I am an recreational fisher and have over 20 years of offshore fishing experience.
My comment on the proposed amendment 17A DEIS is in regards to the area closure proposal. reading the 17A the council comments that the red snapper fishery is inclusive from North Carolina to the Florida Keys If this is so based on the councils comment then why should South Carolina and North Carolina be excluded from an equal to area closure as Georgia and Florida. I as well as many other fishers do not buy into the councils thought that just because the concentration of red snapper is in Georgia and North East Florida that the area closure should only be implemented on these two states. It is the councils responsibility to govern the South Atlantic fishery with equal regulations. I should hope that the council evaluate their recommendation to exclude South Carolina and North Carolina from the area closure amendment.