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November 26, 2013

To: Roy E. Crabtree, PhD

c/o: Jack McGovern, PhD
NOAA Fisheries Service
Southeast Regional Office
Sustainable Fisheries Division
263 13th Ave. South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Re: Request for Renewal of South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper FMP/Coral-Coral Reefs FMP Exempted Fishing Permit (F/SER25:NM SER09-044)

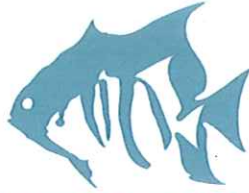
Dear Dr. Crabtree,

This letter is a request for renewal of The North Carolina Aquariums Exempted Fishing Permit (F/SER25:NM SER09-044) for the South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper FMP/Coral-Coral Reefs FMP.

Renewal of our South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper FMP/Coral-Coral Reefs FMP Exempted Fishing Permit (F/SER25:NM SER09-044) is requested to support the continued educational display of native fauna at the North Carolina Aquariums at Roanoke Island, Pine Knoll Shores, Fort Fisher, and Jennette's Pier. Through the Aquariums' mission statement of "Inspiring appreciation and conservation of North Carolina's aquatic environments" more than 1.2 million people annually are educated regarding the diversity of life found along our coastline and the necessity of preserving our natural resources. We continue to uphold the highest standards in animal care, and are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA).

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The North Carolina Aquariums are requesting permission to collect and transport for educational exhibit the following species with the maximum number listed per calendar year over a 5-year permit period:

16 Red Hind	3 Snowy Grouper	36 Vermilion Snapper
16 Rock Hind	16 Red Grouper	20 Red Snapper
16 Graysby	16 Gag Grouper	36 Yellowtail Snapper
24 Red Porgy	9 Yellowedge Grouper	24 Amber Jack
24 Sea Bass	9 Yellowfin Grouper	24 Almaco Jack
16 Coney	16 Yellowmouth Grouper	100 Bar Jack
16 Scamp	2 Goliath Grouper	100 Blue Runner
24 Dolphin	50 pounds of Live Rock	

Collections would occur year-round between Latitude 33°10'N to Latitude 36°30'N (along the N.C. coast) from three miles out, and up to 100 fathoms, and would be carried out using SCUBA, hook-and-line, and monitored traps for all species listed above. Primary collection vessels are 25' Parkers owned by the Aquariums, registration numbers NC5836P (Fort Fisher), and NC5857P (Roanoke Island), as listed on our current EFP.

The following Aquarium personnel would be the primary participants involved in collecting: Paul Barrington, Hap Fatzinger, Brian Germick, Brian Dorn, Christian Legner, Stuart May, Jeff McBane, Clint Taylor, John Mauser, Patrick Murphy, Britton Purtee, Lauren Jozik, and Catherine DiCoccio.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns at (910) 458-8257 (ext. 217), or Hap.Fatzinger@ncaquariums.com. Thank you very much for your time.

Regards,

Michael (Hap) Fatzinger, Aquarium Curator
North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher

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