

For the reasons set out in the preamble, NMFS proposes to amend 50 CFR part 622 as follows:

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

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

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

2. Add § 622.224, add paragraph (b) (3) and Table 1 to paragraph (b) (3) to read as follows:

§ 622.224 Area closures to protect South Atlantic corals.

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(b) * * *

(3) *Rock shrimp fishery access area.* The provisions of paragraph (b) (1) of this section notwithstanding, an owner or operator of a vessel for which a valid limited access commercial vessel permit for rock shrimp (South Atlantic EEZ) has been issued may trawl for rock shrimp in the following portion of the Oculina Bank HAPC. This area is bounded by rhumb lines connecting, in order, the following points:

Table 1 to Paragraph (b) (3)

Point	North lat.	West long.
Origin	29°17'31.98"	80°10'22.02"
1	29°10'58.98"	80°08'39.00"
2	29°03'34.98"	80°07'28.98"
3	28°54'25.02"	80°05'22.98"
4	28°48'36.00"	80°04'22.02"
5	28°30'00.00"	80°01'01.02"
6	28°30'00.00"	80°00'46.02"
7	28°46'00.84"	80°03'28.50"
8	28°48'37.14"	80°03'56.76"
9	28°53'18.36"	80°04'48.84"
10	29°11'19.62"	80°08'36.90"
11	29°17'33.96"	80°10'06.90"
Origin	29°17'31.98"	80°10'22.02"

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