



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**  
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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Roy E. Crabtree, Ph.D.  
NMFS SERO Regional Administrator

**FROM:** James A. Morris, Jr., Ph.D.  
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**SUBJECT:** Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) request

We respectfully submit a request for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) to allow the testing of lionfish aggregating devices off the coast of North Carolina. A full description of this work is provided in the attached. Prior to departure of sampling trip, the charter vessel(s) info. (name of vessel, name of owner, resident port, phone no., and vessel documentation) will be communicated to the NMFS Southeast Regional Office (contact Nikhil Mehta) for vessel clearance.

cc: Nikhil Mahta