



## SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Dr. Roy Crabtree, Regional Administrator  
NOAA Fisheries, Southeast Region  
263 13th Avenue South  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

### **RE: Including SAFMC Managed Areas on NOAA Nautical Charts**

Dear Roy:

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) approved the following motion at the September 2016 meeting:

THE COUNCIL SEND A LETTER TO NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE REQUESTING THAT THE SERVICE MAKE THE NECESSARY REQUEST WITHIN NOAA TO HAVE SAFMC MANAGED AREAS (DEEPWATER MPAs, CORAL HAPCs) INCLUDED ON NOAA NAUTICAL CHARTS.

Council staff have worked to implement this but with no success. At the August 4-5, 2016 joint AP/Committee meeting Kyle Ward, Southeast Navigation Manager with NOAA's Office of Coast Survey, updated the LEAP and LE Committee on NOAA protocol and procedures for charting to clarify how the Council's proposed or existing managed areas would qualify to be included in NOAA navigation charts (see report attached). During discussion, NOAA CG concurred that MPAs should be included in NOAA charts for fishermen to know where the areas are and to improve enforcement and prosecution. The LEAP recommendation was to ask that NOAA Fisheries request inclusion of SAFMC closed areas (MPAs and proposed Spawning SMZs) in NOAA nautical charts.

On behalf of the Council, please make this request to the appropriate person within NOAA. We appreciate your assistance with this important action.

Best regards,

*Michelle A. Duval*

Dr. Michelle Duval  
Chair

cc: Council Members & Staff  
Law Enforcement AP  
Monica Smit-Brunello  
Jack McGovern and Rick DeVactor  
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