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The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*)

**List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 17**

Endangered and threatened species, Exports, Imports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and Transportation.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**50 CFR Part 646**

**Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

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

**SUMMARY:** NMFS issues notice that the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council has submitted Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic (FMP) for review by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and is requesting comments from the public. Amendment 5 would implement new management measures for wreckfish, including a limited entry program.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before November 29, 1991.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be sent to the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9450 Koger Boulevard, St. Petersburg, FL 33703. Copies of Amendment 5 may be obtained from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Southpark Building, suite 306, 1 Southpark Circle, Charleston, SC 29407-4699, telephone 803-571-4366.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter J. Eldridge, 813-893-3161.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), as amended, requires that a council-prepared fishery management plan or amendment be submitted to the Secretary for review and approval of disapproval. The Magnuson Act also requires that the Secretary, upon receiving the document, immediately

publish a notice of its availability for public inspection and comment. The Secretary will consider public comment in determining approvability of the document.

Amendment 5 to the FMP proposes to: (1) Revise the problem statement in the snapper-grouper fishery and objectives of the FMP; (2) implement a limited entry program for the wreckfish sector of the snapper-grouper fishery consisting of transferable percentage shares of the annual total allowable catch (TAC) of wreckfish and individual transferable quotas based on a person's share of each TAC; (3) specify the procedure for the initial distribution of percentage shares of the wreckfish TAC; (4) require dealer permits to receive wreckfish; (5) remove the 10,000-pound (4,536-kilogram) trip limit for wreckfish; (6) require that wreckfish be off-loaded from fishing vessels only between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.; and (7) specify when 24-hour advance notice must be made to NMFS Law Enforcement of off-loading of wreckfish.

Proposed regulations to implement Amendment 5 are scheduled for publication within 15 days.

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

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