. The public will have an opportunity to comment at the full Council session before the Council takes final action to adopt the FMP's management measures. Once finalized, the FMP will be submitted to NMFS for review, approval and implementation. NMFS will provide for a 60-day public comment period on the FMP and a 45-day public comment period on the proposed implementing rule during its 110-day review period.

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office by September 21, 1995.

For special accommodations regarding the hearings, contact the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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#### **Coral and Coral Reefs off the Southern Atlantic States; Amendment 3**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of an amendment to a fishery management plan; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces that the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) has submitted Amendment 3 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coral and Coral Reefs off the Southern Atlantic States (FMP) for review, approval, and implementation by NMFS. Written comments are requested from the public.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 17, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must be sent to the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

Requests for copies of Amendment 3, which includes a regulatory impact review, a social impact assessment, and

an environmental assessment, should be sent to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699, telephone: 803-571-4366; FAX: 803-769-4520.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Georgia Cranmore, 813-570-5305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) requires that a council-prepared amendment to a FMP be submitted to NMFS for review and approval, disapproval, or partial disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that NMFS, upon receiving an amendment, immediately publish a document in the Federal Register stating that the amendment is available for public review and comment.

Amendment 3 proposes the following measures: Establish a live rock aquaculture permit system applicable to the exclusive economic zone off the southern Atlantic states (including a prohibition on chipping of aquacultured live rock); prohibit octocoral harvest north of Cape Canaveral, FL; and prohibit anchoring of fishing vessels in the Oculina Bank Habitat Area of Particular Concern.

Proposed regulations to implement Amendment 3 are scheduled for publication within 15 days.

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