

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 50 CFR part 622 is proposed to be amended as follows:

PART 622--FISHERIES OF THE CARIBBEAN, GULF, AND SOUTH ATLANTIC

1. The authority citation for part 622 continues to read as follows:

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

2. In § 622.8, paragraph (a)(2) is revised and paragraphs (a)(7) and (a)(8) are added to read as follows:

§ 622.8 At-sea observer coverage.

(a) \* \* \*

(2) Golden crab. A vessel for which a Federal commercial permit for golden crab has been issued must carry a NMFS-approved observer, if the vessel's trip is selected by the SRD for observer coverage. Vessel permit renewal is contingent upon compliance with this paragraph (a)(2).

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(7) Atlantic dolphin and wahoo. (i) A vessel for which a Federal commercial vessel permit for Atlantic dolphin and wahoo or a charter vessel/headboat permit for Atlantic dolphin and wahoo has been issued must carry a NMFS-approved observer, if the vessel's trip is selected by the SRD for observer coverage. Vessel permit renewal is contingent upon compliance with this paragraph (a)(7).

(ii) Any other vessel that fishes for Atlantic dolphin and

**Comment [AE1]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include this statement?

This statement is included for SA snapper-grouper, but not golden crab. Should it be added to golden crab, Atl dolphin and wahoo, and SA CMP?

**Comment [AE2]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include charter vessel/headboat?

**Comment [AE3]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include this statement?

wahoo in the Atlantic EEZ must carry a NMFS-approved observer, if the vessel's trip is selected by the SRD for observer coverage.

**Comment [AE4]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include private recreational vessels?

(8) South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish. (i) A vessel in the South Atlantic for which a Federal commercial vessel permit for king mackerel or a Federal commercial vessel permit for Spanish mackerel or a charter vessel/headboat permit for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish has been issued must carry a NMFS-approved observer, if the vessel's trip is selected by the SRD for observer coverage. Vessel permit renewal is contingent upon compliance with this paragraph

**Comment [AE5]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include charter vessel/headboat?

(a)(8).

**Comment [AE6]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include this statement?

(ii) Any other vessel that fishes for South Atlantic coastal migratory pelagic fish in the South Atlantic EEZ must carry a NMFS-approved observer, if the vessel's trip is selected by the SRD for observer coverage.

**Comment [AE7]:** As written, this includes king mackerel, Spanish mackerel, and cobia

**Comment [AE8]:** Is it the intent of the Council to include private recreational vessels?

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**Comment [AE9]:** If the Council accepts the IPT recommended language for Alternative 2 or Alternative 3, revised codified will be made available.