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Exempted Fishing Permits

March 2022 SAFMC meeting

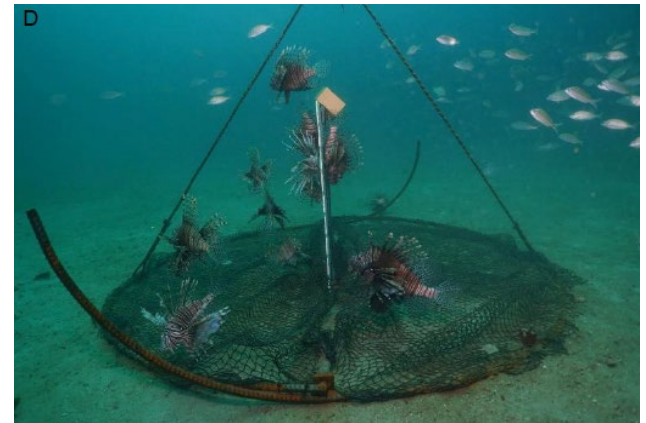
Lionfish trap testing



- **FWC trap testing**

Allows FWC to examine the effectiveness of modified trap designs for capturing lionfish. Valid through 12/31/21.

- **Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF) non-containment trap testing**



Allows REEF to examine the effectiveness of non-containment trap designs for capturing lionfish. Valid through 12/31/23.

Educational exhibits

- **North Carolina Aquarium**

Allows collection of snapper-grouper, coral, and dolphin species for educational exhibition at 4 locations. Valid through 7/26/24.

- **South Carolina Aquarium**

Would allow the collection of snapper-grouper, Spanish mackerel, king mackerel, golden crab, dolphin, wahoo, Atlantic cobia, spiny lobster, and shrimp off SC and NC for educational exhibition at the South Carolina Aquarium. Under NMFS review.

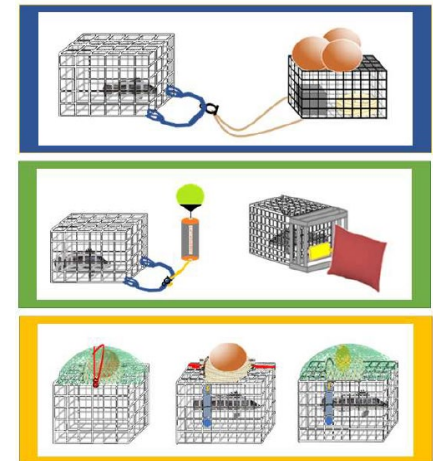
Black sea bass pot retrieval

- **Marine Extension and Georgia Sea Grant**

Allowed testing of Acoustic Subsea Buoy Retrieval Systems (ASBRS) with black sea bass pots off GA and NC during Sept. and Oct. 2020. Valid through 10/20/20.

- **Sustainable Seas Technology**

Allows testing of ASBRS with black sea bass pots off all 4 South Atlantic states between Nov. 15-April 30. Valid through 8/31/24.



Speckled hind and Warsaw grouper

- **Researcher at Texas A&M University**

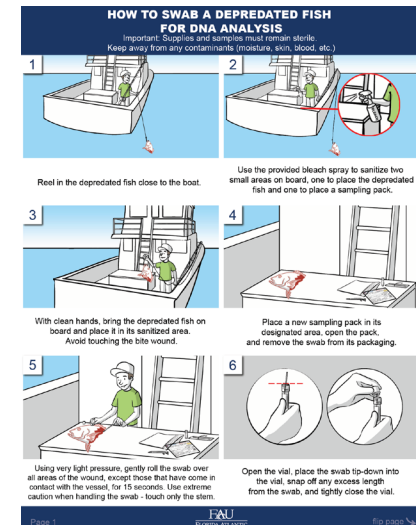
Allows the harvest of speckled hind to determine age and growth parameters by sending the carcasses to SEFSC, in addition to obtaining fin clips for genetic studies. Valid through 8/31/22.

Shark depredation

- Florida Atlantic University, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute

Allows the collection of snapper-grouper, dolphin, wahoo, and CMP species that shows signs of depredation for the collection of information including for genetic testing.

Valid through 8/31/23.



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Southeast Region Exempted Fishing Permits (EFP)

June 25, 2018

Information about applying for exempted fishing permits (EFPs) in the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean.

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Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) Applications

- Information on applying for an EFP can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 C.F.R. § [600.745\(b\)](#). To apply for an EFP, please send a cover letter and a complete EFP application (see Part C) to the Regional Office (contact information listed below). Electronic copies may also be sent to facilitate the review process.
- Applicants must submit an application at least 60 days before the desired effective date of the EFP.
- An application for an EFP must contain all of the following information.
 - The date the application is submitted and extent of time (research end date) needed to accomplish work.

[Send Us Your Feedback](#) and/or project coordinator's name, mailing address, telephone number, e-mail, and [contact information](#) available.

More Information

- > [Current Gulf of Mexico EFPs](#)
- > [Current South Atlantic EFPs](#)

South Atlantic Speckled Hind - Exempted Fishing Permit Application

The National Marine Fisheries Service received an application for an EFP from Texas A&M University. The EFP would allow harvest of speckled hind in the federal waters of the South Atlantic. The samples would be used to assess speckled hind population structure, connectivity, and life history. The EFP is valid through August 31, 2022.

EFP Application and Notice

- [Application](#)
- [Federal Register Notice \(86 FR 11503\)](#)
- [Fishery Bulletin \(FB2022-12\)](#)

EFP Provided to Applicant

- [EFP](#)

Project Reports

- [January 11, 2022](#)

<https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/southeast/rules-and-regulations/southeast-region-exempted-fishing-permits-and-letters>