

Snapper Grouper Committee Meeting (Attachment 1) Oculina Outreach Update

This overview provides highlights of recent outreach activities associated with the Oculina Bank Experimental Closed Area as well as the HAPC and deepwater corals.

Article for *South Atlantic Update* Newsletter

The Summer 2009 issue of the *South Atlantic Update* newsletter includes a 2-page “Science Profile” spread regarding a recently published paper on research within the Oculina Bank Experimental Closed Area and the Habitat Area of Particular Concern. The article was written by Stacy Harter, fisheries scientist with NOAA Fisheries’ Panama City Laboratory. Stacy was one of the scientists involved in the research project, and highlighted the positive results from the project in the article and the need for continued protection of the coral areas.

Oculina Bank Portable Educational Display

The new Oculina Bank display was utilized as part of the Coral AP meeting September 1-2, 2009. Printed materials, including the new *Regulations for Deepwater Marine Protected Areas* brochure as well as copies of fact sheets and DVDs are included as part of the display. The display also includes a free-standing monitor that continuously displays the educational DVD *Revealing the Deep*. The South Carolina Marine Educator’s Association has requested use of the display during its annual meeting in September.

Continued Distribution of the Oculina Bank Brochures and *Revealing the Deep* DVD

Staff continues to receive requests for both the regulation brochures and DVD and distributes as necessary.