

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 622

[Docket No.]

RIN 0648-

Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Comprehensive Ecosystem-based Amendment for the South Atlantic Region

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this proposed rule to implement the Comprehensive Ecosystem-based Amendment 1 (CE-BA1) to the fishery management plans (FMPs) for the following South Atlantic species/groups: coastal migratory pelagics; coral, coral reefs, and live/hard bottom habitats; dolphin and wahoo; golden crab; shrimp; spiny lobster; and snapper-grouper, as prepared and submitted by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council). This proposed rule would establish Deepwater Coral Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (Deepwater Coral HAPCs) off the coast of the southern Atlantic states in which the use of specified fishing gear and methods and the possession of coral would be prohibited. Within the Deepwater Coral HAPCs, fishing zones would be created that would allow continued fishing on the historical grounds for golden crab and deepwater shrimp. In addition, CE-BA1 would update existing Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) information in the area off the southern Atlantic states. The intended effects of this rule are to protect what is thought to be the largest contiguous distribution of pristine deepwater coral ecosystems in the world while minimizing the effects on traditional fishing in the HAPCs and would address the need for spatial representation of designated EFH and EFH-HAPCs.

DATES: Written comments on this proposed rule must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., eastern time, on [insert date 45 days after date

of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by RIN 0648- , by any one of the following methods:

· Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>

· Fax: 727-824-5308, Attn: Karla Gore

· Mail: Karla Gore, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Copies of CE-BA1 may be obtained from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: 843-571-4366 or 866-SAFMC-10 (toll free); fax: 843-769-4520; e-mail: safmc@safmc.net. CE-BA1 includes a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA), a Regulatory Impact Review, and a Social Impact Assessment/Fishery Impact Statement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karla Gore, telephone: 727-824-5305, fax: 727-824-5308, e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fisheries for coastal migratory pelagics; coral, coral reefs, and live/hard bottom habitats; dolphin and wahoo; golden crab; shrimp; spiny lobster; and snapper-grouper off the southern Atlantic states are managed under their respective FMPs. The FMPs were prepared by the Council and are implemented under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) by regulations at 50 CFR part 622.

Deepwater Coral HAPCs

[To be developed]

Additional Measures in CE-BA 1

CE-BA 1 proposes to update existing Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) information in the area off the southern Atlantic states by including spatial presentation of EFH and EFH-HAPC designations in a Geographic Information System. The addition of this information does not change EFH specifications currently in the FMPs and does not require any change in regulatory language.

Amendments to FMPs

The Deepwater Coral HAPCs and the additional measures in CE-BA 1, discussed above, constitute amendments to FMPs as follows: Amendment 19 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources; Amendment 6 to the FMP for Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom Habitats of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 1 to the FMP for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery off the Atlantic States; Amendment 4 to the FMP for the Golden Crab Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 8 to the FMP for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic Region; Amendment 5 to the Spiny Lobster Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; and Amendment 19 to the FMP for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region.

Availability of CE-BA1

Additional background and rationale for the measures discussed above are contained in CE-BA1. The availability of CE-BA1 was announced in the Federal Register on [insert date], (73 FR *****). Written comments on CE-BA1 must be received by [insert date]. All comments received on CE-BA1 or on this proposed rule during their respective comment periods will be addressed in the preamble to the final rule.

Classification

At this time, NMFS has not determined that CE-BA1 is consistent with the national standards of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and other applicable laws. NMFS, in making that determination, will take into account the data, views, and comments received during the comment periods on CE-BA1 and this proposed rule.

This proposed rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

The Council prepared an FEIS for CE-BA1; a notice of availability was published on [insert date], (73 FR ****).

NMFS prepared an IRFA, as required by section 603 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, for this proposed rule. The IRFA describes the economic impact this proposed rule, if adopted, would have on small entities. A description of the action, why it is being considered, and the objectives of and legal basis for this action are contained at the beginning of this section in the preamble and in the SUMMARY section of the preamble. A copy of the full analysis is available from the Council (see ADDRESSES). A summary of the IRFA follows.

[NMFS insert]

List of Subjects in 50 CFR Part 622

Fisheries, Fishing, Puerto Rico, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Virgin Islands.

Dated:

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 § 622.35, paragraph (l) is added to read as follows:

§ 622.35 Atlantic EEZ seasonal and/or area closures.

(l) Deepwater Coral HAPCs. (1) Locations. The following areas are designated Deepwater Coral HAPCs:

(i) Cape Lookout Lophelia Banks is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 34°24'37" | 75°45'11" |
| 1 | 34°21'02" | 75°41'25" |
| 2 | 34°05'47" | 75°54'54" |
| 3 | 34°10'26" | 75°58'44" |
| Origin | 34°24'37" | 75°45'11" |

(ii) Cape Fear Lophelia Banks is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 33°38'49" | 76°29'32" |
| 1 | 33°36'09" | 76°23'37" |
| 2 | 33°29'49" | 76°26'19" |
| 3 | 33°32'21" | 76°32'38" |
| Origin | 33°38'49" | 76°29'32" |

(iii) Stetson Reefs, Savannah and East Florida Lithotherms, and Miami Terrace (Stetson-Miami Terrace) is bounded by rhumb

lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 30°12'00" | 80°01'49" |
| 1 | 30°06'52" | 80°01'58" |
| 2 | 29°59'16" | 80°04'11" |
| 3 | 29°49'12" | 80°05'44" |
| 4 | 29°43'59" | 80°06'24" |
| 5 | 29°38'37" | 80°06'53" |

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| 6 | 29°36'54" | 80°07'18" |
| 7 | 29°31'59" | 80°07'32" |
| 8 | 29°29'14" | 80°07'18" |
| 9 | 29°21'48" | 80°05'01" |
| 10 | 29°20'25" | 80°04'29" |
| 11 | 29°08'00" | 79°59'43" |
| 12 | 29°06'56" | 79°59'07" |
| 13 | 29°05'59" | 79°58'44" |
| 14 | 29°03'34" | 79°57'37" |
| 15 | 29°02'11" | 79°56'59" |
| 16 | 29°00'00" | 79°55'32" |
| 17 | 28°56'55" | 79°54'22" |
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| 19 | 28°53'35" | 79°52'51" |
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| 20 | 28°51'47" | 79°52'07" |
| 21 | 28°50'25" | 79°51'27" |
| 22 | 28°49'53" | 79°51'20" |
| 23 | 28°49'01" | 79°51'20" |
| 24 | 28°48'19" | 79°51'10" |
| 25 | 28°47'13" | 79°50'59" |
| 26 | 28°43'30" | 79°50'36" |
| 27 | 28°41'05" | 79°50'04" |
| 28 | 28°40'27" | 79°50'07" |
| 29 | 28°39'50" | 79°49'56" |
| 30 | 28°39'04" | 79°49'58" |
| 31 | 28°36'43" | 79°49'35" |
| 32 | 28°35'01" | 79°49'24" |
| 33 | 28°30'37" | 79°48'35" |
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| 34 | 28° 14' 00" | 79° 46' 20" |
| 35 | 28° 11' 41" | 79° 46' 12" |
| 36 | 28° 08' 02" | 79° 45' 45" |
| 37 | 28° 01' 20" | 79° 45' 20" |
| 38 | 28° 01' 20" | 79° 44' 11" |
| 39 | 27° 58' 13" | 79° 44' 51" |
| 40 | 27° 56' 23" | 79° 44' 53" |
| 41 | 27° 49' 40" | 79° 44' 25" |
| 42 | 27° 46' 27" | 79° 44' 22" |
| 43 | 27° 42' 00" | 79° 44' 33" |
| 44 | 27° 36' 08" | 79° 44' 58" |
| 45 | 27° 30' 00" | 79° 45' 29" |
| 46 | 27° 29' 04" | 79° 45' 47" |
| 47 | 27° 27' 05" | 79° 45' 54" |
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| 48 | 27°25'47" | 79°45'57" |
| 49 | 27°19'46" | 79°45'14" |
| 50 | 27°17'54" | 79°45'12" |
| 51 | 27°12'28" | 79°45'00" |
| 52 | 27°07'45" | 79°46'07" |
| 53 | 27°04'47" | 79°46'29" |
| 54 | 27°00'43" | 79°46'39" |
| 55 | 26°58'43" | 79°46'28" |
| 56 | 26°57'06" | 79°46'32" |
| 57 | 26°49'58" | 79°46'54" |
| 58 | 26°48'58" | 79°46'56" |
| 59 | 26°47'01" | 79°47'09" |
| 60 | 26°46'04" | 79°47'09" |
| 61 | 26°35'09" | 79°48'01" |
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| 62 | 26°33'37" | 79°48'21" |
| 63 | 26°27'56" | 79°49'09" |
| 64 | 26°25'55" | 79°49'30" |
| 65 | 26°21'05" | 79°50'03" |
| 66 | 26°20'30" | 79°50'20" |
| 67 | 26°18'56" | 79°50'17" |
| 68 | 26°16'19" | 79°54'06" |
| 69 | 26°13'48" | 79°54'48" |
| 70 | 26°12'19" | 79°55'37" |
| 71 | 26°10'57" | 79°57'05" |
| 72 | 26°09'17" | 79°58'45" |
| 73 | 26°07'11" | 80°00'22" |
| 74 | 26°06'12" | 80°00'33" |
| 75 | 26°03'26" | 80°01'02" |
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| 76 | 26°00'35" | 80°01'13" |
| 77 | 25°49'10" | 80°00'38" |
| 78 | 25°48'30" | 80°00'23" |
| 79 | 25°46'42" | 79°59'14" |
| 80 | 25°27'28" | 80°02'26" |
| 81 | 25°24'06" | 80°01'44" |
| 82 | 25°21'04" | 80°01'27" |
| 83 | 25°21'04" | 79°58'12" |
| 84 | 25°21'04" | 79°42'04" |
| 85 | 25°22'20" | 79°42'19" |
| 86 | 25°33'34" | 79°42'09" |
| 87 | 25°33'32" | 79°42'08" |
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| 89 | 25°55'35" | 79°41'16" |
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| 91 | 25°50'25" | 79°42'10" |
| 92 | 25°48'15" | 79°42'24" |
| 93 | 25°46'21" | 79°42'45" |
| 94 | 25°59'29" | 79°40'03" |
| 95 | 26°03'48" | 79°37'57" |
| 96 | 26°08'08" | 79°35'53" |
| 97 | 26°10'13" | 79°35'09" |
| 98 | 26°16'41" | 79°32'49" |
| 99 | 26°23'20" | 79°29'54" |
| 100 | 26°29'18" | 79°29'48" |
| 101 | 26°31'29" | 79°30'21" |
| 102 | 26°36'36" | 79°31'08" |
| 103 | 26°42'24" | 79°32'04" |

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| 105 | 26°58'42" | 79°35'03" |
| 106 | 27°06'15" | 79°35'13" |
| 107 | 27°10'40" | 79°34'56" |
| 108 | 27°16'29" | 79°34'12" |
| 109 | 27°24'01" | 79°32'09" |
| 110 | 27°27'45" | 79°31'22" |
| 111 | 27°31'54" | 79°30'54" |
| 112 | 27°53'11" | 79°28'31" |
| 113 | 28°14'40" | 79°13'15" |
| 114 | 28°17'10" | 79°11'24" |
| 115 | 28°17'10" | 79°05'11" |
| 116 | 28°17'10" | 79°00'00" |
| 117 | 28°49'38" | 79°00'00" |

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| 118 | 30°03'29" | 79°00'00" |
| 119 | 31°23'37" | 79°00'00" |
| 120 | 31°23'37" | 77°16'21" |
| 121 | 32°38'37" | 77°16'21" |
| 122 | 32°38'21" | 77°34'06" |
| 123 | 32°35'24" | 77°37'54" |
| 124 | 32°32'18" | 77°40'26" |
| 125 | 32°28'42" | 77°44'10" |
| 126 | 32°25'51" | 77°47'43" |
| 127 | 32°22'40" | 77°52'05" |
| 128 | 32°20'58" | 77°56'29" |
| 129 | 32°20'30" | 77°57'50" |
| 130 | 32°19'53" | 78°00'49" |
| 131 | 32°18'44" | 78°04'35" |

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| 132 | 32°17'35" | 78°07'48" |
| 133 | 32°17'15" | 78°10'41" |
| 134 | 32°15'50" | 78°14'09" |
| 135 | 32°15'20" | 78°15'25" |
| 136 | 32°12'15" | 78°16'37" |
| 137 | 32°10'26" | 78°18'11" |
| 138 | 32°12'16" | 78°16'29" |
| 139 | 32°10'26" | 78°18'09" |
| 140 | 32°04'42" | 78°21'27" |
| 141 | 32°03'41" | 78°24'07" |
| 142 | 32°04'58" | 78°29'19" |
| 143 | 32°06'59" | 78°30'48" |
| 144 | 32°09'27" | 78°31'31" |
| 145 | 32°11'23" | 78°32'47" |
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| 146 | 32°13'09" | 78°34'04" |
| 147 | 32°14'08" | 78°34'36" |
| 148 | 32°12'48" | 78°36'34" |
| 149 | 32°13'07" | 78°39'07" |
| 150 | 32°14'17" | 78°40'01" |
| 151 | 32°16'20" | 78°40'18" |
| 152 | 32°16'33" | 78°42'32" |
| 153 | 32°14'26" | 78°43'23" |
| 154 | 32°11'14" | 78°45'42" |
| 155 | 32°10'19" | 78°49'08" |
| 156 | 32°09'42" | 78°52'54" |
| 157 | 32°08'15" | 78°56'11" |
| 158 | 32°05'00" | 79°00'30" |
| 159 | 32°01'54" | 79°02'49" |

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| 160 | 31°58'40" | 79°04'51" |
| 161 | 31°56'32" | 79°06'48" |
| 162 | 31°53'27" | 79°09'18" |
| 163 | 31°50'56" | 79°11'29" |
| 164 | 31°49'07" | 79°13'35" |
| 165 | 31°47'56" | 79°16'08" |
| 166 | 31°47'11" | 79°16'30" |
| 167 | 31°46'29" | 79°16'25" |
| 168 | 31°44'31" | 79°17'24" |
| 169 | 31°43'20" | 79°18'27" |
| 170 | 31°42'26" | 79°20'41" |
| 171 | 31°41'09" | 79°22'26" |
| 172 | 31°39'36" | 79°23'59" |
| 173 | 31°37'54" | 79°25'29" |

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| 174 | 31°35'57" | 79°27'14" |
| 175 | 31°34'14" | 79°28'24" |
| 176 | 31°31'08" | 79°29'59" |
| 177 | 31°30'26" | 79°29'52" |
| 178 | 31°29'11" | 79°30'11" |
| 179 | 31°27'58" | 79°31'41" |
| 180 | 31°27'06" | 79°32'08" |
| 181 | 31°26'22" | 79°32'48" |
| 182 | 31°24'21" | 79°33'51" |
| 183 | 31°22'53" | 79°34'41" |
| 184 | 31°21'03" | 79°36'01" |
| 185 | 31°20'00" | 79°37'12" |
| 186 | 31°18'34" | 79°38'15" |
| 187 | 31°16'49" | 79°38'36" |
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| 188 | 31°13'06" | 79°38'19" |
| 189 | 31°11'04" | 79°38'39" |
| 190 | 31°09'28" | 79°39'09" |
| 191 | 31°07'44" | 79°40'21" |
| 192 | 31°05'53" | 79°41'27" |
| 193 | 31°04'40" | 79°42'09" |
| 194 | 31°02'58" | 79°42'28" |
| 195 | 31°01'03" | 79°42'40" |
| 196 | 30°59'50" | 79°42'43" |
| 197 | 30°58'27" | 79°42'43" |
| 198 | 30°57'15" | 79°42'50" |
| 199 | 30°56'09" | 79°43'28" |
| 200 | 30°54'49" | 79°44'53" |
| 201 | 30°53'44" | 79°46'24" |

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| 202 | 30°52'47" | 79°47'40" |
| 203 | 30°51'45" | 79°48'16" |
| 204 | 30°48'36" | 79°49'02" |
| 205 | 30°45'24" | 79°49'55" |
| 206 | 30°41'36" | 79°51'31" |
| 207 | 30°38'38" | 79°52'23" |
| 208 | 30°35'29" | 79°52'54" |
| 209 | 30°32'55" | 79°54'19" |
| 210 | 30°31'05" | 79°55'27" |
| 211 | 30°28'09" | 79°56'06" |
| 212 | 30°26'57" | 79°56'34" |
| 213 | 30°25'25" | 79°57'36" |
| 214 | 30°23'03" | 79°58'25" |
| 215 | 30°21'27" | 79°59'24" |

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| 216 | 30°18'22" | 80°00'09" |
| 217 | 30°16'34" | 80°00'33" |
| 218 | 30°14'55" | 80°00'23" |
| 219 | 30°12'36" | 80°01'44" |
| Origin | 30°12'00" | 80°01'49" |

(iv) Pourtales Terrace is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 24°15'04" | 81°07'52" |
| 1 | 24°10'58" | 80°58'16" |
| 2 | 24°20'34" | 80°43'37" |
| 3 | 24°33'42" | 80°34'23" |
| 4 | 24°37'45" | 80°31'20" |
| 5 | 24°47'18" | 80°23'08" |
| 6 | 24°51'08" | 80°27'58" |

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| 7 | 24°42'52" | 80°35'51" |
| 8 | 24°29'44" | 80°49'45" |
| Origin | 24°15'04" | 81°07'52" |

(v) Blake Ridge Diapir is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 32°32'28" | 76°13'16" |
| 1 | 32°32'21" | 76°11'13" |
| 2 | 32°30'37" | 76°11'21" |
| 3 | 32°30'44" | 76°11'21" |
| Origin | 32°32'28" | 76°13'16" |

(2) Restrictions. In the Deepwater Coral HAPCs specified in paragraph (1)(1) of this section, no person may:

- (i) Use a bottom longline, trawl (including pelagic trawl), dredge, pot, or trap.
- (ii) If aboard a fishing vessel, anchor, use an anchor and chain, or use a grapple and chain.
- (iii) Fish for Gulf and South Atlantic prohibited coral or possess such coral in or from the area on board a fishing vessel.

(3) Rock shrimp fishery access areas. The provisions of paragraph (1)(2)(i) of this section notwithstanding, an owner or operator of a vessel for which a valid commercial permit for South Atlantic rock shrimp has been issued may trawl for rock shrimp in the following portions of the Stetson-Miami Terrace Deepwater Coral HAPC:

(i) Rock shrimp access area A is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 30°12'00" | 80°01'49" |
| 1 | 30°06'52" | 80°01'58" |
| 2 | 29°59'16" | 80°04'11" |
| 3 | 29°49'12" | 80°05'44" |
| 4 | 29°43'59" | 80°06'24" |
| 5 | 29°38'37" | 80°06'53" |
| 6 | 29°36'54" | 80°07'18" |
| 7 | 29°31'59" | 80°07'32" |
| 8 | 29°29'14" | 80°07'18" |
| 9 | 29°21'48" | 80°05'01" |
| 10 | 29°20'25" | 80°04'29" |
| 11 | 29°20'25" | 80°03'11" |

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| 12 | 29° 21'48" | 80° 03'52" |
| 13 | 29° 29'14" | 80° 06'08" |
| 14 | 29° 31'59" | 80° 06'23" |
| 15 | 29° 36'54" | 80° 06'00" |
| 16 | 29° 38'37" | 80° 05'43" |
| 17 | 29° 43'59" | 80° 05'14" |
| 18 | 29° 49'12" | 80° 04'35" |
| 19 | 29° 59'16" | 80° 03'01" |
| 20 | 30° 06'52" | 80° 00'46" |
| 21 | 30° 12'00" | 80° 00'42" |
| Origin | 30° 12'00" | 80° 01'49" |

(ii) Rock shrimp access area B is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 29° 08'00" | 79° 59'43" |
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| 1 | 29°06'56" | 79°59'07" |
| 2 | 29°05'59" | 79°58'44" |
| 3 | 29°03'34" | 79°57'37" |
| 4 | 29°02'11" | 79°56'59" |
| 5 | 29°00'00" | 79°55'31" |
| 6 | 28°56'55" | 79°54'22" |
| 7 | 28°55'00" | 79°53'31" |
| 8 | 28°53'35" | 79°52'51" |
| 9 | 28°51'47" | 79°52'07" |
| 10 | 28°50'25" | 79°51'27" |
| 11 | 28°49'53" | 79°51'20" |
| 12 | 28°49'01" | 79°51'20" |
| 13 | 28°48'19" | 79°51'10" |
| 14 | 28°47'13" | 79°50'59" |
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| 15 | 28°43'30" | 79°50'36" |
| 16 | 28°41'05" | 79°50'04" |
| 17 | 28°40'27" | 79°50'07" |
| 18 | 28°39'50" | 79°49'56" |
| 19 | 28°39'04" | 79°49'58" |
| 20 | 28°36'43" | 79°49'35" |
| 21 | 28°35'01" | 79°49'24" |
| 22 | 28°30'37" | 79°48'35" |
| 23 | 28°30'37" | 79°47'27" |
| 24 | 28°35'01" | 79°48'16" |
| 25 | 28°36'43" | 79°48'27" |
| 26 | 28°39'04" | 79°48'50" |
| 27 | 28°39'50" | 79°48'48" |
| 28 | 28°40'27" | 79°48'58" |
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| 29 | 28°41'05" | 79°48'56" |
| 30 | 28°43'30" | 79°49'28" |
| 31 | 28°47'13" | 79°49'51" |
| 32 | 28°48'19" | 79°50'01" |
| 33 | 28°49'01" | 79°50'13" |
| 34 | 28°49'53" | 79°50'12" |
| 35 | 28°50'25" | 79°50'17" |
| 36 | 28°51'47" | 79°50'58" |
| 37 | 28°53'35" | 79°51'43" |
| 38 | 28°55'00" | 79°52'22" |
| 39 | 28°56'55" | 79°53'14" |
| 40 | 29°00'00" | 79°54'24" |
| 41 | 29°02'11" | 79°55'50" |
| 42 | 29°03'34" | 79°56'29" |
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| 43 | 29°05'59" | 79°57'35" |
| 44 | 29°06'56" | 79°57'59" |
| 45 | 29°08'00" | 79°58'34" |
| Origin | 29°08'00" | 79°59'43" |

(iii) Rock shrimp access area C is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Origin | North lat. | West long. |
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| 0 | 28°14'00" | 79°46'20" |
| 1 | 28°11'41" | 79°46'12" |
| 2 | 28°08'02" | 79°45'45" |
| 3 | 28°04'42" | 79°45'33" |
| 4 | 28°01'20" | 79°45'20" |
| 5 | 27°58'13" | 79°44'51" |
| 6 | 27°56'23" | 79°44'53" |
| 7 | 27°49'40" | 79°44'25" |
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| 8 | 27°46'27" | 79°44'22" |
| 9 | 27°42'00" | 79°44'33" |
| 10 | 27°36'08" | 79°44'58" |
| 11 | 27°30'00" | 79°45'29" |
| 12 | 27°29'04" | 79°45'47" |
| 13 | 27°27'05" | 79°45'54" |
| 14 | 27°25'47" | 79°45'57" |
| 15 | 27°19'46" | 79°45'14" |
| 16 | 27°17'54" | 79°45'12" |
| 17 | 27°12'28" | 79°45'00" |
| 18 | 27°07'45" | 79°46'07" |
| 19 | 27°04'47" | 79°46'29" |
| 20 | 27°00'43" | 79°46'39" |
| 21 | 26°58'43" | 79°46'28" |

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| 22 | 26°57'06" | 79°46'32" |
| 23 | 26°57'06" | 79°44'52" |
| 24 | 26°58'43" | 79°44'47" |
| 25 | 27°00'43" | 79°44'58" |
| 26 | 27°04'47" | 79°44'48" |
| 27 | 27°07'45" | 79°44'26" |
| 28 | 27°12'28" | 79°43'19" |
| 29 | 27°17'54" | 79°43'31" |
| 30 | 27°19'46" | 79°43'33" |
| 31 | 27°25'47" | 79°44'15" |
| 32 | 27°27'05" | 79°44'12" |
| 33 | 27°29'04" | 79°44'06" |
| 34 | 27°30'00" | 79°43'48" |
| 35 | 27°30'00" | 79°44'22" |
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| 36 | 27°36'08" | 79°43'50" |
| 37 | 27°42'00" | 79°43'25" |
| 38 | 27°46'27" | 79°43'14" |
| 39 | 27°49'40" | 79°43'17" |
| 40 | 27°56'23" | 79°43'45" |
| 41 | 27°58'13" | 79°43'43" |
| 42 | 28°01'20" | 79°44'11" |
| 43 | 28°04'42" | 79°44'25" |
| 44 | 28°08'02" | 79°44'37" |
| 45 | 28°11'41" | 79°45'04" |
| 46 | 28°14'00" | 79°45'12" |
| Origin | 28°14'00" | 79°46'20" |

(iv) Rock shrimp access area D is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| 0 | 26°49'58" | 79°46'54" |
| 1 | 26°48'58" | 79°46'56" |
| 2 | 26°47'01" | 79°47'09" |
| 3 | 26°46'04" | 79°47'09" |
| 4 | 26°35'09" | 79°48'01" |
| 5 | 26°33'37" | 79°48'21" |
| 6 | 26°27'56" | 79°49'09" |
| 7 | 26°25'55" | 79°49'30" |
| 8 | 26°21'05" | 79°50'03" |
| 9 | 26°20'30" | 79°50'20" |
| 10 | 26°18'56" | 79°50'17" |
| 11 | 26°18'56" | 79°48'37" |
| 12 | 26°20'30" | 79°48'40" |
| 13 | 26°21'05" | 79°48'08" |

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| 14 | 26° 25' 55" | 79° 47' 49" |
| 15 | 26° 27' 56" | 79° 47' 29" |
| 16 | 26° 33' 37" | 79° 46' 40" |
| 17 | 26° 35' 09" | 79° 46' 20" |
| 18 | 26° 46' 04" | 79° 45' 28" |
| 19 | 26° 47' 01" | 79° 45' 28" |
| 20 | 26° 48' 58" | 79° 45' 15" |
| 21 | 26° 49' 58" | 79° 45' 13" |
| Origin | 26° 49' 58" | 79° 46' 54" |

(4) Golden crab fishery access areas. The provisions of paragraphs (1)(2)(i) and (ii) of this section notwithstanding, an owner or operator of a vessel for which a valid commercial permit for South Atlantic golden crab has been issued may use a trap to fish for golden crab and use a grapple and chain while engaged in such fishing in the following portions of the Stetson-Miami Terrace and the Pourtales Terrace. Access to an area specified in paragraph (1)(4)(i) through (v) of this section is contingent on that zone being authorized on the vessel's permit for South Atlantic golden crab. See §622.17(b) of this part for specification of zones.

(i) Golden crab northern zone access area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 29°00'00" | 79°45'50" |
| 1 | 28°54'29" | 79°45'55" |
| 2 | 28°48'16" | 79°44'32" |
| 3 | 28°41'00" | 79°43'39" |
| 4 | 28°38'20" | 79°43'04" |
| 5 | 28°38'33" | 79°41'33" |
| 6 | 28°36'50" | 79°40'25" |
| 7 | 28°23'02" | 79°38'57" |
| 8 | 28°11'42" | 79°38'13" |
| 9 | 28°00'00" | 79°38'16" |
| 10 | 28°00'00" | 79°44'03" |
| 11 | 28°01'25" | 79°44'11" |
| 12 | 28°04'38" | 79°44'25" |
| 13 | 28°08'02" | 79°44'37" |
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| 14 | 28° 11' 41" | 79° 45' 04" |
| 15 | 28° 14' 00" | 79° 45' 12" |
| 16 | 28° 14' 00" | 79° 40' 54" |
| 17 | 28° 30' 37" | 79° 42' 12" |
| 18 | 28° 30' 37" | 79° 47' 27" |
| 19 | 28° 35' 01" | 79° 48' 16" |
| 20 | 28° 36' 43" | 79° 48' 27" |
| 21 | 28° 39' 04" | 79° 48' 50" |
| 22 | 28° 39' 50" | 79° 48' 48" |
| 23 | 28° 40' 27" | 79° 48' 58" |
| 24 | 28° 41' 05" | 79° 48' 56" |
| 25 | 28° 43' 30" | 79° 49' 28" |
| 26 | 28° 47' 13" | 79° 49' 51" |
| 27 | 28° 48' 19" | 79° 50' 01" |
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| 28 | 28°49'01" | 79°50'13" |
| 29 | 28°49'53" | 79°50'12" |
| 30 | 28°50'25" | 79°50'17" |
| 31 | 28°51'47" | 79°50'58" |
| 32 | 28°53'35" | 79°51'43" |
| 33 | 28°55'00" | 79°52'22" |
| 34 | 28°56'55" | 79°53'14" |
| 35 | 29°00'00" | 79°54'24" |
| Origin | 29°00'00" | 79°45'50" |

(ii) Golden crab middle zone access area A is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 26°18'56" | 79°48'37" |
| 1 | 26°03'38" | 79°48'16" |
| 2 | 26°03'35" | 79°46'09" |
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| 3 | 25°58'33" | 79°46'08" |
| 4 | 25°54'27" | 79°45'37" |
| 5 | 25°46'55" | 79°44'14" |
| 6 | 25°38'04" | 79°45'58" |
| 7 | 25°38'05" | 79°42'20" |
| 8 | 25°40'36" | 79°42'26" |
| 9 | 25°43'41" | 79°42'59" |
| 10 | 25°46'21" | 79°42'45" |
| 11 | 25°48'15" | 79°42'24" |
| 12 | 25°50'25" | 79°42'11" |
| 13 | 25°53'12" | 79°41'48" |
| 14 | 25°55'35" | 79°41'16" |
| 15 | 26°07'09" | 79°36'07" |
| 16 | 26°17'36" | 79°36'06" |

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| 17 | 26° 21' 18" | 79° 38' 04" |
| 18 | 26° 50' 40" | 79° 33' 45" |
| 19 | 26° 50' 40" | 79° 36' 30" |
| 20 | 26° 50' 46" | 79° 35' 12" |
| 21 | 26° 58' 44" | 79° 35' 04" |
| 22 | 27° 00' 39" | 79° 36' 26" |
| 23 | 27° 07' 55" | 79° 37' 52" |
| 24 | 27° 14' 52" | 79° 37' 09" |
| 25 | 27° 29' 21" | 79° 37' 15" |
| 26 | 28° 00' 00" | 79° 38' 16" |
| 27 | 27° 58' 13" | 79° 43' 43" |
| 28 | 27° 56' 23" | 79° 43' 45" |
| 29 | 27° 49' 40" | 79° 43' 17" |
| 30 | 27° 46' 27" | 79° 43' 14" |
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| 31 | 27°42'00" | 79°43'25" |
| 32 | 27°36'08" | 79°43'50" |
| 33 | 27°30'00" | 79°44'22" |
| 34 | 27°30'00" | 79°43'48" |
| 35 | 27°29'04" | 79°44'06" |
| 36 | 27°27'05" | 79°44'12" |
| 37 | 27°25'47" | 79°44'15" |
| 38 | 27°19'46" | 79°43'33" |
| 39 | 27°17'54" | 79°43'31" |
| 40 | 27°12'28" | 79°43'19" |
| 41 | 27°07'45" | 79°44'26" |
| 42 | 27°04'47" | 79°44'48" |
| 43 | 27°00'43" | 79°44'58" |
| 44 | 26°58'43" | 79°44'47" |

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| 45 | 26°57'06" | 79°44'52" |
| 46 | 26°57'06" | 79°42'34" |
| 47 | 26°49'58" | 79°42'34" |
| 48 | 26°49'58" | 79°45'13" |
| 49 | 26°48'58" | 79°45'15" |
| 50 | 26°47'01" | 79°45'28" |
| 51 | 26°46'04" | 79°45'28" |
| 52 | 26°35'09" | 79°46'20" |
| 53 | 26°33'37" | 79°46'40" |
| 54 | 26°27'56" | 79°47'29" |
| 55 | 26°25'55" | 79°47'49" |
| 56 | 26°21'05" | 79°48'08" |
| 57 | 26°20'30" | 79°48'40" |
| Origin | 26°18'56" | 79°48'37" |

(iii) Golden crab middle zone access area B is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 25°49'11" | 79°56'00" |
| 1 | 25°37'20" | 79°56'20" |
| 2 | 25°36'58" | 79°54'46" |
| 3 | 25°32'52" | 79°54'48" |
| 4 | 25°23'25" | 79°58'19" |
| 5 | 25°21'04" | 79°58'12" |
| 6 | 25°21'04" | 80°01'27" |
| 7 | 25°24'06" | 80°01'44" |
| 8 | 25°27'28" | 80°02'26" |
| 9 | 25°46'42" | 79°59'14" |
| 10 | 25°48'30" | 80°00'23" |
| 11 | 25°49'10" | 80°00'38" |

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| Origin | 25°49'11" | 79°56'00" |
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(iv) Golden crab middle zone access area C is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 25°33'32" | 79°47'14" |
| 1 | 25°33'32" | 79°42'08" |
| 2 | 25°21'04" | 79°42'17" |
| 3 | 25°21'04" | 79°53'45" |
| Origin | 25°33'32" | 79°47'14" |

(v) Golden crab southern zone access area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

| Point | North lat. | West long. |
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| Origin | 24°13'46" | 81°04'54" |
| 1 | 24°14'07" | 80°53'26" |
| 2 | 24°10'58" | 80°58'16" |
| Origin | 24°13'46" | 80°04'54" |