



SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Dr. Roy Crabtree, Regional Administrator
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Dear Roy:

Attached you will find a document titled “Modifications to Charter Vessel and Headboat Reporting Requirements,” a comprehensive amendment consisting of Amendment 39 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic, Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery of the Atlantic, and Amendment 27 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic Region. Also included are the Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, Fishery Impact Statement, and the Codified Text. At our December 2016 meeting, the Council approved this Amendment document to be transmitted to NMFS for formal Secretarial review. I have reviewed the document and codified text and deem them as appropriate for implementing the Amendment.

On behalf of the Council, I would like to thank you and your staff for the close cooperation and hard work in preparing this comprehensive amendment addressing reporting by charter vessels and headboats. If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Gregg or me.

Sincerely,

Michelle A. Duval

Dr. Michelle Duval
Chair

Enclosures

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