



Southeast Fishery Bulletin

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Opportunity for Public Comment on a Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Amendment 16

Comment Period Ends September 15, 2008

NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) is seeking public comment on a SDEIS for Amendment 16, which includes four new management measure alternatives for gag and vermilion snapper recommended by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council at its June 2008 meeting. Those alternatives include: Trip limits for gag and vermilion snapper, a possible change to the fishing year start date for gag and vermilion snapper, and a prohibition on fishing for and/or possession of several shallow water snapper grouper species from June 1 through December 31 in areas south of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line.

The Environmental Protection Agency announced the availability of the SDEIS on August 1, 2008. The Notice of Availability for the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) was published on April 25, 2008; the comment period which ended on June 9, 2008.

Request for Comments

Written comments on this SDEIS must be received no later than 5 p.m. eastern time, September 15, 2008, in order to be considered by NOAA Fisheries Service. See the **Addresses** section for information on where and how to submit comments.

Addresses

Electronic copies of the SDEIS or DEIS may be obtained from the e-Rulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Web site at <http://www.safmc.net>, or:

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You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. All comments received are part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NOAA Fisheries Service will accept anonymous comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only. Comments transmitted using methods other than those outlined in this bulletin may not be considered.
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