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Silver Spring, MD 20910

**NMFS RE-OPENS THE COMMENT PERIOD ON THE REQUEST FOR AN
EXEMPTED FISHING PERMIT (EFP) TO USE PELAGIC LONGLINE (PLL) GEAR
ON FISHING VESSELS IN THE CHARLESTON BUMP AND EAST FLORIDA COAST
CLOSED AREAS**

NMFS is re-opening the comment period on an application submitted by Blue Water Fishermen's Association (applicant) for approximately 13 fishing vessels to collect fisheries data in Federal waters of the Charleston Bump and East Florida Coast closed areas due to requests from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) and others. The SAFMC requested that the comment period be re-opened to coincide with their next meeting on June 11-15, 2007. This comment period re-opening would also provide additional opportunities for the public to comment prior to the Agency making a determination on the application. The objectives and details of the original application (March 13, 2007, 72 FR 11327) have not changed.

The comment period has been re-opened until June 20, 2007. Comments should be submitted to Michael Clark, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments also may be sent via facsimile (FAX) to 301-713-1917 or by email at SF1.030107C@noaa.gov. Please include in the subject line of the email the following identifier: I.D.030107C.

This notice is a courtesy to individuals interested in Atlantic HMS fisheries and issues to keep you informed about your fishery. Official notice of Federal fishery actions is made through filing such notice with the Office of the Federal Register. For further information or a copy of the Notice published in the Federal Register concerning this activity, please contact Michael Clark at 301-713-2347.

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