Simplification of Coordinates Designating CHAPC's

Stetson Miami Terrace CHPAC Coordinate Simplification Issue and Complications

•Enforcement has indicated that the 220 coordinates specifying the Stetson Miami Terrace CHAPC creates an enforceability issue.

- IPT met to discuss how to reduce the number of points while maintaining the integrity of the CHAPC.
- Amanda Frick (SERO, GIS Specialist) created alternate maps and coordinates for discussion.

•The current coordinates are based on bathymetric data which has its own degree of inaccuracy.

•Suggested changes to the coordinates will not change the shape of the proposed CHAPC considerably nor will they permit activities in sensitive habitat.

• The 60 point CHAPC will match the 220 point CHAPC better than the 19 point CHPAC.

• Seeking the Council to allow the IPT to modify the coordinates that bound the Stetson Miami CHAPC ---without compromising the Council's original intent for deepwater coral protection.

Stetson Miami Terrace CHAPC

-Designated by 220 points

-Following the 400 m contour for most of Western boundary, except for Northern section and Southern section (300 m contour)



-Designated by 60 points

-Boundary line follows the proposed CE-BA boundary line with minor variations.



-Designated by 19 points

-Boundary line follows the proposed CE-BA boundary line but not very tightly.

-Loss and gain of habitat from the CHAPC proposed in CE-BA.





-Designated by 60 points (Middle area zoomed in)



-Designated by 60 points (Middle area zoomed in)



-Designated by 60 points (Southern area zoomed in)



-Designated by 60 points (Southern area zoomed in)



Other Map Concerns in CE-BA 1

- Coordinates specify odd shapes which are inconsistent with text descriptions
- Coordinates specified in proposed rule extend out of the US EEZ
- Map clarity and readability for the general public

Odd Shapes



32°10'N

78°20'W

Extension of the CHAPC out of the EEZ (based on coordinates in CE-BA 1)



Map Clarity

-Complex

-Small

-Colors are too similar

-Impossible to differentiate in black and white



Map Clarity

- -Map is complex
- -Very difficult to see CHAPC

-Impossible to differentiate in black and white

