

regulations for the Southeast region, specifically the development of an index for the consolidated regulations and recommendations for revisions to the consolidated regulations; discuss standardization of measurements used for enforcement; hear the status of the NOAA General Counsel penalty schedule and summary settlement policy; review proposed management measures in Amendment 9 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Resource; develop recommendations for targeting areas for recreational violations; discuss potential content and merits of a national marine law enforcement workshop; discuss how implementation of Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagics Resources will affect enforcement of illegal mackerel netting on the east coast of Florida; and discuss other business.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee/Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee/Panel action during this meeting. Committee/Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

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Dated: October 31, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Coral, Golden Crab, Shrimp, Spiny Lobster, Red Drum, Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources, and Snapper-Grouper Fisheries of the South Atlantic

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Mr. Bruce Hecker, Director of Husbandry & Operations, South Carolina Aquarium (applicant). If granted, the EFP would authorize, over a period of 2 years, a collection for public display of an average of 25 specimens each of 76 species of marine invertebrates and 221 species of marine fish from Federal waters off South Carolina.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application must be mailed to the Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to the address above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Georgia Cranmore, 813-570-5305.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 concerning "Scientific research activity, exempted fishing permits, and exempted educational activity."

The South Carolina Aquarium (SCA), located in Charleston, is scheduled to open to the public in 1999. According to the applicant, SCA is a public, non-profit, self-supporting institution devoted to the understanding and conservation of South Carolina's natural aquatic habitats and will become a major educational and conservation institution with free admission to school children in groups and extensive field study and outreach programs. While the SCA is being built, specimens will be maintained in an off-site warehouse.

The applicant intends, over a period of 2 years, to collect for public display an average of 25 specimens each of 76 species of marine invertebrates and 221 species of marine fish from Federal waters off South Carolina, using a variety of fishing gears and the immobilizing chemical, quinaldine. A total of 25 specimens per species would be an average, and it may differ from species to species.

The proposed collection for public display involves activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plans for Coral, Coral Reefs, and Live/Hard Bottom

Habitats, Golden Crab, Shrimp, Spiny Lobster, Red Drum, Coastal Migratory Pelagics, and Snapper-Grouper Fisheries of the South Atlantic region. The applicant requires authorization to harvest and possess corals, live rock, golden crab, rock shrimp, red drum, wreckfish, Nassau grouper, and jewfish taken from Federal waters off South Carolina. In addition, authorization is required to use quinaldine in a coral area and to possess spiny lobster, bluefish, cobia, king and Spanish mackerel, groupers and snappers, greater amberjack, hogfish, and red porgy below the minimum size limit, in excess of established bag limits, or taken with prohibited gear.

The applicant also intends to collect a large number of species that either are not subject to Federal fishery management in the South Atlantic region or are included under a fishery management plan that contains no management measures restricting possession or harvest.

The applicant is also applying to NMFS for a separate authorization to collect highly migratory species, such as sharks and tunas, for public display purposes.

Based on a preliminary review, NMFS finds that this application warrants further consideration and intends to issue an EFP. A final decision on issuance of the EFP will depend on a NMFS review of public comments received on the application, conclusions of environmental analyses conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and consultations with South Carolina, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

### Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 20 November 1997 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the Pension Building, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. The meeting will focus on a variety of projects affecting the appearance of the city.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral