



# Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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## REMINDER OF LANDING REQUIREMENT TO MAINTAIN COMMERCIAL ROCK SHRIMP ENDORSEMENT OFF GEORGIA AND THE EAST COAST OF FLORIDA

Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the South Atlantic region was implemented in 2003, and established a limited access rock shrimp endorsement. This limited access endorsement to the federal rock shrimp permit is required to fish for or possess rock shrimp in federal waters of the South Atlantic region off Georgia or the east coast of Florida.

NOAA Fisheries Service reminds South Atlantic rock shrimp fishery participants there is a “use it or lose it” requirement associated with the rock shrimp endorsement. A vessel with a rock shrimp endorsement must land and report at least 15,000 pounds of rock shrimp catches from federal waters of the South Atlantic during any one of the four calendar years 2004, 2005, 2006, or 2007. NOAA Fisheries Service will consider the landings history of vessels with a rock shrimp endorsement when the endorsement comes up for renewal in 2008.

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