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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Coonamessett Farm submitted an application for an EFP on December 27, 2005, for an experiment funded by the Sea Scallop Research Set Aside Program. The experiment would investigate whether requiring vessels to land scallops in a standardized scallop bag would be a viable method of determining compliance with the Sea Scallop Access Area possession limit. This EFP is requested to allow vessels testing a standardized scallop bag to exceed Sea Scallop Access Area possession limits, which are currently set at 18,000 lb (8,165 kg) (see 50 CFR 648.60(a)(5)). While the standardized scallop bag will be used in numbers intended to achieve the 18,000 lb (8,165 kg) possession limit, it is possible that on some experimental trips the use of the standardized bag will result in a landings in excess of 18,000 lb (8,165 kg). To test the standardized bag, Coonamessett Farm proposes to conduct 24 sea scallop access area trips. Prior to departure, each vessel will be issued a number of bags and required to land its catch of scallops in them. The catch from each trip will be examined to determine if a standardized bag can be used to achieve the 18,000 lb (8,165 kg) possession limit. The 24 trips will occur throughout the Access Area open seasons in the Georges Bank Access Areas and the Hudson Canyon Access Area. The specific design and construction of the standardized scallop bag will be determined prior to the issuance of the EFPs.

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

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*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting to refine Internet Mapping System.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting to refine its Internet Mapping System in St. Petersburg, FL.

**DATES:** The workshop will take place March 7-8, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue, S.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33701; telephone: (727) 896-8626; fax: (727) 893-2947.

*Council address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will take place from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. on March 7, 2006 and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on March 8, 2006.

Invited participants representing scientific and mapping expertise will meet to continue to refine the Council's Internet Mapping System (IMS) with additional datasets and improved functionality.

The Council's IMS, as designed through a contract with the Florida's Fish and Wildlife Resources Institute, incorporates datasets, metadata, and images provided through cooperative efforts of several agencies. Continued collection and refinement of the IMS will assist the Council in the development of its Fishery Ecosystem Plan. Information provided on the site is accessible to the public at <http://map.mapwise.com/safmc>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 3 days prior to the meetings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of the Deepwater Coral Research and Monitoring Plan Development Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will conduct a workshop to continue development of the Council's Deepwater Coral Research and Monitoring Plan in St. Petersburg, FL.

**DATES:** The workshop will take place March 9-10, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The workshop will be held at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue, S.E., St. Petersburg, FL 33701; telephone: (727) 896-8626; fax: (727) 893-2947.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Invited workshop participants will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on March 9, 2006 and from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on March 10, 2006 to complete a draft of the Council's Deepwater Coral Research and Monitoring Plan. This workshop is a follow up to one held in 2004. The workshop is designed to consolidate and refine sections of the draft document that have been developed through the use of a web portal. When completed, the detailed research and monitoring plan will be immediately integrated into the Council's developing