DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA826

Endangered Species; File No. 16174

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Michael Salmon, Ph.D., Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, P.O. Box 3091, Boca Raton, FL 33431, has been issued a permit to take green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) for the purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave. South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Cairns or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 5, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 18725) that a request for a scientific research permit to take green sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The five-year permit authorizes Dr. Salmon to take juvenile green sea turtles to characterize abundance and distribution in nearshore developmental habitats off the East coast of southern Florida. Dr. Salmon is authorized to capture by hand, transport to shore, measure, weigh, photograph, passive integrated transponder and flipper tag, temporarily mark the carapace, satellite tag, hold overnight, transport to site of capture, release, and recapture turtles at the conclusion of the study for gear removal up to 30 green sea turtles annually. No mortalities are authorized under the permit. These efforts would aid in the development and refinement of management efforts to recover this species.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 14, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting

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

ACTION: Meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of its Spiny Lobster Committee; Law Enforcement Committee; Ecosystem-Based Management Committee; Advisory Panel Selection Committee (Closed Session); Information and Education Committee; Executive Finance Committee; Personnel Committee (Closed Session); King and Spanish Mackerel Committee; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee; Golden Crab Committee; Snapper Grouper Committee; and a meeting of the Full Council. The Council will take action as necessary.

The Council will also hold a public hearing, an informal public question and answer session regarding agenda items, and a public comment session. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional details.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held December 5–9, 2011. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Brownstone Hotel, 1707 Hillsborough Street, Raleigh, NC 27605; *telephone:* 1–(800) 331–7919 or (919) 828–0811; *fax:* (919) 834–0904. Copies of documents are available from Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; *telephone:* (843) 571–4366 or toll free at (866)/SAFMC–10; *fax:* (843) 769–4520; *email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

1. *Spiny Lobster Committee Meeting:* December 5, 2011, 1:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.

The Spiny Lobster Committee will: Receive a presentation on the process for preparing Biological Opinions; a presentation on gear marking requirements of the Large Whale Take Reduction Plan; and an overview of Spiny Lobster Amendment 11 that includes measures to help protect threatened corals including area closures for the commercial trap fishery and gear marking requirements for trap lines. The Committee will develop recommendations for approval of Amendment 11/Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for public hearing.

2. *Law Enforcement Committee Meeting:* December 5, 2011, 3 p.m. until 4 p.m.

The Law Enforcement Committee will receive a briefing on headboat misreporting issues, a presentation on ''Optimization of Surveillance and Enforcement in Remote Marine Protected Areas'', and will discuss other issues as appropriate.

3. *Ecosystem-Based Management Committee Meeting:* December 5, 2011, 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

The Ecosystem-Based Management Committee will receive presentations on lionfish and invasive species. The Committee will review: the status of Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment (CE–BA) 2/Environmental Assessment (EA), including actions relative to octocorals, Special Management Zones (SMZs), release gear requirements in the snapper grouper fishery, and designations of Essential Fish Habitat (ESH) and Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC); the Coral Advisory Panel (AP) Meeting report; and the Habitat and Environmental Protection AP Meeting report. The Committee will provide recommendations for public scoping of CE–BA 3 and receive an update on ecosystem activities.

4. *Advisory Panel Selection Committee Meeting:* December 6, 2011, 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. (Closed Session).

The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will review advisory panel