

G&SAFF – FKCF
Cooperative Lionfish Containment Device (LCD) Program in the Southeast United States
Exempted Fishing Permits Request – Modifications to Proposal
July 13, 2015

Relative to a discussion via conference call on July 10, 2015 between Dr. Steve Branstetter, NMFS/SERO, Mr. Frank Helies, G&SAFF and Capt. Bill Kelly, FKCF, the following modifications were made to the above captioned lionfish proposal:

1. **Chevron Trap Design** - Remove the chevron trap design from the line-up of proposed testing devices and reduce the number to the remaining four (4) designs. Proportionately increase the number of other containment devices to replace the chevron gear (Ref. pages 20-21 of proposal).
2. **LCD Data Collection** (Ref. Page 7, Item 'a') – LCD deployment shall consist of five (5) each of four (4) different trap designs for a total of 20 LCDs per string or trawl and a total of one-hundred (100) LCDs for each of the four (4) testing areas deployed on five (5) string(s)/trawl(s). The string/trawl shall be marked at each end by a research buoy (unless prohibited) marked in accordance with rules and regulations required by NMFS/SERO and/or any other governing bodies in the area in which they are being deployed.
3. **Frequency of Deployment & Recovery** – Frequency of deployment and recovery (soak time) will vary by region. In all cases deployment and recovery will comply with rules and regulations set forth in the AWLTRP and any other state/federal regulations protecting marine mammals, fishes or benthic habitat. At least two (2) deployments and recoveries per month are planned for each of the testing areas over a twelve (12) period. Deployments could be as short as several hours per location or several weeks based on rules and regulations for the area being tested and efficacy of the soak time to minimize by-catch.