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2007 Monkfish Days-at-Sea Clarification

Dear Limited Access Monkfish Permit Holder:

On April 26, 2007, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) sent you a letter outlining the management measures adopted as part of an interim rule for the 2007 Fishing Year (FY). This letter stated in part that all limited access monkfish vessels are allocated 31 monkfish DAS to use during FY 2007. However, the letter did not clarify that this number would be reduced because of the pool of 500 monkfish DAS that are reserved annually as part of the Monkfish Research Set-Aside (RSA) program. Therefore, all limited access monkfish vessels have **30.3** monkfish DAS available for use during FY 2007. As stated in the original letter, vessels are restricted to using only 12 monkfish DAS in the SFMA during FY 2007 and there will not be any carryover of unused monkfish DAS from FY 2006 allowed under the interim rule.

For questions about the monkfish interim rule, please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315.

Sincerely,

for 

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