

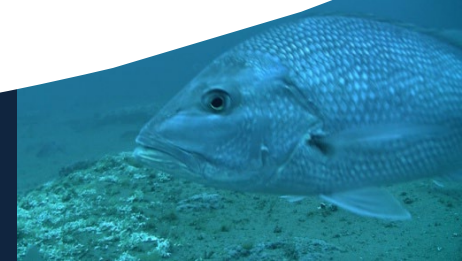


NOAA Fisheries

Southeast Regional Office's Role in the Fishery Management Process



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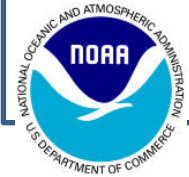
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SERO is one of 5 Regional Offices; Sustainable Fisheries is a division within SERO.



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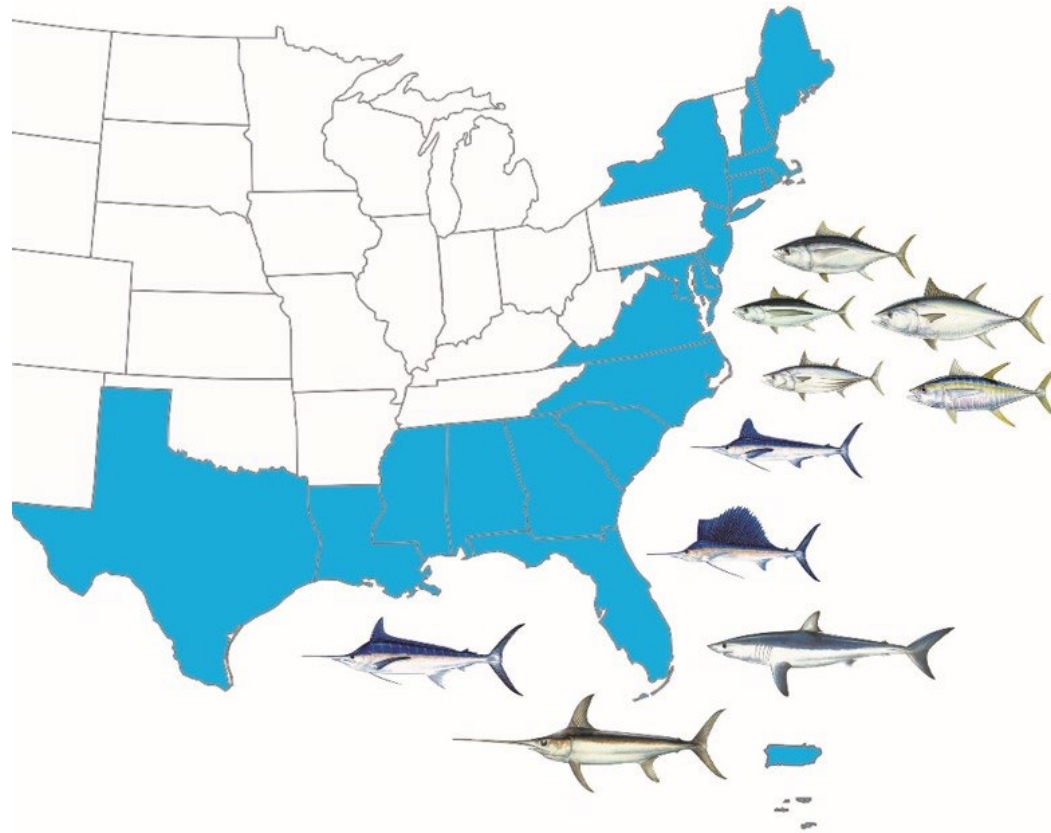
Habitat Conservation



The Southeast Regional Office works with the Councils to develop and implement regulations.



Atlantic HMS Management – Maine to Texas and U.S. Caribbean; U.S. Flagged Vessels on the High Seas



- Tunas: Bluefin, Bigeye, Albacore, Yellowfin, Skipjack
- Billfish: Blue and White Marlin, Roundscale Spearfish, Sailfish
- Swordfish
- Sharks: Shortfin Mako, Thresher, Blacktip, Bull, Tiger and many others



HMS AP Process vs. Council Process

<u>HMS Advisory Panel</u>	<u>Regional Councils</u>
AP recommendations <i>advisory</i> in nature	Council members <i>vote</i> to approve/disapprove actions to submit to NMFS
NMFS decides what actions to consider and implement	NMFS approves or disapproves action
HMS staff seek input of Science Center staff and other experts	Scientific & Statistical Committees provide expert advice to Council
AP meets approximately 2x/year	Councils meet approximately 5x/year
Anyone can nominate themselves to be considered for the HMS Advisory Panel	Council member nominations must be submitted by state or territory governors



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The IPT is a group of experts from diverse fields for every amendment.

Interdisciplinary **P**lan **T**eam

Council staff

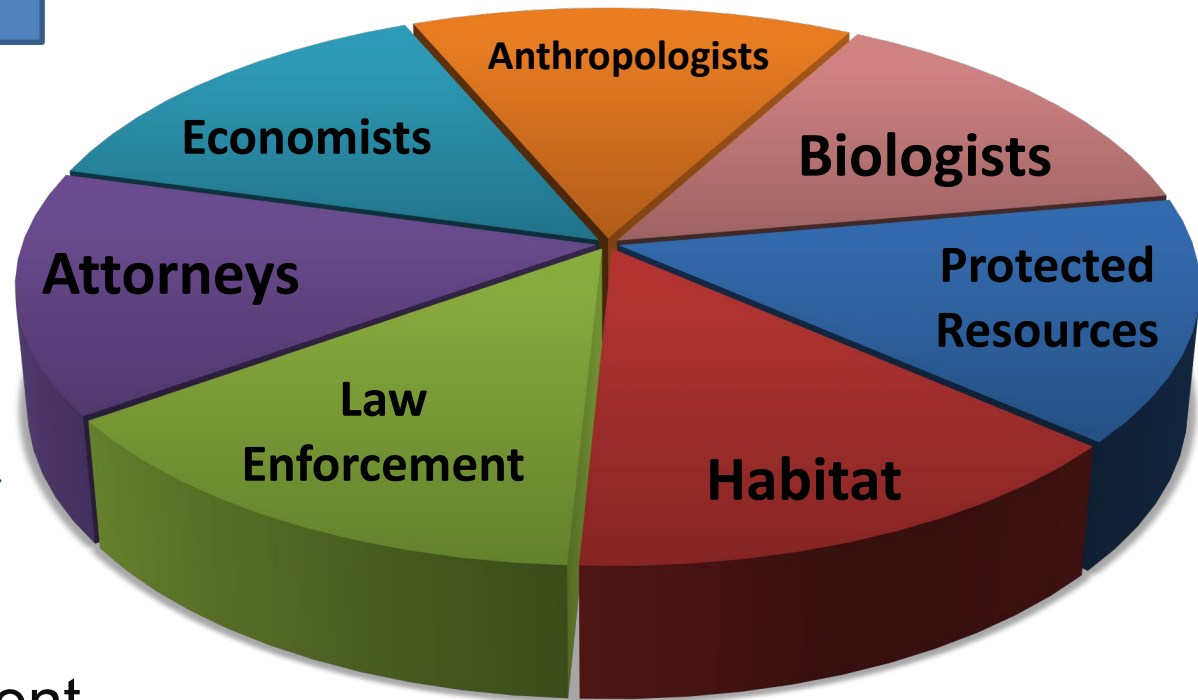
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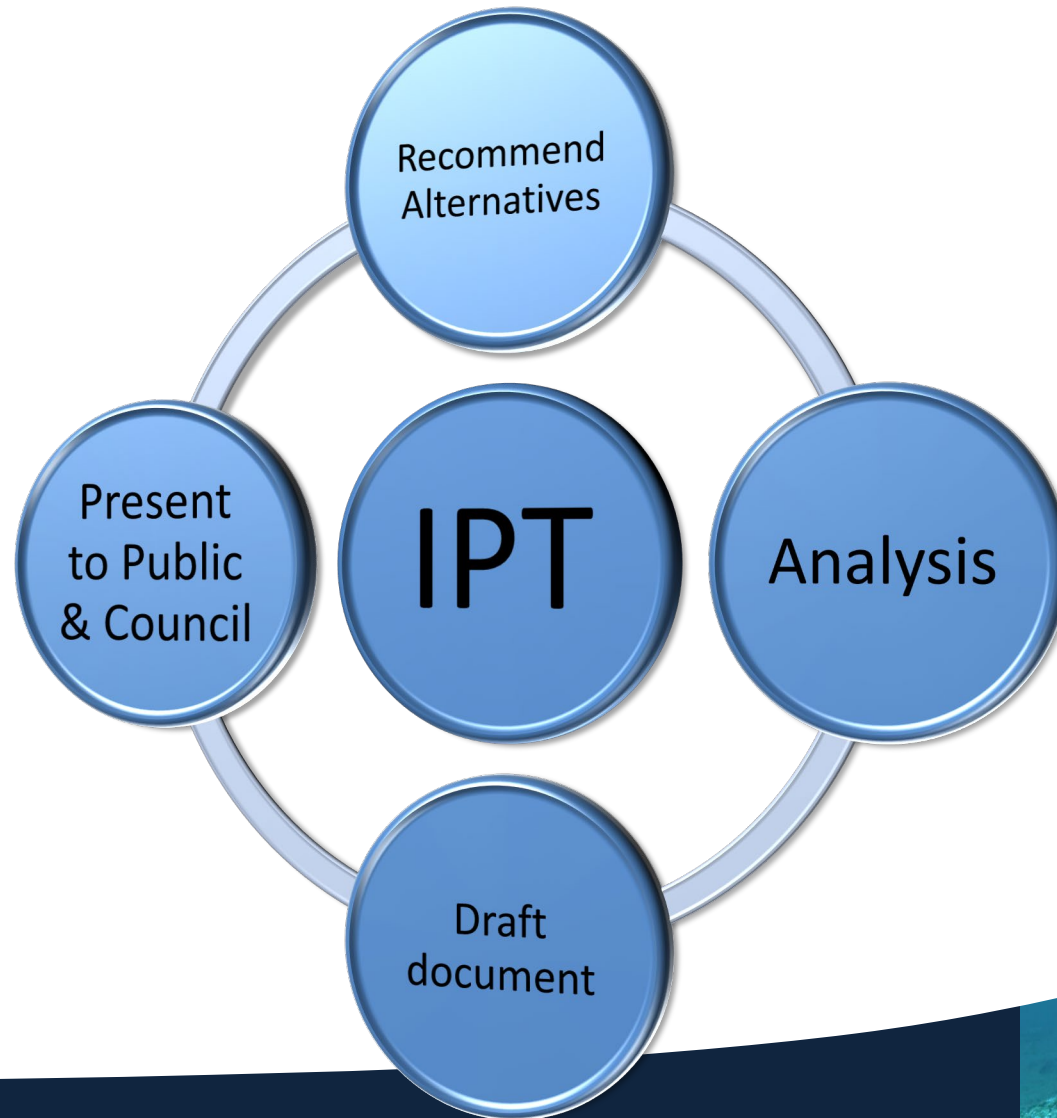
NOAA Law Enforcement

NOAA General Counsel





The IPT works towards common goal of documenting the impacts of proposed management actions.





Quiz: What is the purpose of the document?



Doorstop



For starting a fire



Cure for sleepless nights



To inform decision-makers and the public providing background and reasoning for decision making (while building record)





There are **4** main sections of the document.

Chapters

1

Who, What, Why,
Where?

2

What? Alternatives?

3

Who will be affected?

4

Effects?

Not a novel!





The document increases in complexity from the summary to technical appendices.

Summary

- ① Who, What, Why, Where?
- ② What? Alternatives?
- ③ Who will be affected?
- ④ Effects?



Increasing complexity

Appendices

Increase readability!





Why Might This Be Important to You?



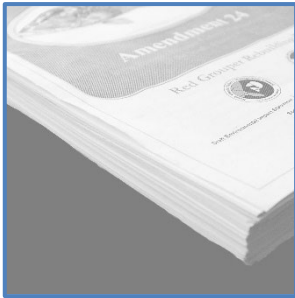
- ❖ The documents may contain information of interest to you. (esp. what, why, when)
- ❖ Understanding the proposed actions will help you comment.
- ❖ Start with the summary (=CliffNotes).



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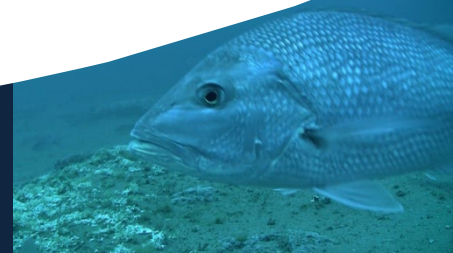
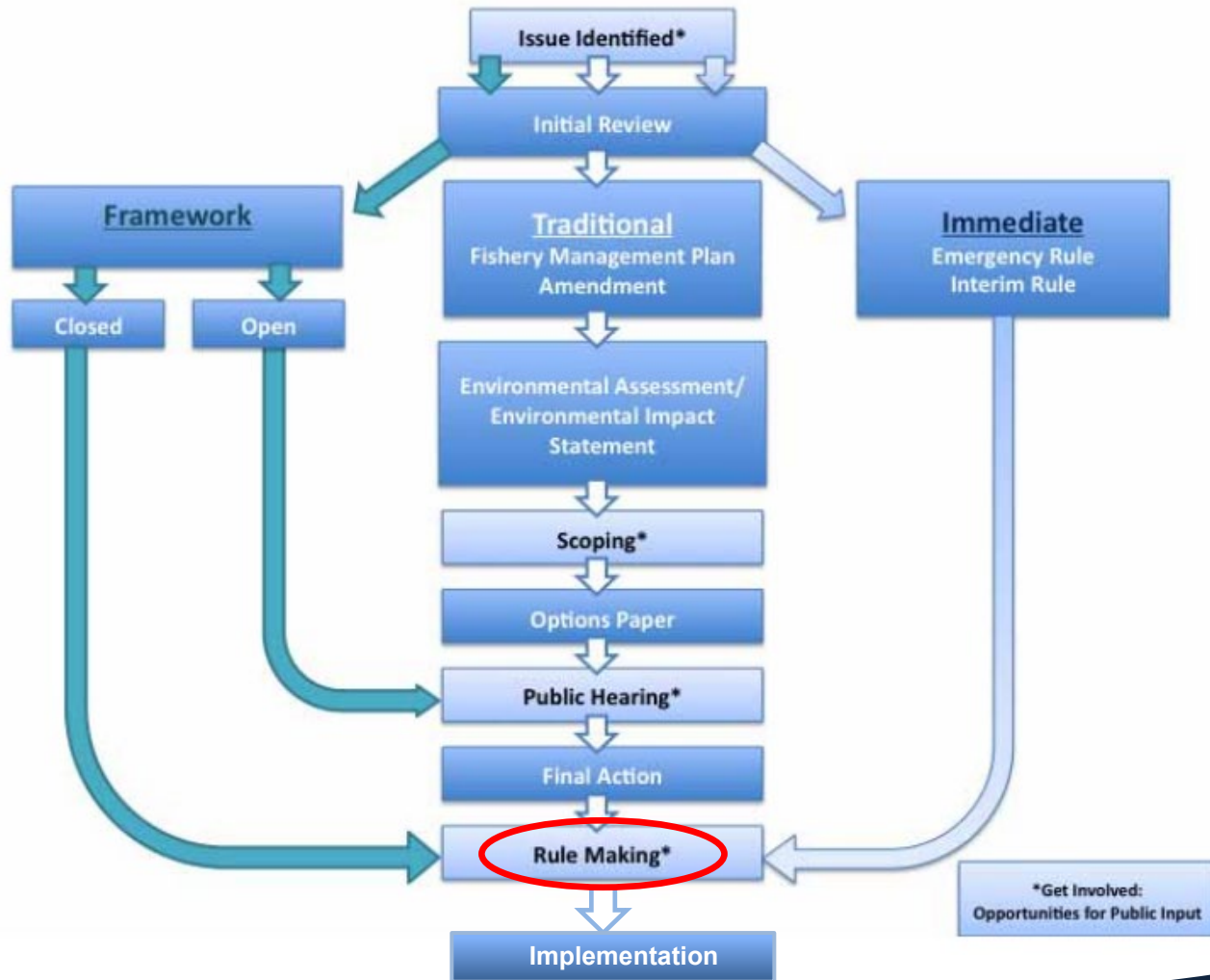
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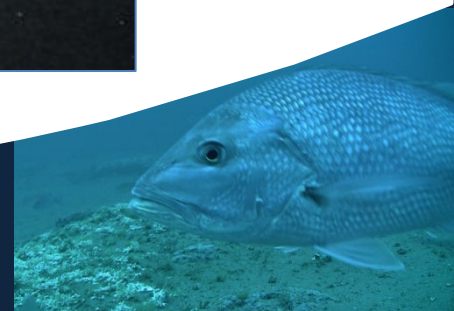


Rulemaking is the process step after Council final action and before implementation.





Rulemaking





Rulemaking refers to the process that agencies use to create regulations.

Also, interim and emergency rules

Proposed Rule

Public comment

Final Rule

Cooling off



IMAGE
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Rulemaking refers to the process that agencies must use to create regulations.

Secretary of Commerce Review

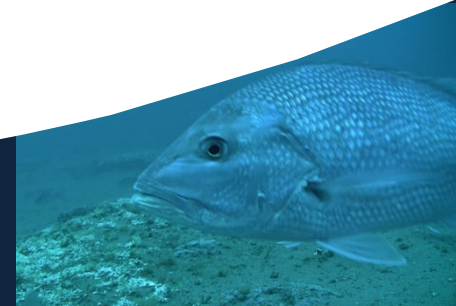


Approves, disapproves, or partially approves amendment

Determine whether plan & regulations consistent with fishery management plan, MSA, and other applicable law



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NOAA Fisheries must comply with over 100 laws and Executive Orders.

Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protections, and Restoration Acts

Information Quality Act

Clean Water Act

NOAA Fisheries Program Authorization Act

Regulatory Flexibility Act

National Environmental Policy Act

National Aquaculture Act

Marine Protection, Research, and Sanctuaries Act

Tuna Convention Act

Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act

Federal Powers Act

Anadromous Fish Conservation Act

Executive Order 13132

Marine Mammal Protection Act

Interjurisdictional Fisheries Act

Endangered Species Act

Coastal Zone Management Act

High Seas Driftnet Fisheries Enforcement Act

Oil Pollution Act

Executive Order 12866

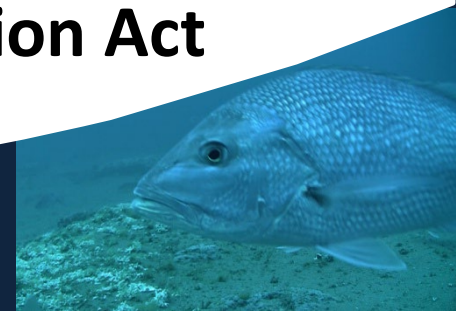
Paperwork Reduction Act

Fishermen's Protective Act

Whaling Convention Act

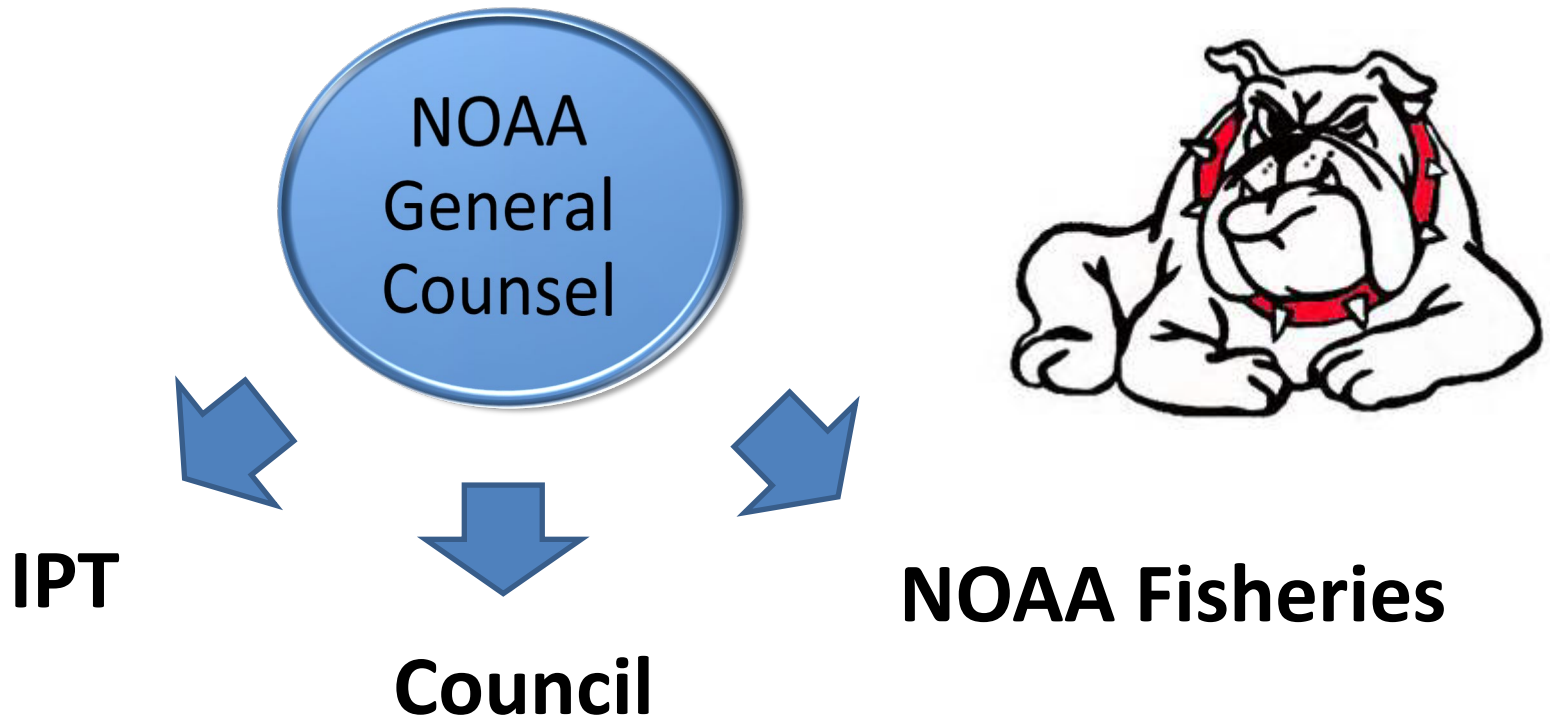
Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act

The Lacey Act





Quiz: Who Advises us on the Laws?



Facilitate the development of a legally defensible administrative record, as well as the eventual decision based on that record





Why Might This Be Important to You?



- ❖ Council approval ≠ automatic implementation
- ❖ Rulemaking provides another opportunity to comment, although later in the process.



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SERO responds to public inquiries, mostly on proposed actions, regulations, and permits.



U.S. DEPT. OF COMMERCE, NOAA
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 St. Petersburg, FL 33701
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 727/624-8328 (8:00 am - 4:30 pm ET)
<http://www.noaa.gov>

FEDERAL PERMIT APPLICATION FOR VESSELS FISHING IN THE EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONE (EEZ)

OMB No. 0648-0205 Form Approval Expires: 10/31/2014

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Application ID: _____
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Reviewer's Initials and Date: _____
 Permit Check or Money Order Number and Amount: _____
 Roy Tag Check or Money Order Number and Amount: _____
 Sanction Case Number if Sanctioned: _____
 Non Compliance Hold Date: _____
 Non Compliance Cleared Date: _____
 Expiration Date(s): _____

REMEMBER TO SEND A COPY OF your current (not expired) United States Coast Guard (USCG) Certificate of Documentation (or a copy of your State Vessel Registration). Do not send your original. If your vessel's state registration does not list all owners of the vessel, also provide a copy of the vessel's title, or other documentation from the appropriate state agency that identifies all vessel owners.

SECTION 1 - VESSEL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL NUMBER FROM USCGI CERTIFICATE OF DOCUMENTATION (if the vessel is documented): _____
 STATE REGISTRATION NUMBER (as applicable): _____
 VESSEL NAME: _____
 HULL IDENTIFICATION or IMO NUMBER: _____
 HAULING PORT CITY: _____
 HAULING PORT COUNTY OR PARISH: _____ HAULING PORT STATE: _____

YEAR BUILT: _____ LENGTH (FEET): _____ TOTAL HORSEPOWER: _____
 Crew Size - including the Captain: _____

HOLD or FISH BOX CAPACITY (pounds of Harvest) How many pounds of product can you bring to the dock when full? _____

HULL MATERIAL: _____ FUEL DATA: _____ PRODUCT STORAGE (check all that apply): _____
 FIBERGLASS DIESEL ON ICE IN A HOLD ICE HOLD COOLER ICE CHEST, ETC.
 STEEL GASOLINE WOOD OTHER (Describe): _____ FREEZER LIVE WELL
 CEMENT OTHER _____ FUEL CAPACITY - TOTAL GALLONS: _____

USCGI DOCUMENTED VESSELS ONLY
 GROSS TONS: _____ NET TONS: _____

PASSENGER CAPACITY DATA FOR CHARTER HEADBOAT VESSELS ONLY
 UNINSPECTED VESSEL - "P-PAC"
 USCGI INSPECTED VESSEL, identify the certificate number on the USCGI Certificate of Inspection, not including the Captain and crew. You must provide a copy of your valid USCGI COI for renewals and transfers.

This vessel is used **PRIMARILY** for (check only 1):
 Charter Commercial Fishing YES NO
 Headboat


For Shark and Swordfish Directed and Incidental Permit Applicants Only: Does your vessel fish with, or carry onboard, other longline or gillnet gear?
 YES NO
 If yes, include a copy of your "Prohibited Species Release, Disentanglement, and Identification Workshop Certificate." For renewals, include the owner's Certificate.

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SERO uses many tools for outreach.


 **Southeast Fishery Bulletin**
National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeast Regional Office, 263 137 Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: June 7, 2013
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727-824-5305, FAX 727-824-5308
<http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov>

NOAA Fisheries Seeks Comments on a Proposed Rule to Modify Management of Queen Conch in Federal Waters of the U.S. Caribbean
Comment Period Ends July 8, 2013



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Electronic copies of the regulatory amendment and the proposed rule may be obtained from the NOAA Fisheries Web site:
http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/caribbean
<http://www.noaa.gov/index.html> the Federal Register

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**South Atlantic
Frequently Asked Questions
Proposed Regulations for Black Sea Bass in the South Atlantic
Regulatory Amendment 19**

July 2013

What are the proposed actions in Regulatory Amendment 19 for black sea bass?

- An increase in the optimum yield, commercial annual catch limit, recreational an

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Contact: Kim Amendola 727-551-5707 **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
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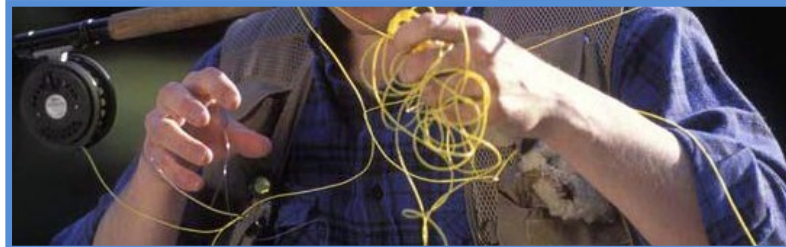
NOAA briefly opens red snapper fishing in South Atlantic
Appropriate limits, recreational and commercial seasons for September 2012



In summary, NOAA Fisheries/SERO is involved in 3 key components of the fishery management process.

Document preparation, rulemaking, and outreach.

Products and services may be used to increase your involvement.



Questions?

