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Tech Manufacturing, LLC, Wright City, MO
Textron Inc., Providence, RI
The Padina Group, Inc.; Lancaster, PA
Therm, Incorporated, Ithaca, NY
Timken Aerospace Transmissions, LLC,
Manchester, CT
Triumph Group Inc., Wayne, PA
United Technologies Corporation, Hartford,
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Virgin Galactic, LLC, Las Cruces, NM
Wesco Aircraft Hardware Corporation,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper- Grouper Fishery Off the South Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 17

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare
a draft environmental impact statement
(DEIS); request for comments; notice of
scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: NMFS, Southeast Region, in
collaboration with the South Atlantic
Fishery Management Council (Council),
intends to prepare a DEIS to describe
and analyze a range of alternatives for
management actions to be included in
Regulatory Amendment 17 to the
Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the
Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South
Atlantic Region (Regulatory
Amendment 17). Regulatory
Amendment 17 will consider
alternatives to modify existing marine
protected areas (MPAs) and establish
new MPAs. The purpose of this NOI is
to solicit public comments on the scope
of issues to be addressed in the DEIS
and to announce scoping meetings.

DATES: Written comments on the scope
of issues to be addressed in the DEIS
will be accepted until January 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments
on the amendment identified by

“NOAA-NMFS-2013-0164” by any of
the following methods:

- **Electronic submissions:** Submit
electronic comments via the Federal e-
Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Go to
[www.regulations.gov/](http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0164)
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0164, click the “Comment Now!” icon,
complete the required fields, and enter
or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to
Rick DeVactor, Southeast Regional
Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South,
St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Instructions: Comments sent by any
other method, to any other address or
individual, or received after the end of
the comment period, may not be
considered by NMFS. All comments
received are a part of the public record
and will generally be posted for public
viewing on www.regulations.gov
without change. All personal identifying
information (e.g., name, address, etc.),
confidential business information, or
otherwise sensitive information
submitted voluntarily by the sender will
be publicly accessible. NMFS will
accept anonymous comments (enter
“N/A” in the required fields if you wish
to remain anonymous). Attachments to
electronic comments will be accepted in
Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF
file formats only.

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rick.devactor@noaa.gov. Kim Iverson,
Public Information Officer, South
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4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North
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571-4366, or email: [kim.iverson@](mailto:kim.iverson@safinc.net)
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Council and NMFS have implemented
annual catch limits, accountability
measures, harvest prohibitions, and
management measures for deep-water
snapper-grouper species managed by the
Council. Deep-water snapper-grouper
species include speckled hind, warsaw
grouper, snowy grouper, blueline
tilefish, yellowedge grouper, misty
grouper, queen snapper, and silk
snapper. The intent of these measures is
to prevent overfishing, rebuild the
overfished stock of snowy grouper, and
minimize bycatch to the extent
practicable.

To reduce the anticipated bycatch
mortality of speckled hind and warsaw
grouper, Amendment 17B to the FMP
prohibited all fishing for and possession
of six deep-water snapper-grouper
species (snowy grouper, blueline
tilefish, yellowedge grouper, misty

grouper, queen snapper, and silk
snapper) beyond a depth of 240 ft (73
m) (75 FR 82280, December 30, 2010).
Following the implementation of the
deep-water fishing prohibition, the
Council and NMFS were presented with
a new analysis of catch data (June 1,
2011, SERO-LAPP-2011-06 Report)
and the results of a study conducted by
the state of North Carolina through an
exempted fishing permit study. Based
on that new information, the Council
and NMFS, through Regulatory
Amendment 11 to the FMP, removed
the 240-ft (73-m) harvest prohibition on
six deep-water snapper-grouper species
(77 FR 27374, May 10, 2012) and
concluded that other management
measures would be more effective in
reducing discard mortality of speckled
hind and warsaw grouper and
minimizing the socio-economic effects
to deep-water snapper-grouper fishers.

The DEIS for Regulatory Amendment
17 would consider alternatives to
modify existing MPAs and establish
new MPAs. In 2009, through
Amendment 14 to the FMP, the Council
and NMFS implemented eight MPAs in
the South Atlantic, where possession,
retention, and fishing for all snapper-
grouper species in the FMP is
prohibited (74 FR 1621, January 13,
2009). The intent of the eight MPAs is
to protect long-lived, deep-water
snapper-grouper species, including
speckled hind and warsaw grouper.
Through Regulatory Amendment 17, the
Council intends to further reduce
bycatch mortality of speckled hind and
warsaw grouper and increase protection
to their deep-water habitat.

An NOI to prepare a DEIS for the
Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based
Amendment 3 (CE-BA 3) was published
on May 23, 2012 (77 FR 30506). One
proposed action in CE-BA 3 was to
modify existing MPAs or to establish
new ones; however, that action has
since been moved to Regulatory
Amendment 17. Since the publication of
the CE-BA 3 NOI, the Council has held
five public workshops in the spring and
summer of 2012 to allow the public an
opportunity to provide locations of
catch and habitat for speckled hind and
warsaw grouper. In addition, the
Council convened meetings of an MPA
Expert Workgroup in May 2012 and
February 2013. The workgroup,
comprised of fishermen and scientists,
developed potential sites for MPA
designation to further protect speckled
hind and warsaw grouper based on
available data. The workgroup
presented their recommendations to the
Council at the June 2012 and March
2013 Council meetings.

NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, will develop a DEIS to describe and analyze alternatives to address the management needs described above including the “no action” alternative. In accordance with NOAA’s Administrative Order 216–6, Section 5.02(c), Scoping Process, NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, has identified preliminary environmental issues as a means to initiate discussion for scoping purposes only. The public is invited to attend scoping meetings (dates and addresses below) and provide written comments on the preliminary issues, which are identified as actions and alternatives in the Regulatory Amendment 17 scoping document. These preliminary issues may not represent the full range of issues that eventually will be evaluated in the DEIS. A copy of the Regulatory Amendment 17 scoping document is available at http://sero.nmfs.noaa.gov/sustainable_fisheries/s_atl/s/index.html.

After the DEIS associated with Regulatory Amendment 17 is completed, it will be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). After filing, the EPA will publish a notice of availability of the DEIS for public comment in the **Federal Register**. The DEIS will have a 45-day comment period. This procedure is pursuant to regulations issued by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA; 40 CFR parts 1500–1508) and to NOAA’s Administrative Order 216–6 regarding NOAA’s compliance with NEPA and the CEQ regulations.

The Council and NMFS will consider public comments received on the DEIS in developing the final environmental impact statement (FEIS), and before voting to submit the final amendment to NMFS for Secretarial review, approval, and implementation. NMFS will announce in the **Federal Register** the availability of the final amendment and FEIS for public review during the Secretarial review period, and will consider all public comments prior to final agency action to approve, disapprove, or partially approve the final amendment.

NMFS will announce, through a document published in the **Federal Register**, all public comment periods on the final amendment, its proposed implementing regulations, and the availability of its associated FEIS. NMFS will consider all public comments received during the Secretarial review period, whether they are on the final amendment, the proposed regulations, or the FEIS, prior to final agency action.

Scoping Meetings, Times, and Locations

All meetings will begin at 4 p.m. These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for information packets or for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office 3 days prior to the start of each meeting (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

Tuesday, January 21, 2014—Bay Watch Resort and Conference Center, 2701 South Ocean Boulevard, North Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, telephone: 843–272–4600.

Wednesday, January 22, 2014—DoubleTree by Hilton Atlantic Beach Oceanfront, 2717 West Fort Macon Road, Atlantic Beach, NC 28512, telephone: 252–240–1155.

Monday, January 27, 2014—Key West Marriott Beachside, 3841 North Roosevelt Boulevard, Key West, FL 33040, telephone: 305–296–8100.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014—Doubletree by Hilton Oceanfront, 2080 North Atlantic Avenue, Cocoa Beach, FL 32931, telephone: 321–783–9222.

Wednesday, January 29, 2014—Wyndham Jacksonville Riverwalk, 1515 Prudential Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32207, telephone: 904–396–5100.

Thursday, January 30, 2014—Mighty Eighth Air Force Museum, 175 Bourne Avenue, Pooler, GA 31322, telephone: 912–743–8888.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Snapper-Grouper Fishery Off the South Atlantic States; Regulatory Amendment 16

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent (NOI) to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS); request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS, Southeast Region, in collaboration with the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council), intends to prepare a DEIS to describe

and analyze a range of alternatives for management actions to be included in Regulatory Amendment 16 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (Regulatory Amendment 16). Regulatory Amendment 16 will consider alternatives to the prohibition on the use of black sea bass pots in the South Atlantic exclusive economic zone (EEZ) annually from November 1 through April 30 that was implemented through Regulatory Amendment 19 to the FMP. The purpose of this NOI is to solicit public comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the DEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the DEIS will be accepted until January 3, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the amendment identified by “NOAA–NMFS–2013–0165” by any of the following methods:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The black sea bass stock in the South Atlantic was assessed through the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) stock assessment process in 2013 (SEDAR 25 Update). The SEDAR 25 Update indicated that the black sea bass