

**MARINE PROTECTED AREAS OVERVIEW FOR THE SNAPPER
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At this meeting the Committee will review recommendations from the Marine Protected Areas Committee on MPA sites. These recommendations were developed by the MPA Committee, after receiving input from the MPA, Snapper Grouper, Wreckfish, Habitat, Coral and Law Enforcement Advisory Panels which was developed at the August 29-30, 2001 multi-AP meeting.

In addition to the MPA Committee recommendations (**Attachment 4a**) the following information has been provided to the Snapper Grouper Committee;

Deepwater Snapper Grouper Species Information Table(Attachment 4b): This table was put together by staff at the request of Council members with information that may aid in developing MPAs for the deepwater complex.

A GIS Analysis of MARMAP Fishery Independent Data, and Some Fishery Dependent Data, in Relation to Potential MPAs in the South Atlantic Bight (Attachment 4c): This is a copy of the presentation that George Sedberry presented at the multi-AP meeting. The MPA Committee recommended that the Snapper Grouper AP and Assessment Group review this data and other sources to determine if any additional sites may be reasonable candidates to further protect species of concern.

Public Information Document (September 2001) – South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Development of Marine Protected Areas (Attachment 4d): This short document was developed at the request of Council members in order to help ensure that the public receives the correct information regarding the Council's use of marine protected areas. At this meeting the Committee will recommend approval of this document for distribution to the public.

Islamorada Charterboat Association Comments and Proposals for the SAFMC (Attachment 4e): This proposal was submitted by the Islamorada Charterboat Association for the Council's consideration.

Information Provided by NMFS on Spawning Sites for Deepwater Snapper Grouper Species (Attachment 4f): Council staff submitted a request for this information after the June Council meeting. We have only included information that pertains to the deepwater species that the Council is focusing on at this time.

