

code linked to each trip, which NCDMF would also verify this code during trip reporting. After each fishing trip, private anglers must complete and submit the trip report no later than 24 hours from the trip departure time. Mandatory trip reporting by for-hire fishermen would continue under existing requirements at 50 CFR 622.176(b). As mentioned earlier, NCDMF does not state whether fishing under an EFP would require all trips to begin and end in North Carolina. However, the application does specify that data collected through VESL would require private anglers to submit the landing county and site before fishing occurs. Data collected through the VESL phone app would be summarized every other week. No correction factors for non-reporting or misreporting are proposed for generating catch estimates in year 1.

Enforcement

Enforcement of the EFP would be managed through a combination of field inspections and digital reporting controls. NCDMF law enforcement officers would intercept private recreational anglers at boat ramps and docks to verify that they have obtained a unique trip authorization code for any trip targeting or retaining red snapper. For-hire captains are also required to keep a copy of the EFP on board to prove participation during law enforcement checks. NCDMF requested an increase in the presence of NOAA law enforcement officers during the proposed season to help with compliance of anglers participating in the EFP study.

Outreach

NCDMF would conduct outreach through press releases and social media to announce participation opportunities for the EFP. To ensure compliance with mandatory reporting, NCDMF would develop instructional videos demonstrating how to use the VESL phone app. Private recreational anglers and for-hire captains who register would be subject to follow-up surveys via email to collect demographic, social, and economic data, as well as feedback on trip satisfaction.

Requested Exemptions

The applicants have each requested exemptions to certain Federal regulations for the proposed projects in the South Atlantic.

FWC has requested exemptions from:

50 CFR 622.181(c)(2) that restricts combining harvest limits of red snapper in Federal waters with any harvest limitation in state waters, limits the harvest and possession of red snapper to

the specified season, and applies these limitations to a federally permitted for-hire vessel in both state and Federal waters.

50 CFR 622.183(b)(5)(i) that specifies when the recreational season will occur each year.

50 CFR 622.193(y)(2) that specifies the annual catch limit and accountability measures applicable to the recreational harvest of red snapper.

GADNR, SCDNR, and NCDMF have requested exemptions from:

50 CFR 622.8(b) that describes general closure provisions that apply if landings reach a catch quota specified in 50 CFR part 622.

50 CFR 622.181(c)(2) that restricts combining harvest limits of red snapper in Federal waters with any harvest limitation in state waters, limits the harvest and possession of red snapper to the specified season, and applies these limitations to a federally permitted for-hire vessel in both state and Federal waters.

50 CFR 622.193(y)(2) that specifies the annual catch limit and accountability measures applicable to the recreational harvest of red snapper.

NMFS Preliminary Finding

NMFS finds the applications warrant further consideration based on a preliminary review. The applications are considered together in this notice because of the similar nature as stated earlier. However, each application is independent and will be considered individually as part of the overall recreational management of red snapper. If issued by NMFS, an EFP may impose possible conditions, including but not limited to a prohibition on fishing within marine protected areas, marine sanctuaries, or special management zones without additional authorization.

Final decisions on issuance of EFPs and the regulatory exemptions will depend on NMFS' review of public comments received on the applications, consultations with the appropriate fishery management agencies of the affected states, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and the U.S. Coast Guard, and a determination that the activities to be taken under the EFPs are consistent with all other applicable laws.

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

Dated: February 10, 2026.

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Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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Arms Sales Notification

Correction

In Notice document 2025-22754 beginning on page 57963 in the issue of Monday, December 15, 2025, make the following corrections:

On pages 57964 and 57965 the Arms Sales Notifications for August 25, 2022 should be removed.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Assessment Governing Board

Seeking Initial Public Comment Prior To Updating the Civics Assessment Framework for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for initial public comment prior to updating the Civics Assessment Framework for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board (Governing Board) is seeking initial public comment prior to updating the Civics Assessment Framework for the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

DATES: Comments must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, March 27, 2026.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments via email to nagb@ed.gov with the subject line "NAEP Civics Framework."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharyn Rosenberg, National Assessment Governing Board, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20202, telephone: (202) 245-6249, email: Sharyn.Rosenberg@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Governing Board is responsible for developing and updating NAEP frameworks, which guide the content of NAEP assessments. Section 302(e)(1)(c) of Public Law 107-279 specifies that the Governing Board determines the content to be assessed for each NAEP Assessment. Each NAEP subject area assessment is guided by a framework that defines the scope of the domain to be measured by delineating the